

Italian Online Job Opportunities Dip in April after Two Months of Solid Seasonal Hiring, According to the Monster Employment Index

April 2009 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index Italy saw a three-percent decrease in April, reversing two months of seasonal growth
- Reduced opportunities were noted in accounting, manufacturing and HR; however this was partly offset by increased hiring in the government, legal and tourism sectors
- Demand in Italy peaked in July 2008, but hiring has since slowed amid a significant contraction in economic activity, driving up the country's unemployment rate

Summary Overview

The Monster Employment Index Italy reported a four-point drop in April as online recruitment activity eased following a marked uptick in March. The Index now stands at a level of 137, showing a 35-point, or 20-percent, drop year-on-year. Compared to Europe as a whole, Italy has noted a lower rate of annual contraction. The overall European Index is down 33 percent year-on-year.

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 Europe, including Monster.it.

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

Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08
137	141	130	129	155	164	157	150	165	179	175	171	172

"The latest drop in online recruitment that employers have become increasingly concerned about the prospects for recovery," said Nicola Rossi, country manager, Monster Italy. "That also means that seeker competition for jobs is greater than ever."

Accounting, audit and taxes shows fifth month of decline

Accounting, audit, taxes dropped 16 points, or nine percent in April. After showing one of the most encouraging growth rates in mid-2008 the sector has now fallen for the fifth consecutive month in the Index as the economic downturn has affected demand for accountants and related business service professionals. Lombardia was hardest hit among all regions for this sector, with offerings in the sector less than half when compared to April 2008.

Administrative and organisation; and HR fell 12 and 10 points respectively. Online demand for HR professionals fell to its lowest level since the Index's inception in April 2006. The sector also noted a 43 percent drop on an annual basis. Education, training, library also declined 15 points, but offerings in this sector remained up five percent from a year ago.

Bucking the overall downward trend, opportunities in the hospitality and tourism sector noted a gain of 16 points, indicating seasonal demand despite weak consumer confidence. Legal; and public sector, defence and community also recorded solid gains of 16 points and 13 points respectively in April.

Online job demand for managers slips again

Online job demand for managers lost ten points in April, the fifth consecutive month of lower offerings. The sector also showed the greatest fall on an annual basis, dropping 44 percent.

In contrast, service and sales workers increased by nine points indicating a third straight month of increased job opportunities. The growth was mainly fuelled by seasonal hiring in the hospitality and tourism sector. Skilled agricultural and fishery workers increased by seven points in April; the sector reported a 13-percent increase year-on-year, the only sector to show an annual growth in online job demand.

18 out of the 20 major regions register drop

Liguria registered the largest decline in April, dipping nine points or seven percent. The drop was due to slower hiring for IT and sales positions. The region also noted an 18 percent drop year-on-year. Lazio reported the steepest drop year-on-year, falling 50 points, or 29 percent, and registering a seven-point drop on a monthly basis.

Trentino Alto-Adige and Sicilia were the only two regions to register increased opportunities, rising by six and four points respectively. While it is still too early to gauge the impact of last month's earthquake on the regional job market, Abruzzo has seen the most moderate decline in demand compared to a year ago, down 18 points, or 13 percent annually and two points on a monthly basis.

Top Industries Looking for Workers

Industry sectors showing the highest rate of increase in online job availability on a monthly basis included:

