



Monster Employment Index Italy Drops For the Second Consecutive Month

September 2008 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index Italy dropped 15 points in September following a similar drop in the previous month as Italian online recruitment activity continued decelerating at the end of the third quarter
- All industry sectors apart from education, training and library showed reduced online opportunities
- Despite a third consecutive month of decline, engineering remains the top growth sector in the Index from an annual perspective, followed by healthcare and social work, signalling pockets of still-elevated demand
- Regionally, job availability dropped the most in Piemonte and Lazio while Molise and Valle d'Aosta saw slight rises

Summary Overview

The Monster Employment Index Italy dropped 14 points in September, adding to August's seasonal decline. Year-on-year the Index grew just four percent, considerably less than the 14 percent annual increase recorded last month, indicating further slowing down in Italian hiring activity. 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.

Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07
150	165	179	175	171	172	172	155	143	158	153	143	144

“The Italian jobs market held up surprisingly well during the first half of the year, but we are now starting to see the effects on employer recruiting of the stagnating economy and spreading financial crises,” said Nicola Rossi, Country Manager, Monster Italy. “However, online job availability in Italy is still up from a year ago due to sustained high demand in areas such as engineering and healthcare.”

A lack of online job opportunities is seen throughout most industry sectors

The legal sector saw a 34-point decline in September, representing the greatest decline among all industries, and forcing the legal category to a 13-month low. Most regions registered a decline, with Marche the only region to show a slight increase. Year-on-year, the industry sector was down 13 points, or nine percent.

Accounting, audit and taxes, dropped for the third consecutive month, reaching its lowest point in 2008. The 31 point drop reflects lower demand for professionals. Despite this the sector was up 33 points or 17 percent year-on-year. Administrative and organisation; and public, defence and community both dropped 30 Index points. However, administrative and organisation was up 23 percent on an annual basis.

Education, training and library was the only sector to record an increase in September. The four-point rise continues three months of increased hiring. Regionally, Lombardia, Trentino Alto-Adige, and Veneto saw the largest jumps, while the steepest decline was seen in Lazio and Marche. Year-on-year the sector declined 83 points, or 39 percent, the sharpest among all sectors.

Clerks see a further decrease in demand

All sectors saw a decrease in online job opportunities apart from mild growth in elementary occupations which increased by one point. Online opportunities for clerks fell back again in September, dipping 34 points. Year on year, the category continued to show moderate growth, albeit at a slower rate than in August.

Other groups which suffered this month include plant and machine operators and assemblers which continued its second month of decreasing opportunities, registering a drop of 24 points. Yet the growth in this group on an annual basis was 24 percent, the highest amongst occupational groups.

Majority of regions continue to decline, with only a few showing a mild increase

Piemonte felt the biggest hit in September, with the level of online opportunities dropping by 17 points, registering the second month of decline. Within the region, the largest dip was seen in transport, post and logistics. Skilled agricultural and fishery workers were the only occupational group to register a slight increase in the region. The region grew by 12 points, or nine percent year-on-year.

A similar decline was seen in Lazio, after experiencing considerable decreases in the previous two months, and peaking in July. The majority of industry sectors and occupational groups saw a decrease in online opportunities. Year-on-year the region saw slight growth of two points, or one percent.

Despite its large declines in August, Valle d'Aosta was the top growth region in September, registering a four point increase. The increase reflects increased hiring in the sales sector, and the IT sector also showed some recovery after four months of decreasing opportunities. Year-on-year the growth was two points or two percent.

Top Growth Sector Year-On-Year

Industry sector showing the greatest rate of increase in online job availability year-on-year included:

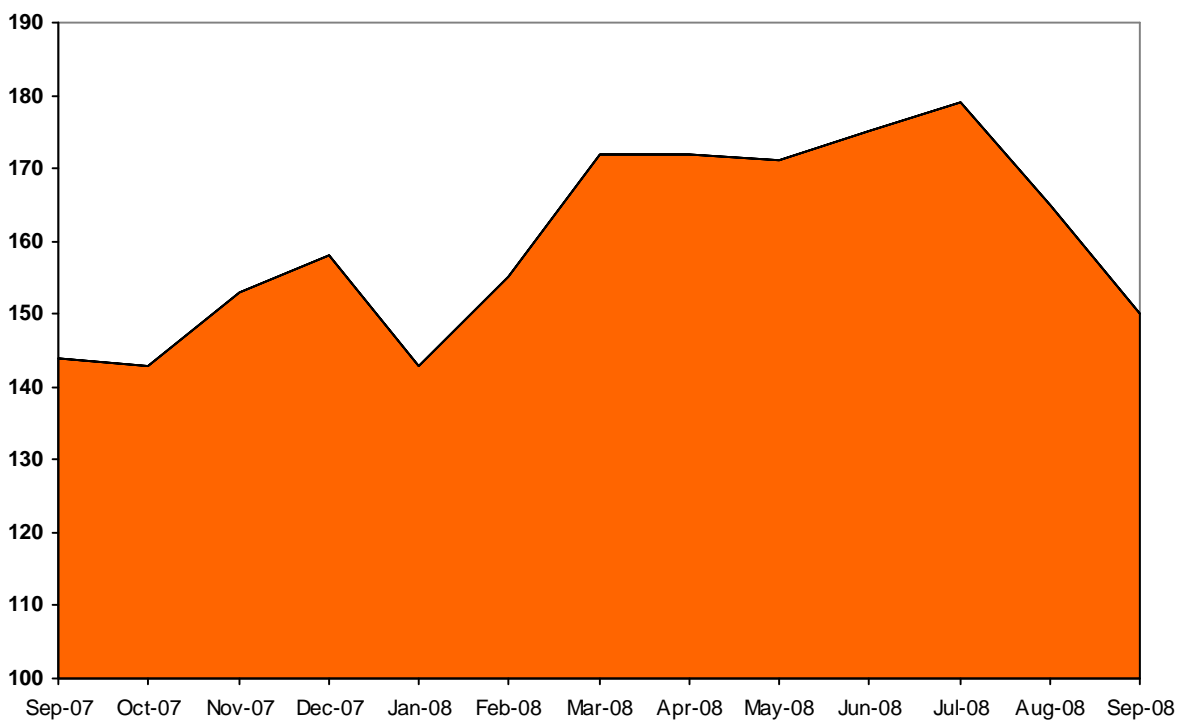
Industry	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08
Education, training and library	131	127	135

