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Online Recruitment Activity Across the Netherlands Slows in August, Reports Monster Employment Index

August 2009 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index Netherlands dipped three points largely due to typical summer hiring patterns
- Opportunities fell the most in research and development, public sector and education. Marketing, media and PR was the only sector to note an uptick in online worker demand
- Friesland noted the sharpest fall in offerings, whilst Zeeland and Noord-Brabant increased

Summary Overview

Despite a three point dip in online recruitment activity across the Netherlands in August, the annual rate of contraction is beginning to ease, suggesting signs of stabilisation in the market. On a yearly basis, healthcare and agriculture are showing the most positive trends, with opportunities remaining up compared to August 2008.

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 the European Union, including Monsterboard.nl.

Monster Employment Index Netherlands findings for the past 13 months are as follows:

Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08
90	93	92	96	104	113	121	123	147	156	164	170	173

“The recent reading on online recruiting indicates Dutch companies remain reluctant to hire, even though the pace of deterioration in demand has levelled off,” commented Diana Krieger, general manager Benelux, Monster Worldwide Europe. “Despite signs of the recession easing across Europe, one should remember that the labour market is a lagging indicator and given the depth of the current downturn, it could take some time before payrolls start expanding again.”

Media job offerings note uptick in August as all other sectors fall

In August all but two industry sectors noted falls, offsetting the solid growth made in July. Online worker demand in research and development declined the most among sectors, falling back six points (eight percent).

Public sector, defence and community offerings dipped for the second consecutive month falling 11 points (seven percent) and 26 percent compared to year-earlier figures. Online recruitment activity fell at a similar rate for workers in education, training and library. Annually, however, the rate of deterioration was sharper, with offerings down 29 percent compared to August 2008.

Marketing, media and PR was the only occupational group to report a monthly increase in online worker demand, climbing one point (two percent). However, the group represented the sharpest annual decline, falling 62 percent, highlighting the impact the current economic climate has had on the media industry.

Only two industry sectors showed growth on an annual basis, with healthcare and social work jumping eight percent compared to August 2008, despite a monthly fall. Agriculture, fishing and forestry noted an annual increase of five percent.

Online worker demand slows across all occupational groups

Service and sales workers slumped 11 points (nine percent) halting a two month increasing trend. Despite this, the annual decline of 42 percent is lower than the Dutch national average.

Elementary occupations reversed gains made during June and July, falling five points (three percent) and were down 43 percent compared to year-earlier figures. Plant and machine operators and assemblers dipped one point (two percent), settling at its lowest level since inceptions of the Index.

The mildest monthly declines were noted by clerical support workers and technicians and associate professionals, both falling one point (one percent) and one point (two percent) respectively.

All Dutch regions show annual declines: Zeeland and Noord-Brabant increase

Only two Dutch regions saw an increase in online job offerings as all regions reported annual declines. Zeeland reported the greatest rate of increased job demand, with opportunities jumping five points (four percent). Year-on-year the region reported the most moderate decline, slowing by four percent.

Meanwhile, opportunities fell the most in Friesland, slumping nine points (eight percent) and are now at their lowest level since April 2005. From an annual perspective, online job opportunities declined the most in Noord-Holland, where offerings were down 58 percent compared to August 2008.

Best performing sectors

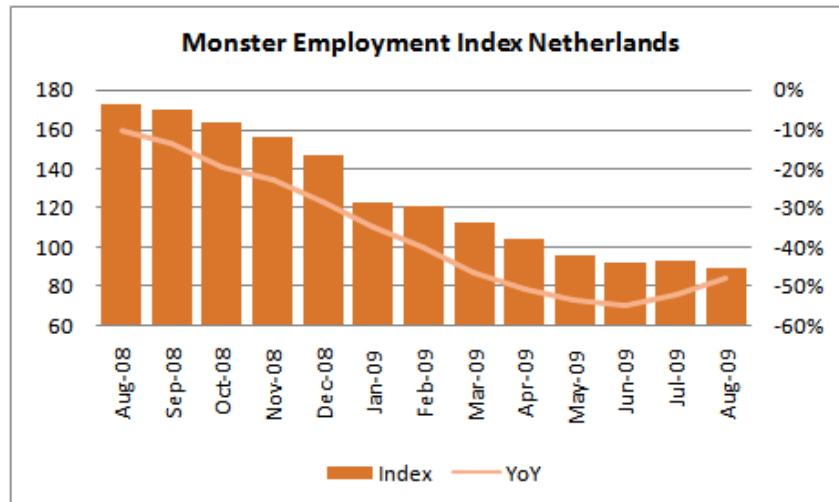
Industry sectors showing the greatest rate of increase in online job availability included:

