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Recruitment Activity Eases for Second Consecutive Month, According to Monster Employment Index Italy

September 2010 Index Highlights

- The Monster Employment Index Italy reported a three percent dip in online job opportunities, whilst offerings were up 14 percent year-on-year
- The legal sector noted the steepest dip following a 21 month peak
- Marche reported the greatest slide within the Italian regions monitored by the Index while Veneto noted the sharpest regional uptick

Summary Overview

Italian hiring activity decreased in September for the second consecutive month. Among industry sectors, the legal sector noted the sharpest dip following high summer online recruitment levels. In contrast, significant growth was seen in marketing, PR and media. In addition, the majority of regions monitored by the Monster Employment Index reported a monthly downturn, an anticipated result as seasonal recruitment slows.

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 10	Aug 10	Jul 10	Jun 10	May 10	Apr 10	Mar 10	Feb 10	Jan 10	Dec 09	Nov 09	Oct 09	Sep 09
127	132	135	133	131	129	126	119	110	121	126	117	111

“Online recruitment activity saw a decline in September, which we expect to see at this time of year following elevated hiring efforts throughout the summer,” said Nicola Rossi, country manager, Monster Italy. “Despite this, manufacturing industries remain strong and the economy is still in a better position than it was a year ago.”

Online job opportunities decline in legal; marketing, PR and media note a sharp increase

September saw a dip in online hiring activity in 15 of the 22 industry sectors, reflecting a mild downturn in end-of-summer recruitment activity relative to that seen in September 2009. Legal noted the sharpest dip, slipping 34 points (21 percent). This follows four months of improvement. Year-on-year the industry increased two percent.

After seven consecutive months of increased recruitment activity, transport, post and logistics slipped 11 points (six percent). However, the industry continued to exhibit the greatest year-on-year increase, with a 64 percent surge from September 2009.

In contrast, marketing, PR and media exhibited the greatest monthly increase of all industry sectors. Opportunities climbed seven points (six percent) and the sector its highest level this year.

Year-on-year, 14 industry sectors exhibited an increase in online hiring activity. Production, manufacturing, maintenance and repair showed one of the greatest upticks, with opportunities up 44 percent. In contrast, accounting, audit and taxes and public sector, defence, community each exhibited the greatest annual decline, each dipping 14 percent.

Craft and related workers note sharpest monthly down turn

The majority of occupational groups saw a slow down in online hiring activity in September, with craft and related workers reporting the sharpest monthly downturn, dipping 14 points (nine percent).

Professionals edged down five points (four percent). The group also exhibited the greatest year-on-year downturn, as offerings fell 15 percent.

Despite a monthly decline of 14 points (seven percent), plant and machine operators and assemblers showed the strongest year-on-year uptick. The group climbed 48 percent compared to September 2009.

Majority of Italian regions report a dip in online job demand in September

Marche exhibited the greatest slide in online worker demand, as opportunities dipped 15 points (12 percent) in September. The monthly decline marked the third consecutive month the area has reported weaker online job demand.

The Umbria region reported a dip in online recruitment opportunities for the third consecutive month; opportunities dipped eight points (seven percent) in September. Opportunities dipped five percent compared to September.

In contrast, Veneto exhibited the greatest uptick; opportunities climbed four points (three percent). The region also exhibited the most solid annual growth, with a 28 percent increase.

Best performing sectors

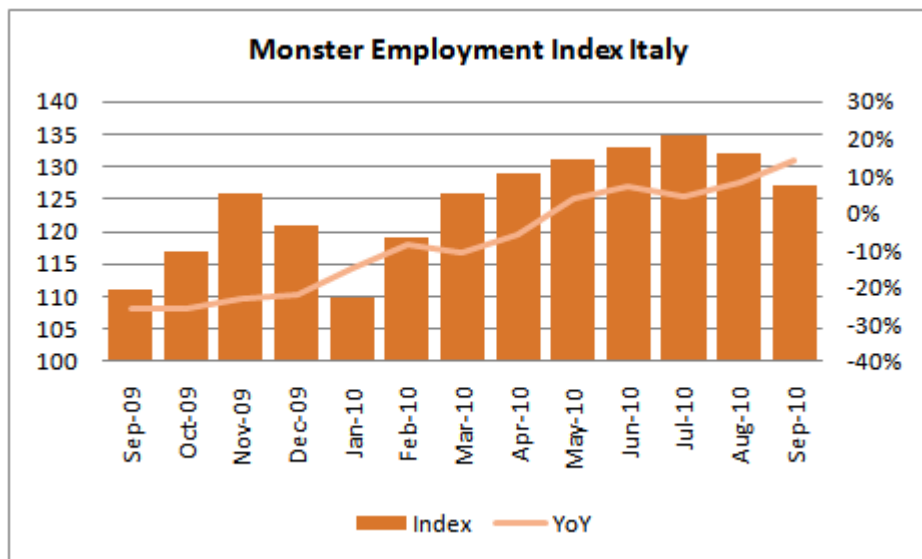
Industry sectors showing the greatest rate of increase in online job availability included:

Month-on-month

Occupation	Sep 10	Aug 10	%
Managers	134	129	4%
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	113	110	3%
Elementary occupations	104	104	0%

