

Online Recruitment Activity in Netherlands Slows Further, Reports Monster Employment Index

May 2009 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index Netherlands dipped for a thirteenth consecutive month in May as online advertised vacancies fell by eight percent.
- All industry sectors experienced weaker online job demand, with opportunities declining most in the manufacturing sector. Only agriculture maintained positive annual growth
- Zeeland was the sole Dutch region to exhibit stable demand on the month

Summary Overview

The Monster Employment Index Netherlands dropped eight points, or eight percent, in May as Dutch online job availability fell to its lowest level since February 2005. Hiring slowed most rapidly in marketing, PR and media, as demand for creative professionals was impacted negatively by reduced corporate spending. On an annual basis, the Index fell 53 percent, a record pace for the region and higher than Europe overall.

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.

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
96	104	113	121	123	147	156	164	170	173	194	203	206

“The Netherlands continues to be severely affected by the ongoing economic crisis, with GDP and private consumption contracting at a sharp rate during the first quarter of the year. These conditions have reduced businesses’ confidence and affected hiring across the region,” commented Diana Krieger, general manager Benelux, Monster Worldwide Europe. “Only the agricultural sector is now exhibiting higher online job availability than a year ago.”

Production, manufacturing, maintenance and repair opportunities fall in May, while all other sectors decline

Online worker demand in the production, manufacturing, maintenance and repair sector dipped 24 points, or 14 percent, the sharpest monthly decline of all industry sectors. The decline reflects an overall fall in industrial activity in the Netherlands that continues to weigh on hiring. Annually, however, the sector has fared slightly better than the Netherlands as a whole, with opportunities down 38 percent from a year ago.

Healthcare and social work declined 18 points, or seven percent in May. The fall was somewhat greater than usually seen during this time of year, leaving the category 19 percent below its year-ago reading.

Online job availability declined least for workers in the agriculture, fishery and forestry sector, which dipped just two points. Nevertheless, the fall indicates a slowdown in typical seasonal hiring activity. Still, the sector remained one percent up year-on-year, making it the only sector to show annual growth.

Year-on-year, demand has eased the most for office and support workers. Whilst monthly declines were small, the HR and administrative & organisation sectors fell 77 percent (74 percent) since last year.

Online recruitment activity for craft and related workers slows in May; elementary occupations rise

Craft and related workers fell sharpest among occupational groups in May, declining 28 points, or 13 percent. Compared to year-earlier figures demand for these workers slumped 57 percent. Employer demand for these workers is now at its lowest level since March 2007.

Meanwhile, online recruitment activity for elementary occupations jumped seven points, or three percent, halting the ongoing declining trend since July 2008. Plant and machine operators also saw an uptick of three points, or four percent. Year-on-year however, demand was down 99 points, or 58 percent.

Online worker demand in Zeeland remains steady while all other regions weaken

Online job demand fell in all regions across the Netherlands except Zeeland where recruitment activity was stable, as demand held steady in IT; and production, manufacturing, maintenance and repair. The region also saw the lowest annual rate of decline among Dutch regions, with opportunities falling 10 percent.

In contrast, Noord-Holland reported the sharpest annual decline, with offerings falling 59 percent, as a result of fewer opportunities in banking and finance; accounting; sales and IT.

Best performing sectors

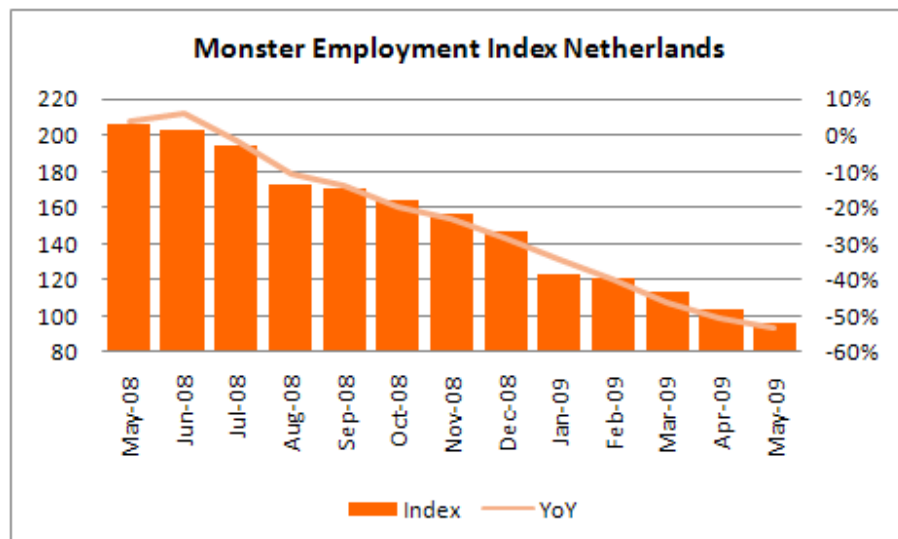
Industry sectors showing the greatest rate of increase in online job availability included:

