



Monster Employment Index Netherlands Shows Continued Growth as Online Recruiting Expands In-line with First Quarter Expectations

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Amsterdam, April 8, 2008 – Online recruitment activity grew across the Netherlands in March, growing nine points to a level of 210, according to the Monster Employment Index Netherlands. The Index showed a second month of increased online opportunities following a strong seasonal decline in January. There were significantly more jobs available for workers in the education, training and library sector, as well as the administrative and organisation sector. Meanwhile, there was a decline for workers in the research and development; and IT sectors. Overall the Index was up 25 points or 14 percent since March 2007. The Monster Employment Index Netherlands is based on a real-time review of millions of employer job opportunities culled from Web sites across Europe, including Monster®.

“We are seeing widespread growth in opportunities for office-based workers such as those in admin, legal and HR,” commented Diana Krieger, General Manager Benelux, Monster Worldwide Europe. “While some indicators are suggesting a cautious approach by employers, the Index demonstrates that more jobs are being advertised, possibly due to the low unemployment rate causing a tight labour market.”

Monster Employment Index Netherlands results over the past 13 months are as follows:

Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07	Jun 07	May 07	Apr 07	Mar 07
210	201	188	205	202	204	197	193	197	191	198	191	185

Sharp Growth in Job Availability for Education, Training and Library Workers

The education, training and library sector saw a 21-point rise in online opportunities in March. While opportunities for professionals within this industry surged, there was a dip

in demand for technicians and associate professionals. Regionally, job availability rose in most regions, with only Limburg showing a slight decline. Year-on-year growth in demand for the sector stands at 54 points, or 27 percent.

Strong increases in online opportunities were also reported in the administrative and organization; and legal sectors, with rises of 20 and 19 points respectively. There were more opportunities for clerks and legislators and officials within the administration and organisation sector, while opportunities in the legal sector were dominated by professionals for the second month in a row.

The sector showing the greatest fall in March was research and development, which saw a significant drop in demand for professionals, as Noord Brabant registered a steep decline in opportunities for the sector. Overall the sector declined seven points, or four percent year-on-year.

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

Industry	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07	Jun 07	May 07	Apr 07	Mar 07
Accounting, audit, taxes	180	173	172	178	171	168	173	179	181	174	172	149	161
Administrative, organization	293	273	246	272	254	251	250	264	259	278	256	246	235
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	135	136	119	125	129	129	129	116	118	122	129	130	122
Banking, finance, insurance	125	127	108	137	123	118	116	133	132	128	173	203	214
Construction and extraction	126	126	135	137	136	194	140	166	167	149	162	148	165
Education, training and library	257	236	207	215	217	219	206	195	233	228	228	206	203
Engineering	169	158	156	166	166	157	154	157	157	159	166	169	170
Hospitality and tourism	261	250	208	247	243	250	243	228	231	282	247	224	218
HR	240	223	204	208	205	193	217	210	217	206	202	204	208
IT	145	151	146	157	152	148	150	142	147	144	149	150	151
Legal	191	172	158	161	159	152	164	161	159	149	148	147	143
Management and consulting	204	193	182	189	189	190	192	187	182	175	172	169	170
Marketing, PR and media	178	164	143	150	147	148	144	143	150	144	160	166	157
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, Repair	247	243	223	248	249	274	223	203	219	206	227	208	188
Public Sector, defence, community	231	216	185	197	206	218	200	172	201	191	203	233	204
Research and development	173	187	177	179	159	157	166	188	198	200	201	209	180
Sales	223	211	192	213	211	211	212	188	186	182	187	183	170
Telecommunication	107	93	96	116	109	111	103	109	112	115	140	165	160
Transport, post and logistics	321	303	279	318	320	314	312	344	342	331	332	287	239

Clerks and Plant and Machine Operators See Sharpest Growth in March

There was a 27-point rise in demand for clerks, mostly driven by greatly improved opportunities in the administrative and organization sector. Meanwhile, there was slower growth in demand for clerks in the sales; and transport, post and logistics sectors. Regionally, Zeeland showed the highest rate of increase, while Overijssel showed a slight decrease. Year-on-year growth for clerks was up 83 points, or 34 percent according to the Index.