Year-on-year

Occupation	Sep 10	Sep 09	%
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	190	128	48%
Managers	134	92	46%
Professionals	130	115	13%



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

Industry	Sep 10	Aug 10	Jul 10	Jun 10	May 10	Apr 10	Mar 10	Feb 10	Jan 10	Dec 09	Nov 09	Oct 09	Sep 09
Accounting, audit, taxes	96	107	111	116	120	119	115	97	96	110	113	118	110
Administrative, organisation	160	171	183	177	161	168	170	165	147	168	172	151	146
Arts, entertainment, sport, leisure	139	147	151	147	160	149	144	145	165	176	176	152	134
Banking, finance, insurance	130	129	121	124	123	118	116	112	97	106	103	101	95
Construction and extraction	111	116	118	115	119	116	116	112	112	116	118	119	121
Education, training and library	127	126	131	132	145	141	140	137	135	133	132	136	134
Engineering	149	166	149	159	165	154	147	129	120	135	141	129	118
Environment, architecture, urbanism	96	93	105	104	110	110	106	94	93	102	105	104	94
Healthcare, social work, personal care	148	161	186	196	181	170	169	150	138	157	169	161	165
Hospitality and tourism	139	157	190	184	171	157	139	122	116	137	139	143	148
HR	97	94	103	105	106	106	104	93	87	92	92	91	85
IT	99	103	102	103	100	100	101	98	94	98	100	97	93
Legal	128	162	160	150	137	135	140	156	150	140	131	133	125
Management and consulting	117	117	115	113	115	113	113	108	102	107	107	106	100
Marketing, PR and media	120	113	101	103	98	96	94	106	99	102	98	83	89
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	189	189	196	186	179	167	161	141	128	163	171	145	131
Public sector, defence, community	80	89	93	97	98	93	93	87	83	90	91	88	92
Real estate	98	112	107	102	99	96	99	100	95	96	95	91	89
Research and development	102	119	97	90	91	93	93	85	82	91	95	90	87
Sales	103	107	118	119	111	114	115	109	104	111	123	112	109
Telecommunications	79	83	78	77	83	95	93	88	82	89	93	89	86
Transport, post and logistics	185	196	175	166	162	151	148	137	121	131	125	121	111

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

Occupation	Sep 10	Aug 10	Jul 10	Jun 10	May 10	Apr 10	Mar 10	Feb 10	Jan 10	Dec 09	Nov 09	Oct 09	Sep 09
Managers	134	129	117	116	111	108	107	100	91	102	104	102	92
Professionals	130	135	135	136	134	131	130	124	117	124	125	122	115
Technicians and associate professionals	94	96	100	103	99	102	101	98	94	98	104	96	94
Clerical support workers	137	146	154	146	135	138	139	135	125	140	142	130	126
Service and sales workers	145	152	165	159	155	148	142	133	132	144	145	144	146
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	113	110	114	120	133	135	129	127	123	126	125	123	128
Craft and related workers	151	165	159	145	160	155	147	141	131	143	147	141	137
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	190	204	201	192	177	170	167	143	132	158	159	140	128
Elementary occupations	104	104	104	107	109	108	103	102	100	102	107	104	106

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

Region	Sep 10	Aug 10	Jul 10	Jun 10	May 10	Apr 10	Mar 10	Feb 10	Jan 10	Dec 09	Nov 09	Oct 09	Sep 09
Abruzzo	108	116	131	137	129	120	119	114	109	116	123	113	110
Basilicata	102	105	113	117	119	113	110	113	110	112	110	107	108
Calabria	100	102	113	115	117	110	107	107	101	104	109	102	103
Campania	102	105	114	113	110	115	110	104	98	105	111	103	99
Emilia-Romagna	135	139	145	142	141	138	138	127	115	127	133	122	119
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	134	136	135	139	138	129	126	124	120	128	130	123	122
Lazio	105	113	123	124	117	114	113	106	97	110	115	106	95
Liguria	113	121	126	128	123	121	122	118	113	118	123	115	114
Lombardia	131	135	136	128	122	125	123	113	105	118	118	113	104
Marche	107	122	134	139	129	123	121	113	107	112	118	106	104
Molise	101	103	112	112	112	107	108	110	105	107	110	103	105
Piemonte	125	136	137	137	129	128	127	116	107	117	120	111	108
Puglia	106	105	119	119	118	121	120	112	105	111	117	106	104
Sardinia	101	109	126	134	138	123	118	119	109	118	130	114	114
Sicilia	132	131	126	117	121	112	119	116	106	108	116	118	108
Toscana	118	129	136	136	129	125	116	115	107	116	123	120	111
Trentino Alto-Adige	115	116	121	125	123	122	117	112	108	116	118	117	111
Umbria	109	117	122	123	127	121	113	114	108	109	115	117	115
Valle d' Aosta	102	102	112	118	125	115	112	117	111	113	116	115	108
Veneto	138	134	137	134	142	129	130	117	107	120	123	119	108

Monster Employment Index Italy for October will be released on November 9, 2010.

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.

The monthly reports for Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Europe are available at: <http://about-monster.com/employment/index/17>.

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