



EMPLOYMENT INDEX

Monster Employment Index Italy Dips One Point in May as Growth Slows

May 2008 Index Highlights:

- Monster Employment Index Italy dipped one point in May as Italian online job availability remained largely unchanged from the preceding two months. Year-on-year increase was 21 points, or 14 percent, in line with the EU average.
- The Legal and Marketing, PR and media sectors registered the largest falls but were counterbalanced by sharp increases in the Accounting, audit, taxes; and Healthcare, social work industries. Accounting also registered the strongest growth year-on-year while Telecommunications; and Management and consulting fell the most.
- Among occupational groups, Legislators, senior officials and managers saw the steepest decline while demand rose for both Skilled agricultural and fishery workers; and Elementary occupations. On an annual basis, Plant and machine operators and assemblers saw the highest increase.
- Lower demand was seen across all Italian regions, except for Lombardia, which saw modest recovery after the decline seen in April, and Piemonte, which was flat. Despite the general decrease, most regions remained up on an annual basis, with Sardinia registering the strongest growth. Only Molise and Puglia were down from a year ago.

Summary Overview

The Monster Employment Index Italy dipped by just one point in May, as fewer opportunities in the Legal and Marketing sectors were offset by sharp increases in demand in the Accounting and Healthcare industries. With data collected since April of 2006, the Monster Employment Index Italy is a monthly analysis of recruitment trends in Italy, based on a review of millions of online job opportunities culled from different websites across Europe, including Monster.it.

During April, only five out of 22 industries and two out of nine occupations showed an increase in online job demand. Only one of 20 regions edged up. The Monster Employment Index Italy results for the past 13 months are as follows:

May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07	Jun 07	May 07
171	172	172	155	143	158	153	143	144	145	158	146	150

“Despite the sluggish economy, Italy’s online recruitment market is growing at a rapid clip. The latest Index shows that opportunities are up 14% from a year ago and that is good news for Italian job seekers, who are increasingly looking to the Internet for employment opportunities,” said Nicola Rossi, Country Manager, Monster Italy. “Currently, the demand online is especially strong for accountants, but also engineers and healthcare professionals are widely sought-after.”

Demand continues to rise in the Accounting and Healthcare sectors, but slows for Legal and Marketing industries

Demand continued to rise in the Accounting, audit, taxes industry for the fourth consecutive month in May. The increase was due to the high demand seen for Professionals. Regionally, Emilia-Romagna saw the strongest increase. Job availability in Lombardia registered the fourth consecutive month of increase. Meanwhile, Lazio showed some recovery following the April fall. By contrast, demand in Sicilia and Valle d’ Aosta dipped for the third month in a row.

The Healthcare, social work industry also saw online offerings rise in May for the fourth consecutive month. The strongest rate of increase was seen among Technicians and associate professionals, after a month of decline. Meanwhile, demand for Professionals showed an increase for the fourth consecutive month. Regionally, Liguria registered the strongest rate of growth. And job availability in Emilia-Romagna continued to grow for the fifth continued month. In contrast, online hiring in Lazio dipped in May, after three months of growth. Year-on-year growth was 33 points, or 24 percent.

In contrast, the Legal and Marketing sectors continued to see demand slow for the second consecutive month.

On a year-for-year basis, 13 out of 22 industries are showing an increase in online job demand compared to a year ago. The Accounting sector is still the Index’s top annual growth industry, followed by Engineering; Administrative; Transport; and Production. Meanwhile, the Telecommunication; Banking; Management; and IT industries have all declined year-over-year.

Overall decline in most industries in May, but Strong year on year demand

Legislators, senior officials and managers saw a considerable decline in May, for the second consecutive month. This was mainly due to a dip in demand in the Administrative, organization sector for these workers, after three months of increase. Meanwhile, job availability continued to decline in the IT and Management and consulting sectors for the second continued month. Most of the regions saw decline, with Sicilia registering the steepest decrease. Demand slightly rose in Puglia and Molise. However, year-on-year growth was 45 points, or 28 percent.

Plant and machine operators and assemblers also saw online offerings dip in May, after three months of growth. The decrease was due to the low demand registered in the Construction, Production and Transport sectors, following three months of growth.

Regionally, Puglia saw the sharpest decline, while demand in Trentino Alto-Adige continued to rise for the second consecutive month. Job availability in Abruzzo showed the greatest rate of increase. Year-on-year growth was 66 points, or 41 percent, the strongest among occupational groups.

