



Online Job Opportunities Grow Across Italy in July, According to Monster Employment Index

July 2008 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index Italy edged four points higher in July as online job opportunities grew for a second consecutive month
- Year-on-year growth was 21 points, or 13 percent, second only to Germany among the seven European markets
- The increase was led by extra opportunities in the administrative & organization; public, defence, community; and legal sectors, while accounting, audit and taxes; and engineering remained the top growth sectors year-on-year
- Clerks saw the highest growth among occupational groups, as well as showing the biggest year-on-year growth
- Regionally, online job availability jumped most in Marche and Sicilia, while Trentino Alto-Adige and Calabria reported declines

Summary Overview

The Monster Employment Index Italy gained another four points in July, extending a second month of solid growth. Nevertheless, the 13 percent increase since July 2007 represents the lowest annual growth rate since the Italian Index's inception, indicating some moderation in the pace of expansion. 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.

Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07
179	175	171	172	172	155	143	158	153	143	144	145	158

“Despite the current gloomy economic outlook and reports that business confidence is low, the latest readings on online employment opportunities show that job creation has remained relatively robust.” said Nicola Rossi, Country Manager, Monster Italy. “The fact that online job offerings are surging in spite of sluggish macro conditions could be a sign that employers are looking more to the internet as a medium for finding workers, due to its greater flexibility and reach.”

Administrative and organisation sector shows soaring demand, as accounting, audit and taxes moderates following five-month growth trend

There was a 20-point jump in the administrative and organisation sector, bringing year-on-year growth in the sector to 66 points, or 34 percent. In July, demand picked up for technicians and associate professionals, following a three-month decline. Regionally, job availability rose by the widest margin in Lazio, after two months of decrease.

Public, defence and community also saw a marked jump, as online opportunities grew 18 points, driven by a greater need for service, shop and market sales workers; professionals and legislators, senior officials and managers. Year-on-year, the sector was up 19 points, or 16 percent.

Accounting, audit and taxes fell back by nine points, following a five-month growth streak during which it soared 57 percent. The decline in July was brought about by fewer opportunities for professionals, while regionally Piemonte saw the sharpest decline, following five months of growth. With year-on-year growth of 103 points, or 52 percent, the category still leads all sectors in terms of annual growth rate.

Demand for clerks soars as hospitality and administration jobs surge

Clerks saw online recruiting opportunities jump 19 points as job availability rose particularly in the hospitality and tourism; and administrative and organisation sectors. Regionally, Lazio saw the most growth, while Lombardia also saw higher demand for the third consecutive month. Year-on-year demand for clerks was up 70 points, or 37 percent, the highest among occupational groups.

Plant and machine operators also saw a second consecutive month of growth in July, rising seven points. Increased opportunities were reported mostly in the production, manufacturing, maintenance and repair; and transport, post and logistics sectors. Construction and extraction saw fewer opportunities.

Legislators, senior officials and managers saw demand fall for a second month, with a four point decline driven by fewer jobs in administrative and organisation and management and consulting. Despite the continued fall, year-on-year growth was 21 points, or 12 percent.

Sicilia and Marche show biggest jumps in online job availability

Sicilia saw demand rise by eight points, with a second consecutive month of growth driven by soaring growth in the public, defence and community; research and development; and accounting, audit, taxes sectors. These were balanced somewhat by lower demand in banking, finance and insurance and hospitality and tourism. Year-on-year the region saw online job demand grow 28 points, or 22 percent.

A similar rate of growth was seen in Marche as growing online demand was reported for workers in the marketing, PR and media; accounting, audit and taxes; and transport, post and logistics sectors. Among occupational groups, the highest rate of increase was registered for plant and machine operators, which grew for the fourth month.

Trentino Alto-Adige registered a third consecutive month of decline, losing three points and continuing a 13-point decline. The decrease was driven by fewer opportunities for hospitality and tourism; IT; and HR workers. The falls were moderated by growing demand in construction and extraction; and production, manufacturing, maintenance and repair. Year-on-year demand in Trentino Alto-Adige remained unchanged.

