



Italian Online Job Availability Falls to Pre-January Level, According to Monster Employment Index Italy

May 2009 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index Italy saw a eight percent fall in May as online job availability dropped below January 2009 levels
- The downshift was led by reduced demand for managerial and professional workers in the accounting, banking and finance; architecture; engineering; and IT sectors
- Year-on-year the Index fell 26 percent, indicating continued deceleration in Italian recruitment activity in May

Summary Overview

The Monster Employment Index Italy reported a nine point or eight percent drop in May as online recruitment activity eased for the second month. The Index now stands at a level of 126, showing a 26 percent drop year-on-year. Compared to Europe as a whole, Italy has noted a lower rate of annual contraction but a higher rate on a monthly basis. The overall European Index is down 37 percent year-on-year and six percent compared to April.

First-quarter measures of GDP indicated that the Italian economy has kept contracting due to declining activity in the agriculture and manufacturing sectors. The lull seems to be continuing in the second quarter and is likely to have further adverse effects on the overall job market

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:

May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08
126	137	141	130	129	155	164	157	150	165	179	175	171

“The dampening effects of the global recession on the Italian economy, notably its vital manufacturing industry, continue to take a toll on its job market,” said Nicola Rossi, country manager, Monster Italy. “There are some encouraging signs that consumer confidence is stabilizing, and that government stimulus measures are providing a boost to domestic demand. Unfortunately, this is unlikely to stem rising unemployment as the

rate of job creation continues to fall short of the pace at which jobseekers are entering the market.”

Technical industry sectors show the steepest decline; marketing, PR and media rise

IT; environment, architecture and urbanism; and engineering showed the steepest declines among industry sectors, falling 10, 11 and 11 percent, respectively. On a yearly basis IT and engineering also saw a higher than average rate of contraction compared with other industry sectors. In contrast, environment, architecture and urbanism showed a three percent increase compared to year-ago levels.

Other industries recording a reduction in online job availability included banking, finance and insurance as well as the healthcare, social work and personal care; and education, training and library sectors. Despite the monthly fall, healthcare, social work and personal care saw an eight percent improvement compared to a year ago.

On a brighter note, increases in demand were experienced amongst creative sectors, including marketing, PR and media noting a three percent increase, the largest monthly increase in May. Also the arts, entertainment, sport and leisure industry showed a two percent rise.

Managers exhibit the largest annual decline amongst occupational groups; mild downturn for agriculture and forestry

The 13 percent fall in online job demand for managers represented the fourth consecutive month of decline in this group, demonstrating a general slowdown in hiring of higher-level workers.

Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers reported the mildest downturn in May, slipping by one percent. From an annual perspective workers in this sector saw the healthiest increase in online job demand, increasing eight percent year over year [?].

17 out of the 20 major regions register drop

Molise and Valle d’Aosta both increased by one percent in the Index, the only two regions to show an uptick. The regions, which represent the smallest markets by population, both experienced healthy rises in job availability for workers in sales.

In contrast, Lazio fell three percent in May and reported the steepest decline year-on-year, showing a 36 percent annual fall in the Index. Despite the overall downshift, stable regional growth was noted within the banking/finance and production/manufacturing sectors.