Month-on-month

Industry	Aug 09	Jul 09	%
Marketing, PR and media	46	45	2%
Legal	159	159	0%
Accounting, audit, taxes	94	95	-1%
Administrative, organisation	74	75	-1%
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	141	144	-2%

Year-on-year

Industry	Aug 09	Aug 08	%
Healthcare, social work	270	249	8%
Agriculture, fishing, forestry	139	133	5%
Legal	159	206	-23%
Public sector, defence, community	153	208	-26%
Education, training and library	150	210	-29%



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

Industry	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08
Accounting, audit, taxes	94	95	96	100	108	115	117	130	140	140	144	154	155
Administrative, organisation	74	75	75	82	89	107	132	126	169	188	192	218	230
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	139	149	141	143	145	137	127	119	121	123	129	132	133
Banking, finance, insurance	46	48	48	48	49	58	74	58	72	77	98	94	100
Construction and extraction	70	72	72	75	77	80	85	100	120	119	119	111	105
Education, training and library	150	161	152	161	172	171	172	173	193	196	215	223	210
Engineering	89	92	94	99	102	102	108	107	123	129	129	132	136
Healthcare, social work	270	281	249	242	260	263	256	239	252	244	238	260	249
Hospitality and tourism	164	174	166	171	176	169	156	166	180	203	235	251	265
HR	45	46	46	49	51	60	78	93	110	137	157	182	179
IT	82	84	86	88	99	110	111	113	129	135	136	138	139
Legal	159	159	149	148	165	183	184	169	183	196	210	202	206
Management and consulting	83	87	88	90	101	112	119	130	151	162	165	167	169
Marketing, PR and media	46	45	45	46	47	53	65	75	94	102	105	117	121
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	141	144	146	152	176	189	197	194	216	221	231	228	231
Public sector, defence, community	153	164	165	159	176	184	178	169	204	213	224	219	208
Research and development	70	76	70	69	76	83	72	63	80	102	107	121	116
Sales	91	94	92	96	103	115	124	124	145	154	163	172	178
Transport, post and logistics	131	134	126	130	141	159	171	177	221	251	276	290	303

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

Occupation	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08
Managers	80	83	83	86	95	108	115	119	149	163	169	173	172
Professionals	97	101	101	104	111	117	123	123	140	147	152	157	159
Technicians and associate professionals	73	74	73	75	79	86	92	98	116	124	129	139	142
Clerical support workers	117	118	115	125	137	156	171	168	201	221	234	256	265
Service and sales workers	114	125	121	117	121	107	111	108	121	142	168	185	198
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	211	224	214	117	224	204	178	168	172	178	184	192	194
Craft and related workers	169	173	175	186	214	228	227	223	249	250	260	245	247
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	65	66	68	73	70	73	92	102	112	128	128	139	139
Elementary occupations	190	195	185	184	178	198	212	212	274	295	325	329	331

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

Region	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08
Drenthe	111	120	118	125	135	141	139	139	166	177	185	190	189
Flevoland	101	109	115	114	124	133	140	139	156	160	176	183	196
Friesland	99	108	112	116	125	133	127	123	149	156	169	179	179
Gelderland	98	105	105	108	115	125	127	127	153	166	174	177	185
Groningen	113	121	123	128	138	150	143	143	176	184	195	197	201
Limburg	90	93	90	94	100	107	116	118	137	150	170	176	186
Noord-Brabant	92	91	88	92	101	113	125	124	155	167	175	181	187
Noord-Holland	64	66	66	69	75	82	91	98	123	134	141	152	151
Overijssel	101	105	108	111	128	132	134	138	170	179	185	190	190
Utrecht	93	97	97	101	110	121	132	134	154	162	167	170	170
Zeeland	141	136	131	140	140	156	147	136	157	160	142	147	147
Zuid-Holland	83	86	86	90	99	104	113	115	140	148	154	160	162

Monster Employment Index Netherlands for September will be released on October 13, 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://about-monster.com/employment/index/17>.

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