Plant and machine operators also saw a sharp rise in worker-demand, with a 17-point rise driven by heavy industries such as construction and extraction; and production, manufacturing, maintenance and repair.

Just three occupational categories fell in March, with elementary workers seeing the greatest fall-off. A fall of 19 points came following two months of growth, as the production, manufacturing, maintenance and repair sectors showed fewer opportunities. Regionally, Drenthe and Utrecht registered the deepest decline, while Limburg grew.

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

Occupation Group	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07	Jun 07	May 07	Apr 07	Mar 07
Legislators, senior officials and managers	213	203	188	197	195	190	200	198	191	170	173	168	172
Professionals	192	184	177	189	185	186	178	180	182	176	182	180	177
Technicians and associate professionals	173	164	156	170	168	163	166	165	171	170	177	170	177
Clerks	330	303	283	304	284	294	284	263	262	282	260	247	247
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	244	233	206	238	242	253	239	209	221	279	226	195	185
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	199	202	169	183	193	193	193	177	183	195	129	131	123
Craft and related workers	266	269	243	273	271	312	237	227	241	223	255	235	196
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	174	157	152	171	173	163	162	191	191	184	187	176	178
Elementary occupations	270	289	268	246	280	308	296	310	321	297	301	295	236

Opportunities Grow Across the Netherlands, with Groningen Showing the Sharpest Increase in Hiring

There was growth across all regions of the Netherlands in March, with Groningen showing the greatest rise, closely followed by Flevoland and Overijssel.

Groningen saw demand rise for a second consecutive month as job availability grew mainly in the education, training and library; legal; and marketing, PR and media sectors. Meanwhile, the IT sector saw a downturn across the region for the third month in a row. Most occupational groups saw a positive growth trend, with skilled agricultural and fishery workers and clerks reporting the best gains. Year-on-year growth for the region was 32 points, or 17 percent.

Flevoland and Overijssel also saw a second consecutive month of growth, with both seeing more opportunities for workers in the engineering sector. Flevoland also saw hiring grow in the education, training and library sector for a third consecutive month, while Overijssel saw jobs for accounting, audit and taxes rebound following a decline in the previous two months.

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

Region	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07	Jun 07	May 07	Apr 07	Mar 07
Drenthe	217	208	190	210	212	207	201	197	208	208	212	212	148
Flevoland	223	209	193	207	201	200	196	205	208	204	209	210	191
Friesland	213	201	179	205	213	205	193	190	200	202	215	199	186
Gelderland	232	223	206	225	230	237	214	212	224	218	225	216	204
Groningen	220	205	188	217	220	204	202	199	205	195	200	192	188
Limburg	239	230	205	225	232	255	237	238	236	237	248	234	206
Noord-Brabant	227	215	208	226	223	231	214	214	219	220	224	201	201
Noord-Holland	193	187	169	182	180	179	182	177	176	171	177	171	172
Overijssel	226	212	199	223	224	225	203	200	218	215	225	218	208
Utrecht	195	187	174	190	187	190	181	183	182	177	180	179	179
Zeeland	161	152	150	158	153	156	152	149	152	157	157	153	140
Zuid-Holland	197	188	185	197	186	184	178	178	180	174	177	176	170

Monster Employment Index Netherlands for April will be released on May 13, 2008.

About The Monster Employment Index Netherlands

Providing a broad, comprehensive monthly analysis of online job demand, the Monster Employment Index Netherlands is an extension of the Monster Employment Index Europe, which is compiled each month by researchers at Monster Worldwide Europe.

Launched in June 2005, the Monster Employment Index Europe provides monthly insight into recruitment trends across the European Union. The Index report is based on a real-time review of millions of employer job opportunities culled from Web sites across Europe, including Monster®. The Index is audited by Research America, Inc. and provides

analyses of online job demand within occupational categories, industry sectors and regions.

Monthly Index reports for Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Europe are available at:
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