Top Industries Looking for Workers

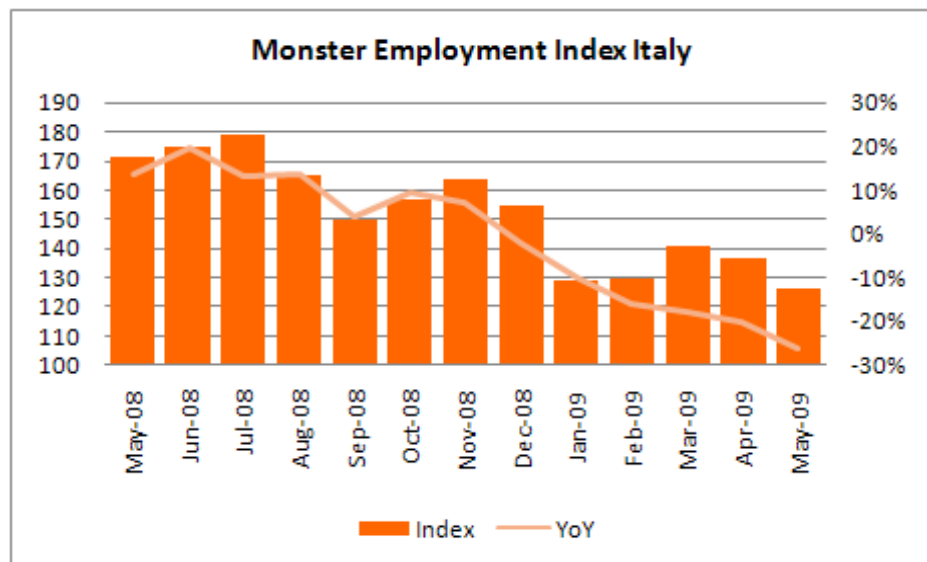
Industry sectors showing the highest rate of increase in online job availability:

Month-on-month

Industry	May 09	Apr 09	%
Marketing, PR and Media	89	86	3%
Telecommunications	94	91	3%
Arts, Entertainment, Sport, Leisure	149	146	2%

Year-on-year

Industry	May 09	May 08	%
Healthcare, Social Work, Personal Care	184	170	8%
Environment, Architecture, Urbanism	120	117	3%



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

Industry	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08
Accounting, audit, taxes	139	156	172	186	204	241	263	238	222	253	303	312	295
Administrative, organisation	165	182	194	183	168	219	218	218	206	236	258	238	228
Arts, entertainment, sport, leisure	149	146	150	132	126	139	141	139	135	148	161	158	153
Banking, finance, insurance	105	117	115	96	89	96	103	103	104	107	114	112	113
Construction and extraction	136	141	140	137	136	153	162	161	158	171	176	174	170
Education, training and library	144	156	171	155	125	128	138	126	131	127	135	141	148
Engineering	149	167	170	164	171	201	209	192	185	203	217	227	222
Environment, architecture, urbanism	120	135	130	126	116	133	136	129	113	118	123	118	117
Healthcare, social work, personal care	184	191	197	178	173	203	183	163	156	178	184	175	170
Hospitality and tourism	169	181	165	148	139	171	172	163	156	171	195	190	181
HR	87	94	104	107	100	128	145	146	145	149	160	167	165
IT	104	115	117	113	115	126	129	125	121	128	132	132	133
Legal	145	154	138	129	133	160	167	140	133	167	175	162	163
Management and consulting	107	115	119	115	116	121	124	119	120	124	126	128	127
Marketing, PR and media	89	86	81	97	92	121	140	146	122	136	147	141	134
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	152	167	177	159	162	185	208	200	191	210	226	211	202
Public sector, defence, community	103	112	99	84	87	94	112	116	97	127	136	118	118
Real estate	103	108	104	102	101	104	106	105	103	106	110	112	114
Research and development	98	103	109	110	109	130	154	149	139	156	173	174	176
Sales	116	123	129	119	120	156	165	155	144	157	181	178	173
Telecommunications	94	91	90	85	83	89	94	92	89	95	102	105	105
Transport, post and logistics	115	122	124	126	133	164	188	183	178	201	215	212	205

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

Occupation	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08
Managers	107	123	133	143	144	176	192	173	167	189	202	206	206
Professionals	128	138	141	125	125	143	148	141	136	144	154	154	154
Technicians and associate professionals	99	104	105	108	109	132	140	133	127	138	152	149	145
Clerical support workers	140	153	162	171	160	207	213	213	199	233	259	240	227
Service and sales workers	156	160	151	139	132	166	165	158	148	162	184	187	181
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	142	144	137	127	113	119	124	125	119	128	126	128	132
Craft and related workers	138	153	162	151	150	183	195	195	181	200	210	210	203
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	151	169	179	160	168	198	222	214	210	234	250	243	228
Elementary occupations	107	113	108	104	108	109	111	118	113	112	118	118	120

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

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

Monster Employment Index data for June will be released on July 14, 2009.

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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.

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

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