Top Industries Looking for Employees

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

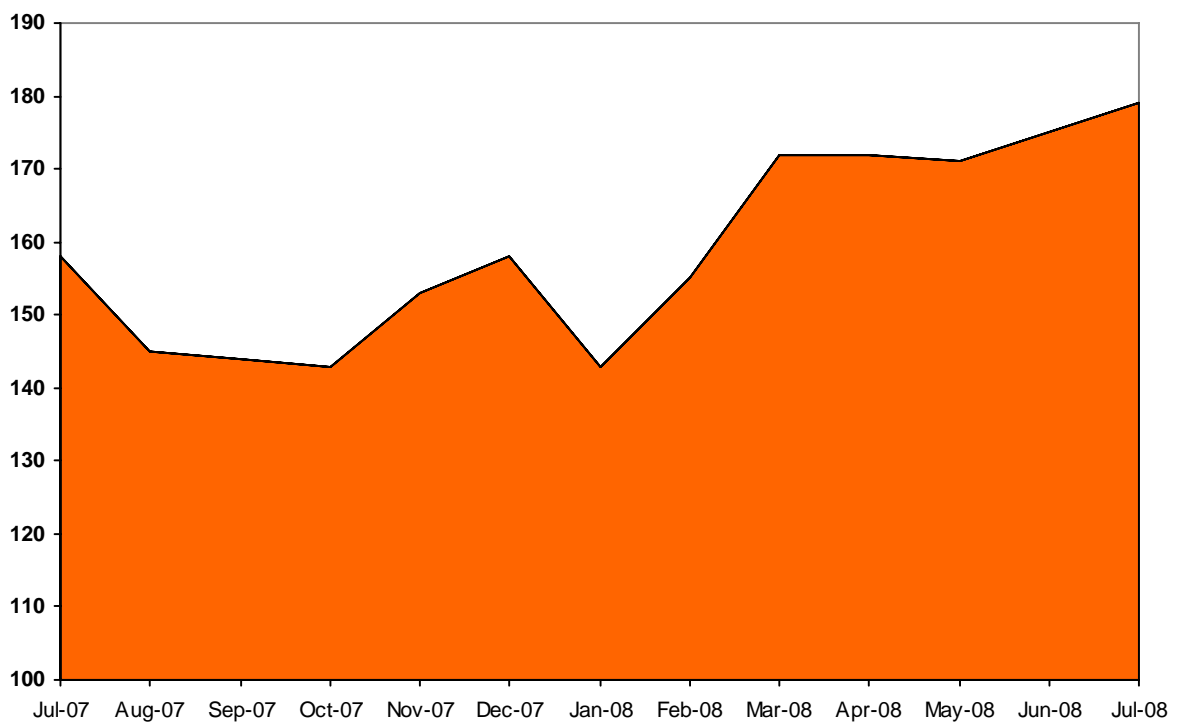
Industry	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08
Administrative, organisation	258	238	228
Public Sector, defence, community	136	118	118
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	226	211	202
Legal	175	162	163
Healthcare, social work, personal care	184	175	170

Most Wanted Occupational Experience

Occupational categories registering most significant increases in online job demand included:

Occupation	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08
Clerks	259	240	227
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	250	243	228
Technicians and associate professionals	152	149	145
Craft and related workers	210	210	203
Professionals	154	154	154