Top Growth Sector Year-On-Year

Industry sectors showing the greatest rate of increase in online job availability year-on-year included:

Occupation	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08
Elementary occupations	113	112	118

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

Industry	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07
Accounting, audit, taxes	222	253	303	312	295	279	270	242	199	228	217	192	189
Administrative, organisation	206	236	258	238	228	231	227	201	176	198	188	174	167
Arts, entertainment, sport, leisure	135	148	161	158	153	150	164	155	143	152	142	144	132
Banking, finance, insurance	104	107	114	112	113	115	115	105	98	103	105	104	96
Construction and extraction	158	171	176	174	170	171	168	155	152	161	157	146	143
Education, training and library	131	127	135	141	148	148	150	153	158	165	164	198	214
Engineering	185	203	217	227	222	225	215	190	166	181	178	156	141
Environment, architecture, urbanism	113	118	123	118	117	122	119	114	117	118	116	108	101
Healthcare, social work, personal care	156	178	184	175	170	157	155	144	136	145	144	130	123
Hospitality and tourism	156	171	195	190	181	189	178	158	156	160	161	142	143
HR	145	149	160	167	165	166	168	150	133	171	157	138	137
IT	121	128	132	132	133	134	136	129	122	128	125	121	141
Legal	133	167	175	162	163	173	175	142	142	162	151	140	146
Management and consulting	120	124	126	128	127	130	132	130	124	127	125	128	141
Marketing, PR and media	122	136	147	141	134	143	148	127	120	131	128	125	117
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	191	210	226	211	202	205	201	188	170	189	176	159	155
Public Sector, defence, community	97	127	136	118	118	117	118	117	116	117	116	116	116
Real estate	103	106	110	112	114	115	112	109	112	113	112	109	107
Research and development	139	156	173	174	176	177	176	160	137	162	143	130	133
Sales	144	157	181	178	173	176	184	164	152	175	174	166	151
Telecommunications	89	95	102	105	105	103	106	99	100	108	117	112	102
Transport, post and logistics	178	201	215	212	205	209	204	182	171	188	181	163	162

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

Occupation Group	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07
Legislators, senior officials and managers	167	189	202	206	206	218	222	202	177	195	180	178	221
Professionals	136	144	154	154	154	154	155	144	131	143	138	131	142
Technicians and associate professionals	127	138	152	149	145	148	148	135	130	143	143	135	123
Clerks	199	233	259	240	227	230	232	198	173	194	183	171	171
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	148	162	184	187	181	187	178	156	154	159	158	147	143
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	119	128	126	128	132	127	126	121	118	114	116	110	115
Craft and related workers	181	200	210	210	203	203	197	177	171	186	176	160	154
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	210	234	250	243	228	234	230	200	184	204	193	172	169
Elementary occupations	113	112	118	118	120	116	118	113	113	112	115	117	116

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

Region	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07
Abruzzo	128	133	143	140	139	141	139	138	128	135	136	137	133
Basilicata	122	121	134	134	135	139	132	141	116	125	128	130	122
Calabria	116	117	132	134	133	142	137	145	123	134	136	134	126
Campania	121	125	140	141	140	147	147	144	126	140	139	135	126
Emilia-Romagna	150	160	175	173	171	174	176	158	145	161	155	148	147
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	141	146	159	155	149	158	154	151	135	144	139	139	138
Lazio	141	157	175	169	168	171	179	164	143	163	156	142	139
Liguria	134	138	145	145	145	153	152	148	128	139	136	134	130
Lombardia	154	169	183	177	173	172	176	160	140	160	153	142	144
Marche	140	148	163	155	151	160	152	149	132	145	147	145	136
Molise	119	117	126	125	127	135	129	137	118	125	127	127	125
Piemonte	149	166	181	176	173	173	178	159	140	156	150	141	137
Puglia	128	129	144	140	138	145	143	140	124	136	136	135	129
Sardinia	138	139	168	166	161	172	157	170	131	144	147	148	131
Sicilia	127	133	158	150	144	157	151	153	122	143	153	150	128
Toscana	140	152	165	165	158	160	161	156	139	153	149	139	143
Trentino Alto-Adige	132	131	139	141	143	152	150	145	134	140	141	145	141
Umbria	134	135	152	149	145	153	149	152	135	145	142	131	129
Valle d' Aosta	125	122	136	135	139	147	141	153	122	131	132	129	123
Veneto	162	176	190	187	183	188	187	167	155	171	163	150	155

Monster Employment Index data for October will be released on 11 November, 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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