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Monster Employment Index Italy Dips For Second Consecutive Month

September 2009 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index Italy dipped 11 points or nine percent in September leaving Italian job offerings at their lowest level since September 2006, a three year low
- Healthcare and education saw long term growth compared to HR which continued its decreasing trend
- Lazio showed the largest decline of all Italian regions

Summary Overview

The decline in Italian online job availability in September partly reflects a seasonal slowdown in recruitment activity typically seen at this time of year. Despite the European Commission's latest forecast that the Italian economy will grow in the third quarter, businesses still appear reluctant to hire. Year-on-year offerings were down 26 percent, a lower rate of decline compared to Europe as a whole.

The Monster Employment Index Europe is a monthly analysis of millions of online job opportunities culled from a large, representative selection of corporate career sites and job boards across the European Union, including Monster.it

Monster Employment Index Italy findings for the past 13 months are as follows:

Sep 09	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08
111	122	129	124	126	137	141	130	129	155	164	157	150

“As the Italian economy lingers in recession, employers have remained tentative about adding new staff as they continue to improve productivity with existing resources” said Nicola Rossi, county manager, Monster Italy. “Firms have been encouraged to put workers on shortened hours rather than firing them which has helped to prevent mass layoffs.”

Majority of industry sectors report declining job opportunities

Despite signs that the Italian recession is easing, only one sector reported increased job demand in September. A sharp decline was noted by the legal sector, falling 32 points, (20 percent) whilst jobs driven by public sector hiring also dipped. Education, training and library offerings fell 32 points (19 percent) whilst public, defence and community dipped 20 points (18 percent).

Telecommunications was the only industry sector that registered an increase in online job availability climbing three points (four percent) between August and September. However, year-on-year decline was three percent.

Year-on-year healthcare and education were the only two industry sectors to demonstrate sustained growth in online recruitment, nine points, (six percent) and three points (two percent).

Elementary occupations bounce back in September as all other groups decline

Decreased offerings were seen for managers, dipping 10 points (10 percent) and professionals, down 12 points (nine percent). Year-on-year managers showed the sharpest annual decline of all the sectors, dipping 75 points (45 percent).

Elementary occupations were the only occupational group that registered an increase in online job demand between August and September, notching a four point gain (four percent) gain. Year-on-year increased opportunities were seen by skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers by nine points (eight percent).

All regions see declining online job activity

Job opportunities fell across all 20 regions with the steepest declines seen from Lazio and Lombardia each plummeting 14 points, (13 percent) and (12 percent) respectively.

In contrast, job opportunities have held up the best in Liguria and Umbria, dipping six points (five percent) and three point (three percent), respectively. Year-on-year demand has eased across all regions compared to 2008. Calabria, Basilicata and Molise showed the smallest downturns whilst Veneto and Lombardia were the worst hit regions.

Best performing sectors

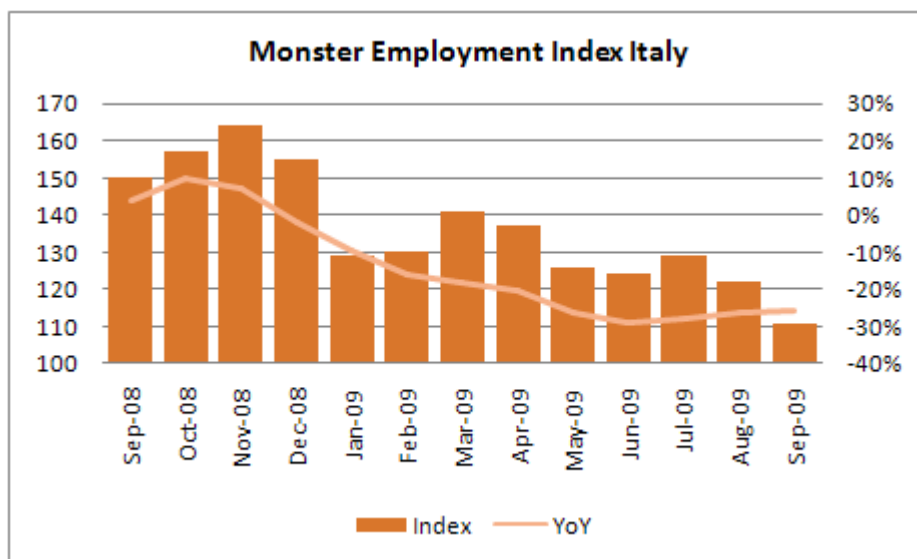
Industry sectors showing the greatest rate of increase in online job availability included:

Month-on-month

Industry	Sep 09	Aug 09	%
Telecommunications	86	83	4%
Sales	109	110	-1%
Banking, finance, insurance	95	98	-3%
Transport, post and logistics	111	115	-3%
Construction and extraction	121	126	-4%

Year-on-year

Industry	Sep 09	Sep 08	%
Healthcare, social work	165	156	6%
Education, training and library	134	131	2%
Arts, entertainment, sport, leisure	134	135	-1%
Telecommunications	86	89	-3%
Hospitality and tourism	148	156	-5%