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

Industry	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07
Accounting, audit, taxes	303	312	295	279	270	242	199	228	217	192	189	189	200
Administrative, organisation	258	238	228	231	227	201	176	198	188	174	167	184	192
Arts, entertainment, sport, leisure	161	158	153	150	164	155	143	152	142	144	132	148	139
Banking, finance, insurance	114	112	113	115	115	105	98	103	105	104	96	103	117
Construction and extraction	176	174	170	171	168	155	152	161	157	146	143	152	155
Education, training and library	135	141	148	148	150	153	158	165	164	198	214	161	153
Engineering	217	227	222	225	215	190	166	181	178	156	141	152	156
Environment, architecture, urbanism	123	118	117	122	119	114	117	118	116	108	101	106	111
Healthcare, social work, personal care	184	175	170	157	155	144	136	145	144	130	123	136	141
Hospitality and tourism	195	190	181	189	178	158	156	160	161	142	143	153	160
HR	160	167	165	166	168	150	133	171	157	138	137	132	130
IT	132	132	133	134	136	129	122	128	125	121	141	125	144
Legal	175	162	163	173	175	142	142	162	151	140	146	133	139
Management and consulting	126	128	127	130	132	130	124	127	125	128	141	126	144
Marketing, PR and media	147	141	134	143	148	127	120	131	128	125	117	134	147
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	226	211	202	205	201	188	170	189	176	159	155	169	175
Public Sector, defence, community	136	118	118	117	118	117	116	117	116	116	116	117	117
Real estate	110	112	114	115	112	109	112	113	112	109	107	109	109
Research and development	173	174	176	177	176	160	137	162	143	130	133	137	150
Sales	181	178	173	176	184	164	152	175	174	166	151	156	169
Telecommunication	102	105	105	103	106	99	100	108	117	112	102	113	120
Transport, post and logistics	215	212	205	209	204	182	171	188	181	163	162	175	179

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

Occupation Group	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07
Legislators, senior officials and managers	202	206	206	218	222	202	177	195	180	178	221	174	181
Professionals	154	154	154	154	155	144	131	143	138	131	142	132	145
Technicians and associate professionals	152	149	145	148	148	135	130	143	143	135	123	132	148
Clerks	259	240	227	230	232	198	173	194	183	171	171	182	189
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	184	187	181	187	178	156	154	159	158	147	143	152	159
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	126	128	132	127	126	121	118	114	116	110	115	121	122
Craft and related workers	210	210	203	203	197	177	171	186	176	160	154	171	174
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	250	243	228	234	230	200	184	204	193	172	169	186	191
Elementary occupations	118	118	120	116	118	113	113	112	115	117	116	112	114

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

Region	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07
Abruzzo	143	140	139	141	139	138	128	135	136	137	133	133	137
Basilicata	134	134	135	139	132	141	116	125	128	130	122	119	127
Calabria	132	134	133	142	137	145	123	134	136	134	126	123	131
Campania	140	141	140	147	147	144	126	140	139	135	126	125	138
Emilia-Romagna	175	173	171	174	176	158	145	161	155	148	147	149	160
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	159	155	149	158	154	151	135	144	139	139	138	129	138
Lazio	175	169	168	171	179	164	143	163	156	142	139	143	158
Liguria	145	145	145	153	152	148	128	139	136	134	130	130	143
Lombardia	183	177	173	172	176	160	140	160	153	142	144	143	152
Marche	163	155	151	160	152	149	132	145	147	145	136	136	144
Molise	126	125	127	135	129	137	118	125	127	127	125	120	130
Piemonte	181	176	173	173	178	159	140	156	150	141	137	142	154
Puglia	144	140	138	145	143	140	124	136	136	135	129	127	137
Sardinia	168	166	161	172	157	170	131	144	147	148	131	132	136
Sicilia	158	150	144	157	151	153	122	143	153	150	128	128	130
Toscana	165	165	158	160	161	156	139	153	149	139	143	142	156
Trentino Alto-Adige	139	141	143	152	150	145	134	140	141	145	141	134	139
Umbria	152	149	145	153	149	152	135	145	142	131	129	128	140
Valle d' Aosta	136	135	139	147	141	153	122	131	132	129	123	122	124
Veneto	190	187	183	188	187	167	155	171	163	150	155	158	163

Monster Employment Index data for August will be released on 9 September, 2008.

About The Monster Employment Index Italy

Providing a broad, comprehensive monthly analysis of online job demand, the Monster Employment Index Italy is an extension of the Monster Employment Index Europe, which is compiled each month by researchers at Monster Worldwide Europe. With data collected since April of 2006, the Monster Employment Index Italy was launched in April of 2008 and is based on millions of online job opportunities culled from different websites across Europe, including Monster.it.

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