Month-on-month

Industry	May 09	Apr 09	%
Agriculture, fishing, forestry	143	145	-1%
Banking, finance, insurance	48	49	-2%
Marketing, PR and media	46	47	-2%
Telecommunication	38	39	-3%
Construction and extraction	75	77	-3%

Year-on-year

Industry	May 09	May 08	%
Agriculture, fishing, forestry	143	141	1%
Healthcare, social work	242	300	-19%
Legal	148	198	-25%
Public sector, defence, community	159	228	-30%
Construction and extraction	75	117	-36%



Monster Employment Index Netherlands 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	100	108	115	117	130	140	140	144	154	155	164	169	169
Administrative, organisation	82	89	107	132	126	169	188	192	218	230	280	299	314
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	143	145	137	127	119	121	123	129	132	133	137	141	141
Banking, finance, insurance	48	49	58	74	58	72	77	98	94	100	129	125	120
Construction and extraction	75	77	80	85	100	120	119	119	111	105	112	119	117
Education, training and library	161	172	171	172	173	193	196	215	223	210	242	248	257
Engineering	99	102	102	108	107	123	129	129	132	136	146	152	162
Healthcare, social work	242	260	263	256	239	252	244	238	260	249	271	293	300
Hospitality and tourism	171	176	169	156	166	180	203	235	251	265	265	283	302
HR	49	51	60	78	93	110	137	157	182	179	192	214	215
IT	88	99	110	111	113	129	135	136	138	139	144	152	151
Legal	148	165	183	184	169	183	196	210	202	206	207	216	198
Management and consulting	90	101	112	119	130	151	162	165	167	169	190	197	191
Marketing, PR and media	46	47	53	65	75	94	102	105	117	121	130	155	152
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	152	176	189	197	194	216	221	231	228	231	245	243	244
Public sector, defence, community	159	176	184	178	169	204	213	224	219	208	230	248	228
Research and development	69	76	83	72	63	80	102	107	121	116	136	186	173
Sales	96	103	115	124	124	145	154	163	172	178	203	209	212
Telecommunications	38	39	32	39	50	74	90	96	88	93	105	101	96
Transport, post and logistics	130	141	159	171	177	221	251	276	290	303	335	342	340

Monster Employment Index Netherlands 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	86	95	108	115	119	149	163	169	173	172	199	219	200
Professionals	104	111	117	123	123	140	147	152	157	159	173	184	186
Technicians and associate professionals	75	79	86	92	98	116	124	129	139	142	156	160	163
Clerical support workers	125	137	156	171	168	201	221	234	256	265	324	338	349
Service and sales workers	117	121	107	111	108	121	142	168	185	198	228	250	260
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	117	224	204	178	168	172	178	184	192	194	203	214	213
Craft and related workers	186	214	228	227	223	249	250	260	245	247	263	253	258
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	73	70	73	92	102	112	128	128	139	139	160	174	172
Elementary occupations	184	178	198	212	212	274	295	325	329	331	336	312	314

Monster Employment Index Netherlands findings across Dutch 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
Drenthe	125	135	141	139	139	166	177	185	190	189	213	232	227
Flevoland	114	124	133	140	139	156	160	176	183	196	230	233	232
Friesland	116	125	133	127	123	149	156	169	179	179	198	215	218
Gelderland	108	115	125	127	127	153	166	174	177	185	210	227	240
Groningen	128	138	150	143	143	176	184	195	197	201	210	221	226
Limburg	94	100	107	116	118	137	150	170	176	186	191	208	216
Noord-Brabant	92	101	113	125	124	155	167	175	181	187	205	221	225
Noord-Holland	69	75	82	91	98	123	134	141	152	151	175	190	185
Overijssel	111	128	132	134	138	170	179	185	190	190	217	238	247
Utrecht	101	110	121	132	134	154	162	167	170	170	192	177	187
Zeeland	140	140	156	147	136	157	160	142	147	147	157	148	155
Zuid-Holland	90	99	104	113	115	140	148	154	160	162	178	190	187

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

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

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