



Online Job Opportunities Increase in March as Healthcare Recruitment Activity Picks Up, According the Monster Employment Index Italy

March 2009 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index Italy saw an 11 point increase in March, marking a second month of increased online employment opportunities
- On an annual basis, the Index remained down for a fourth consecutive month contracting 18 percent year-on-year
- The healthcare, social work and personal care sector registered the largest increase in job opportunities, growing 19 points in March and 42 points or 27 percent year-on-year
- Among occupational groups, plant and machine operators and assemblers; and professionals saw the greatest rate of growth
- All Italian regions showed an increase in opportunities, with the most notable increase reported in Emilia-Romagna

Summary Overview

The Monster Employment Index Italy reported a solid rise in March. Despite registering the second month of increase and the Index remains down year-on-year. Compared to the rest of Europe Italy is faring comparatively well, as the overall European job market showed a three point dip in March and fell at a steeper rate of 34 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:

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

“Despite a second month of expansion in Italian recruitment opportunities, employers are still proceeding with caution compared to the same time last year, as the horizon for a turn in the economic environment remains uncertain,” said Nicola Rossi, country manager, Monster Italy. “While all regions in Italy showed an increase in opportunities this month, the Index is down 18% from last year this time”

Healthcare, social work and personal care exhibits another month of growth

The healthcare, social work and personal care sector recorded a notable 19 point increase in March after a five point increase in the previous month. Vacancies for professionals continued to drive growth in the sector. Year-on-year the sector showed a 27 percent increase.

Production, manufacturing, maintenance and repair reversed a two month downward trend, rising 18 points. Increases were seen for craft and related workers as well as professionals within the sector. Despite the monthly increase, the sector showed a 12 percent decrease compared to a year ago.

Accounting, audit and taxes dropped 14 points, marking a fourth consecutive month of decline for the sector. The downturn was driven by a lack of demand for professionals. Regionally, opportunities decreased the most in Piemonte followed by Lombardia and Veneto.

Sharp rise in online recruitment activity for plant and machine operator positions

Demand for plant and machine operators rose in March, rising 19 points after two months of decline. Online offerings saw the greatest growth in production, manufacturing, maintenance and repair; construction and extraction; and transport, post and logistics.

Craft and related workers recorded gains of 11 points, after two months of less availability. This increase was driven by increased opportunities for those in the production, manufacturing, maintenance and repair sector. Despite the monthly increase the group contracted 18 percent, or by 35 points.

Clerical support workers showed a month of decline after showing a considerable upturn in February. The fall was due in part to shrinking opportunities in the transport, post and logistics; and administrative and organisation sectors. Year on year, the group showed a decrease of 30 percent.

All regions show increase as Emilia-Romagna shows sharpest growth

The Emilia-Romagna region registered the largest increase in March, jumping 14 points, as a result of a rise in opportunities in the education, training and library; agriculture, fishing and forestry; and production, manufacturing and maintenance sectors. Despite the overall increase, opportunities in the automotive; and marketing PR and media sectors continued to fall. Year-on-year the region was down 32 points or 18 percent.

Opportunities in the Lazio region showed an 11 point rise. The growth was driven by strong demand in the education, training and library sector; there were also jumps in the production, manufacturing, maintenance and repair; banking, finance and insurance; and

telecommunications. Year-on-year the region showed a 28 percent reduction in online job opportunities compared to a year ago.

Campania rebounded from three months of decline, noting a 10 point uptick. Offerings within the region rose for professionals; and plant and machine operators and assemblers. The region registered a 20 point decline compared to a year ago.

Top Industries Looking for Workers

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

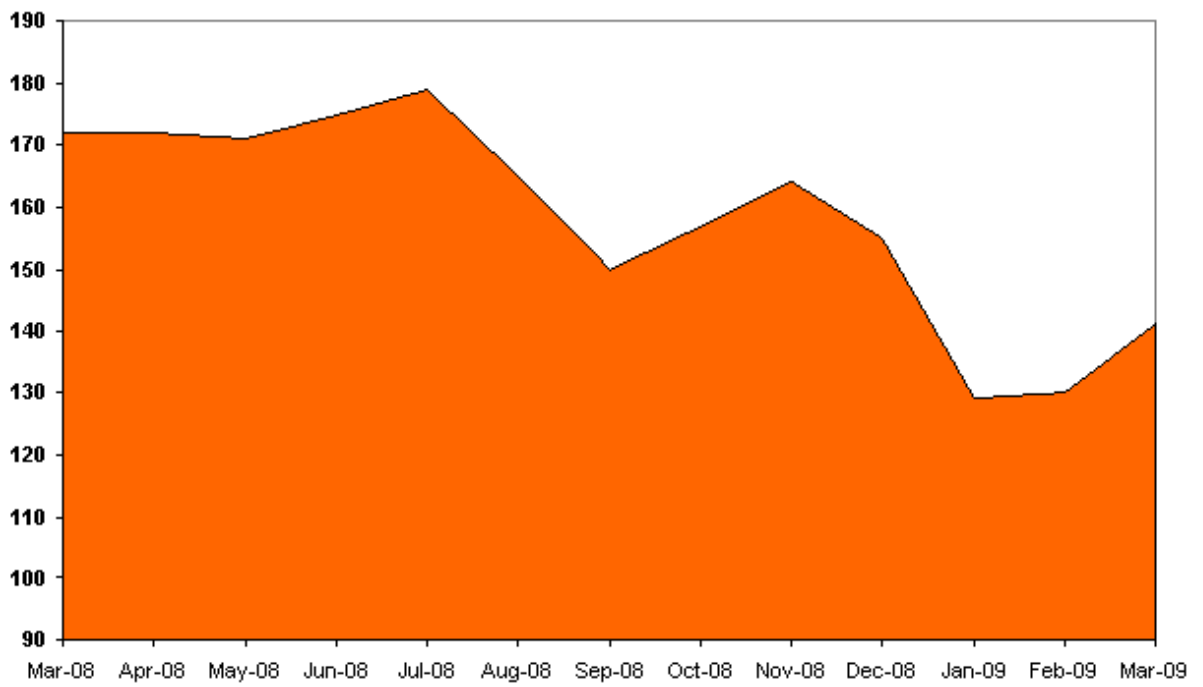
Industry	Mar 09	Feb 09	Mar 08
Banking, Finance, Insurance	115	96	115
Public sector, defence, community	99	84	118
Arts, Entertainment, Sport, Leisure	150	132	164
Hospitality, tourism	165	148	178
Healthcare, Social Work, Personal Care	197	178	155