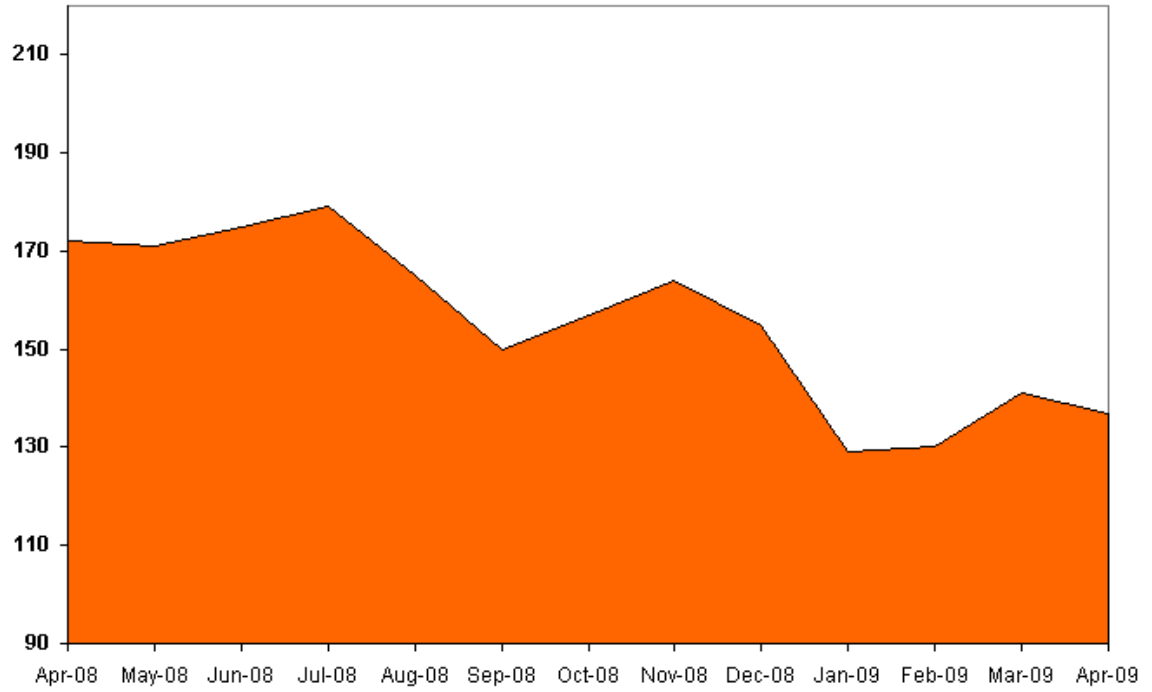
Industry	Apr 09	Mar 09	Apr 08
Legal	154	138	173
Hospitality and tourism	181	165	189
Public sector, defence, community	112	99	117
Marketing, PR and media	86	81	143
Environment, architecture, urbanism	135	130	122

Top Occupational Groups Reporting Growth

Occupational groups showing the highest rate of increase in online job availability on a monthly basis included:

Occupation	Apr 09	Mar 09	Apr 08
Service and sales workers	160	151	187
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	144	137	127
Elementary occupations	113	108	116

Monster Employment Index Italy



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

Industry	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08
Accounting, audit, taxes	156	172	186	204	241	263	238	222	253	303	312	295	279
Administrative, organisation	182	194	183	168	219	218	218	206	236	258	238	228	231
Arts, entertainment, sport, leisure	146	150	132	126	139	141	139	135	148	161	158	153	150
Banking, finance, insurance	117	115	96	89	96	103	103	104	107	114	112	113	115
Construction and extraction	141	140	137	136	153	162	161	158	171	176	174	170	171
Education, training and library	156	171	155	125	128	138	126	131	127	135	141	148	148
Engineering	167	170	164	171	201	209	192	185	203	217	227	222	225
Environment, architecture, urbanism	135	130	126	116	133	136	129	113	118	123	118	117	122
Healthcare, social work, personal care	191	197	178	173	203	183	163	156	178	184	175	170	157
Hospitality and tourism	181	165	148	139	171	172	163	156	171	195	190	181	189
HR	94	104	107	100	128	145	146	145	149	160	167	165	166
IT	115	117	113	115	126	129	125	121	128	132	132	133	134
Legal	154	138	129	133	160	167	140	133	167	175	162	163	173
Management and consulting	115	119	115	116	121	124	119	120	124	126	128	127	130
Marketing, PR and media	86	81	97	92	121	140	146	122	136	147	141	134	143
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	167	177	159	162	185	208	200	191	210	226	211	202	205
Public sector, defence, community	112	99	84	87	94	112	116	97	127	136	118	118	117
Real estate	108	104	102	101	104	106	105	103	106	110	112	114	115
Research and development	103	109	110	109	130	154	149	139	156	173	174	176	177
Sales	123	129	119	120	156	165	155	144	157	181	178	173	176
Telecommunications	91	90	85	83	89	94	92	89	95	102	105	105	103
Transport, post and logistics	122	124	126	133	164	188	183	178	201	215	212	205	209