Monster Employment Index Italy findings across industry sectors for the past 13 months are as follows:

Industry	Sep 09	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08
Accounting, audit, taxes	110	123	130	133	139	156	172	186	204	241	263	238	222
Administrative, organisation	146	156	172	164	165	182	194	183	168	219	218	218	206
Arts, entertainment, sport, leisure	134	140	142	138	149	146	150	132	126	139	141	139	135
Banking, finance, insurance	95	98	106	104	105	117	115	96	89	96	103	103	104
Construction and extraction	121	126	123	128	136	141	140	137	136	153	162	161	158
Education, training and library	134	166	172	160	144	156	171	155	125	128	138	126	131
Engineering	118	129	140	140	149	167	170	164	171	201	209	192	185
Environment, architecture, urbanism	94	100	114	114	120	135	130	126	116	133	136	129	113
Healthcare, social work, personal care	165	186	195	183	184	191	197	178	173	203	183	163	156
Hospitality and tourism	148	155	162	164	169	181	165	148	139	171	172	163	156
HR	85	98	101	89	87	94	104	107	100	128	145	146	145
IT	93	97	101	100	104	115	117	113	115	126	129	125	121
Legal	125	157	159	142	145	154	138	129	133	160	167	140	133
Management and consulting	100	107	109	111	107	115	119	115	116	121	124	119	120
Marketing, PR and media	89	94	87	92	89	86	81	97	92	121	140	146	122
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	131	147	155	145	152	167	177	159	162	185	208	200	191
Public sector, defence, community	92	112	110	101	103	112	99	84	87	94	112	116	97
Real estate	89	94	99	97	103	108	104	102	101	104	106	105	103
Research and development	87	91	94	93	98	103	109	110	109	130	154	149	139
Sales	109	110	119	116	116	123	129	119	120	156	165	155	144
Telecommunications	86	83	96	95	94	91	90	85	83	89	94	92	89
Transport, post and logistics	111	115	122	117	115	122	124	126	133	164	188	183	178

Monster Employment Index Italy findings across occupational categories for the past 13 months are as follows:

Occupation	Sep 09	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08
Managers	92	102	106	106	107	123	133	143	144	176	192	173	167
Professionals	115	127	133	129	128	138	141	125	125	143	148	141	136
Technicians and associate professionals	94	95	100	99	99	104	105	108	109	132	140	133	127
Clerical support workers	126	135	144	140	140	153	162	171	160	207	213	213	199
Service and sales workers	146	149	155	152	156	160	151	139	132	166	165	158	148
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	128	135	135	139	142	144	137	127	113	119	124	125	119
Craft and related workers	137	141	143	137	138	153	162	151	150	183	195	195	181
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	128	145	152	142	151	169	179	160	168	198	222	214	210
Elementary occupations	106	102	105	108	107	113	108	104	108	109	111	118	113

Monster Employment Index Italy findings across Italian regions for the past 13 months are as follows:

Region	Sep 09	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08
Abruzzo	110	120	123	123	122	123	125	121	121	133	135	133	128
Basilicata	108	115	112	112	112	114	117	115	111	120	127	128	122
Calabria	103	115	114	107	109	110	112	109	106	113	120	122	116
Campania	99	108	112	109	109	113	118	108	107	127	133	129	121
Emilia-Romagna	119	126	135	130	131	137	144	130	126	149	161	158	150
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	122	127	131	133	130	132	134	129	129	139	149	146	141
Lazio	95	109	121	115	108	121	128	117	114	148	158	153	141
Liguria	114	120	123	118	117	126	135	128	124	138	139	139	134
Lombardia	104	118	128	122	124	139	143	133	130	163	171	164	154
Marche	104	114	121	119	119	127	130	122	117	140	151	144	140
Molise	105	110	109	110	110	109	114	114	110	116	122	122	119
Piemonte	108	113	124	117	119	130	137	128	125	149	160	156	149
Puglia	104	117	118	112	113	119	125	115	109	122	126	127	128
Sardinia	114	135	140	128	125	125	130	130	115	129	145	142	138
Sicilia	108	122	136	120	119	120	116	105	103	127	135	131	127
Toscana	111	119	124	122	121	128	131	123	119	142	149	142	140
Trentino Alto-Adige	111	115	116	117	119	124	118	119	117	129	133	138	132
Umbria	115	118	117	119	116	118	121	124	121	135	138	139	134
Valle d' Aosta	108	114	113	115	113	112	115	119	114	119	125	129	125
Veneto	108	110	121	119	125	143	146	138	136	163	176	172	162

Monster Employment Index Italy for October will be released on November, 10, 2009.

About The Monster Employment Index Europe

The Monster Employment Index Europe provides monthly insight into online recruitment trends across the European Union. Launched in June 2005 with data from December 2004, the Index is based on a review of millions of employer job opportunities culled from a large, representative selection of corporate career sites and job boards, including Monster. The Monster Employment Index's underlying data is validated for accuracy by Research America, Inc. – an independent, third-party auditing firm – to ensure that measured online job recruitment activity is within a margin of error of +/- 1.05%.

The Index monitors online job opportunities across all European Union member countries.

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