On a year-for-year basis, eight out of nine occupations are showing an increase in online job demand compared to a year ago. Plant and machine operators and assemblers have seen the largest growth from last year, followed by Clerks; Craft and related workers; and Legislators. Meanwhile, Elementary occupations saw a small decline in demand year-on-year.

Online Job Availability Sees Decline Across Most Italian Regions in May

During May, online job availability declined across most regions in Italy, with Sicilia showing the strongest drop, followed by Sardinia and Calabria. At the same time there was a small increase in Lombardia.

Year-on-year 17 out of 20 regions have seen online recruitment grow, lead by Sardinia, Veneto, Piemonte, Lombardia and Emilia-Romagna. Only two regions saw a decline in demand from last year: Puglia and Molise.

Top Industries Looking for Employees in May

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

Industry	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08
Accounting, audit, taxes	295	279	270
Healthcare, social work, personal care	170	157	155
Arts, entertainment, sport, leisure	153	150	164
Telecommunication	105	103	106
Public Sector, defence, community	118	117	118

Most Wanted Occupational Experience in May

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

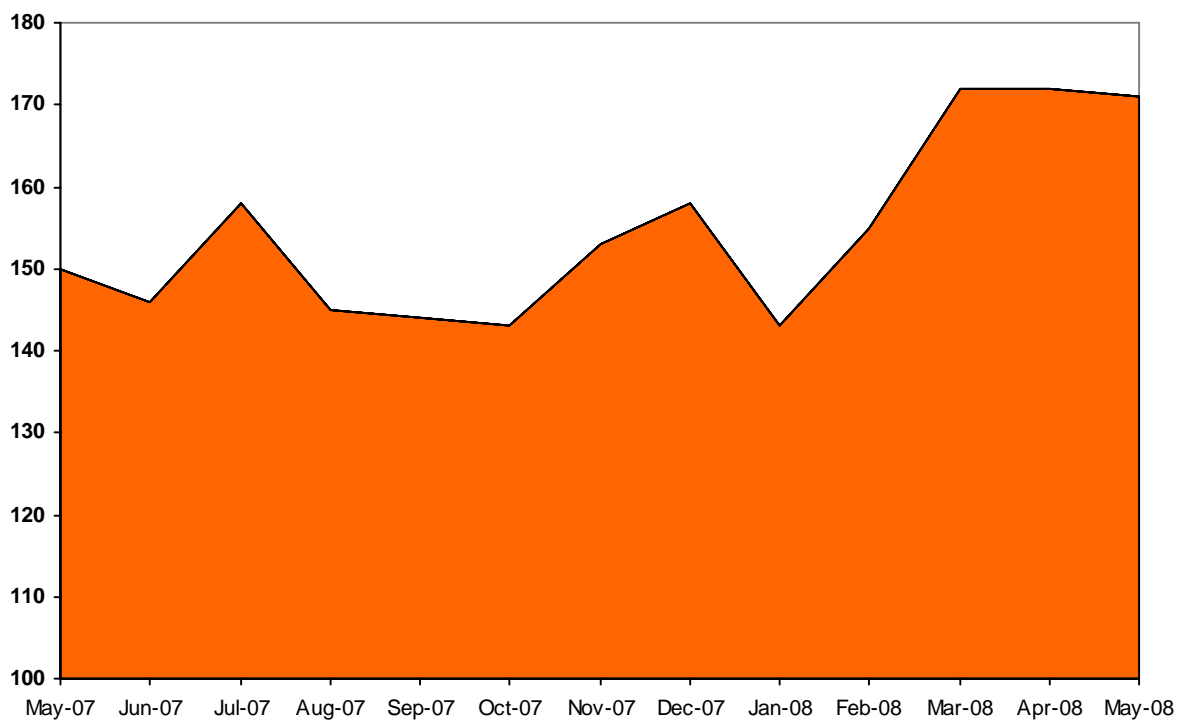
Occupation Group	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	132	127	126
Elementary occupations	120	116	118
Craft and related workers	203	203	197
Professionals	154	154	155

Regions with the highest demand for employees in May

Regions registering most significant increases in online job demand in May included:

Region	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08
Lombardia	173	172	176
Piemonte	173	173	178