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

Occupation Group	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08
Managers	123	133	143	144	176	192	173	167	189	202	206	206	218
Professionals	138	141	125	125	143	148	141	136	144	154	154	154	154
Technicians and associate professionals	104	105	108	109	132	140	133	127	138	152	149	145	148
Clerical support workers	153	162	171	160	207	213	213	199	233	259	240	227	230
Service and sales workers	160	151	139	132	166	165	158	148	162	184	187	181	187
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	144	137	127	113	119	124	125	119	128	126	128	132	127
Craft and related workers	153	162	151	150	183	195	195	181	200	210	210	203	203
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	169	179	160	168	198	222	214	210	234	250	243	228	234
Elementary occupations	113	108	104	108	109	111	118	113	112	118	118	120	116

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

Region	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08
Abruzzo	123	125	121	121	133	135	133	128	133	143	140	139	141
Basilicata	114	117	115	111	120	127	128	122	121	134	134	135	139
Calabria	110	112	109	106	113	120	122	116	117	132	134	133	142
Campania	113	118	108	107	127	133	129	121	125	140	141	140	147
Emilia-Romagna	137	144	130	126	149	161	158	150	160	175	173	171	174
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	132	134	129	129	139	149	146	141	146	159	155	149	158
Lazio	121	128	117	114	148	158	153	141	157	175	169	168	171
Liguria	126	135	128	124	138	139	139	134	138	145	145	145	153
Lombardia	139	143	133	130	163	171	164	154	169	183	177	173	172
Marche	127	130	122	117	140	151	144	140	148	163	155	151	160
Molise	109	114	114	110	116	122	122	119	117	126	125	127	135
Piemonte	130	137	128	125	149	160	156	149	166	181	176	173	173
Puglia	119	125	115	109	122	126	127	128	129	144	140	138	145
Sardinia	125	130	130	115	129	145	142	138	139	168	166	161	172
Sicilia	120	116	105	103	127	135	131	127	133	158	150	144	157
Toscana	128	131	123	119	142	149	142	140	152	165	165	158	160
Trentino Alto-Adige	124	118	119	117	129	133	138	132	131	139	141	143	152
Umbria	118	121	124	121	135	138	139	134	135	152	149	145	153
Valle d' Aosta	112	115	119	114	119	125	129	125	122	136	135	139	147
Veneto	143	146	138	136	163	176	172	162	176	190	187	183	188

Monster Employment Index data for May will be released on 9 June, 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.

The monthly reports for Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Europe are available at:

http://corporate.monster.com/Press_Room/MEI_EU.asp.

About Monster Worldwide

Monster Worldwide, Inc. (NYSE: MWW), parent company of Monster, the premier global online employment solution for more than a decade, strives to inspire people to improve their lives. With a local presence in key markets in North America, Europe, and Asia, Monster works for everyone by connecting employers with quality job seekers at all levels and by providing personalized career advice to consumers globally. Through online media sites and services, Monster delivers vast, highly targeted audiences to advertisers. Monster Worldwide is a member of the S&P 500 index. To learn more about Monster's industry-leading products and services, visit www.monster.com. More information about Monster Worldwide is available at <http://corporate.monster.com>.

Special Note: Safe Harbor Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: Except for historical information contained herein, the statements made in this release constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such forward-looking statements involve certain risks and uncertainties, including statements regarding Monster Worldwide, Inc.'s strategic direction, prospects and future results. Certain factors, including factors outside of Monster Worldwide's control, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements, including economic and other conditions in the markets in which Monster Worldwide operates, risks associated with acquisitions, competition, seasonality and the other risks discussed in Monster Worldwide's Form 10-K and other filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which discussions are incorporated in this release by reference.

CONTACT:

Alessandra Lupinacci
Monster Italy
+39 02 5402 0703
Alessandra.Lupinacci@monster.it