Top Occupational Groups Reporting Growth

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

Occupation	Mar 09	Feb 09	Mar 08
Professionals	141	125	155
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	179	160	230
Service and sales workers	151	139	178
Skilled agricultural, forestry, and fishery workers	137	127	126

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

Industry	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08
Accounting, audit, taxes	172	186	204	241	263	238	222	253	303	312	295	279	270
Administrative, organisation	194	183	168	219	218	218	206	236	258	238	228	231	227
Arts, entertainment, sport, leisure	150	132	126	139	141	139	135	148	161	158	153	150	164
Banking, finance, insurance	115	96	89	96	103	103	104	107	114	112	113	115	115
Construction and extraction	140	137	136	153	162	161	158	171	176	174	170	171	168
Education, training and library	171	155	125	128	138	126	131	127	135	141	148	148	150
Engineering	170	164	171	201	209	192	185	203	217	227	222	225	215
Environment, architecture, urbanism	130	126	116	133	136	129	113	118	123	118	117	122	119
Healthcare, social work, personal care	197	178	173	203	183	163	156	178	184	175	170	157	155
Hospitality and tourism	165	148	139	171	172	163	156	171	195	190	181	189	178
HR	104	107	100	128	145	146	145	149	160	167	165	166	168
IT	117	113	115	126	129	125	121	128	132	132	133	134	136
Legal	138	129	133	160	167	140	133	167	175	162	163	173	175
Management and consulting	119	115	116	121	124	119	120	124	126	128	127	130	132
Marketing, PR and media	81	97	92	121	140	146	122	136	147	141	134	143	148
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	177	159	162	185	208	200	191	210	226	211	202	205	201
Public Sector, defence, community	99	84	87	94	112	116	97	127	136	118	118	117	118
Real estate	104	102	101	104	106	105	103	106	110	112	114	115	112
Research and development	109	110	109	130	154	149	139	156	173	174	176	177	176
Sales	129	119	120	156	165	155	144	157	181	178	173	176	184
Telecommunications	90	85	83	89	94	92	89	95	102	105	105	103	106
Transport, post and logistics	124	126	133	164	188	183	178	201	215	212	205	209	204

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

Occupation Group	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08
Managers	133	143	144	176	192	173	167	189	202	206	206	218	222
Professionals	141	125	125	143	148	141	136	144	154	154	154	154	155
Technicians and associate professionals	105	108	109	132	140	133	127	138	152	149	145	148	148
Clerical support workers	162	171	160	207	213	213	199	233	259	240	227	230	232
Service and sales workers	151	139	132	166	165	158	148	162	184	187	181	187	178
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	137	127	113	119	124	125	119	128	126	128	132	127	126
Craft and related workers	162	151	150	183	195	195	181	200	210	210	203	203	197
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	179	160	168	198	222	214	210	234	250	243	228	234	230
Elementary occupations	108	104	108	109	111	118	113	112	118	118	120	116	118

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

Region	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08
Abruzzo	125	121	121	133	135	133	128	133	143	140	139	141	139
Basilicata	117	115	111	120	127	128	122	121	134	134	135	139	132
Calabria	112	109	106	113	120	122	116	117	132	134	133	142	137
Campania	118	108	107	127	133	129	121	125	140	141	140	147	147
Emilia-Romagna	144	130	126	149	161	158	150	160	175	173	171	174	176
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	134	129	129	139	149	146	141	146	159	155	149	158	154
Lazio	128	117	114	148	158	153	141	157	175	169	168	171	179
Liguria	135	128	124	138	139	139	134	138	145	145	145	153	152
Lombardia	143	133	130	163	171	164	154	169	183	177	173	172	176
Marche	130	122	117	140	151	144	140	148	163	155	151	160	152
Molise	114	114	110	116	122	122	119	117	126	125	127	135	129
Piemonte	137	128	125	149	160	156	149	166	181	176	173	173	178
Puglia	125	115	109	122	126	127	128	129	144	140	138	145	143
Sardinia	130	130	115	129	145	142	138	139	168	166	161	172	157
Sicilia	116	105	103	127	135	131	127	133	158	150	144	157	151
Toscana	131	123	119	142	149	142	140	152	165	165	158	160	161
Trentino Alto-Adige	118	119	117	129	133	138	132	131	139	141	143	152	150
Umbria	121	124	121	135	138	139	134	135	152	149	145	153	149
Valle d' Aosta	115	119	114	119	125	129	125	122	136	135	139	147	141
Veneto	146	138	136	163	176	172	162	176	190	187	183	188	187

Monster Employment Index data for April will be released on 12 May, 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.

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