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

Industry	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07	Jun 07	May 07
Accounting, audit, taxes	295	279	270	242	199	228	217	192	189	189	200	185	160
Administrative, organisation	228	231	227	201	176	198	188	174	167	184	192	175	165
Arts, entertainment, sport, leisure	153	150	164	155	143	152	142	144	132	148	139	130	134
Banking, finance, insurance	113	115	115	105	98	103	105	104	96	103	117	118	129
Construction and extraction	170	171	168	155	152	161	157	146	143	152	155	146	143
Education, training and library	148	148	150	153	158	165	164	198	214	161	153	159	149
Engineering	222	225	215	190	166	181	178	156	141	152	156	148	147
Environment, architecture, urbanism	117	122	119	114	117	118	116	108	101	106	111	112	117
Healthcare, social work, personal care	170	157	155	144	136	145	144	130	123	136	141	134	137
Hospitality and tourism	181	189	178	158	156	160	161	142	143	153	160	164	173
HR	165	166	168	150	133	171	157	138	137	132	130	128	134
IT	133	134	136	129	122	128	125	121	141	125	144	131	143
Legal	163	173	175	142	142	162	151	140	146	133	139	137	133
Management and consulting	127	130	132	130	124	127	125	128	141	126	144	133	142
Marketing, PR and media	134	143	148	127	120	131	128	125	117	134	147	136	141
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	202	205	201	188	170	189	176	159	155	169	175	161	154
Public Sector, defence, community	118	117	118	117	116	117	116	116	116	117	117	117	118
Real estate	114	115	112	109	112	113	112	109	107	109	109	111	114
Research and development	176	177	176	160	137	162	143	130	133	137	150	141	139
Sales	173	176	184	164	152	175	174	166	151	156	169	155	157
Telecommunication	105	103	106	99	100	108	117	112	102	113	120	120	132
Transport, post and logistics	205	209	204	182	171	188	181	163	162	175	179	161	152

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

Occupation Group	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07	Jun 07	May 07
Legislators, senior officials and managers	206	218	222	202	177	195	180	178	221	174	181	163	161
Professionals	154	154	155	144	131	143	138	131	142	132	145	135	146
Technicians and associate professionals	145	148	148	135	130	143	143	135	123	132	148	138	143
Clerks	227	230	232	198	173	194	183	171	171	182	189	169	166
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	181	187	178	156	154	159	158	147	143	152	159	162	159
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	132	127	126	121	118	114	116	110	115	121	122	120	126
Craft and related workers	203	203	197	177	171	186	176	160	154	171	174	161	155
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	228	234	230	200	184	204	193	172	169	186	191	173	162
Elementary occupations	120	116	118	113	113	112	115	117	116	112	114	121	127

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

Region	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07	Jun 07	May 07
Abruzzo	139	141	139	138	128	135	136	137	133	133	137	130	136
Basilicata	135	139	132	141	116	125	128	130	122	119	127	121	126
Calabria	133	142	137	145	123	134	136	134	126	123	131	123	132
Campania	140	147	147	144	126	140	139	135	126	125	138	131	140
Emilia-Romagna	171	174	176	158	145	161	155	148	147	149	160	149	151
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	149	158	154	151	135	144	139	139	138	129	138	132	136
Lazio	168	171	179	164	143	163	156	142	139	143	158	146	156
Liguria	145	153	152	148	128	139	136	134	130	130	143	132	144
Lombardia	173	172	176	160	140	160	153	142	144	143	152	143	147
Marche	151	160	152	149	132	145	147	145	136	136	144	132	140
Molise	127	135	129	137	118	125	127	127	125	120	130	123	129
Piemonte	173	173	178	159	140	156	150	141	137	142	154	142	145
Puglia	138	145	143	140	124	136	136	135	129	127	137	128	139
Sardinia	161	172	157	170	131	144	147	148	131	132	136	129	129
Sicilia	144	157	151	153	122	143	153	150	128	128	130	128	128
Toscana	158	160	161	156	139	153	149	139	143	142	156	143	146
Trentino Alto-Adige	143	152	150	145	134	140	141	145	141	134	139	137	141
Umbria	145	153	149	152	135	145	142	131	129	128	140	133	136
Valle d' Aosta	139	147	141	153	122	131	132	129	123	122	124	118	126
Veneto	183	188	187	167	155	171	163	150	155	158	163	150	154

Monster Employment Index data for May will be released on 8 July, 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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