



Monster Employment Index Netherlands Dips for Fifth Consecutive Month

September 2008 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index Netherlands declined three points in September to a 19 month low of 170. Year-on-year the Index was down 27 points, or 14 percent
- Online demand for workers in the banking, finance and insurance sector fell sharply for the second consecutive month, hitting its lowest level since January 2006
- In contrast, opportunities rose significantly in September in education, healthcare, and the public sector, whilst legal remained the top growth industry annually
- Job availability for service and sales workers fell the most among occupational groups in September but demand recovered somewhat for managers
- Flevoland and Limburg reported the largest declines regionally. Slight increases in online offerings were seen in Noord-Holland and Drenthe

Summary Overview

The Monster Employment Index Netherlands dipped three points in September to a level of 170, marking a fifth consecutive month of decline, as the banking, finance and insurance sector continued to be severely effected during the evolving credit crisis. Year-on-year the Index was down 27 points or 14 percent. 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 Netherlands, including Monsterboard.nl.

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
170	173	194	203	206	210	210	201	188	205	202	204	197

“Online recruitment activity fell further in September as Dutch companies continued to review their staffing requirements amid intensifying global financial turmoil,” commented Diana Krieger, General Manager Benelux, Monster Worldwide Europe. “Although the Index shows demand for workers falling sharply over the third quarter, the Dutch labour market so far remains tight with the number of unemployed at a six-year low.”

Hospitality and tourism sector continues downtrend as education, training and library bounce back

Hospitality and tourism continued its downtrend, falling 14 points in September and 17 percent since its peak in May. Online demand fell for both technicians and associate professionals; and service, shop and market sales workers. Although the sector experienced a decline in September, year-on-year growth remained positive at eight points, or three percent.

Meanwhile, online job availability in the transport, post and logistics sector fell for the third consecutive month in September, falling 13 points with reduced offerings in the sector for all occupational groups. Year-on-year the sector was down 22 points, or seven percent.

Demand also continued to fall in the banking, finance and insurance sector which dropped six points in September. Fewer online offerings were seen for both professionals; and technicians and associate professionals. Year-on-year the sector was down 22 points, or 19 percent. Losses were centred in Groningen, Drenthe and Noord-Holland.

Education, training and library saw a significant rise in online offerings in September jumping 13 points ending a three month downtrend. Among occupational groups, technicians and associate professionals saw the largest increase with Overijssel experiencing the largest gain. Year-on-year growth was 17 points, or eight percent.

Online offerings fall for service, shop and market sales workers for the fifth consecutive month

Service workers and shop and market sales workers fell 13 points in September continuing a five month downtrend. The decline reflects reduced opportunities in both the sales; and hospitality and tourism sectors. Online job availability in Noord-Brabant also declined for the fifth consecutive month. Year-on-year the category was down 54 points, or 23 percent.

Online job availability for clerks continued to decline in September, falling nine points. Offerings fell most significantly for the legal sector. Whilst demand slowed in all regions for clerks, Groningen registered the steepest decline.

Legislators, senior officials and managers were the only occupational group to register a slight increase in demand, edging up by one point.

Flevoland and Limburg continue downtrend in September

Flevoland plummeted 13 points in September, falling for the third consecutive month in the Index. Management and consulting; and IT fell for the fifth consecutive month whilst other major declines were seen in the engineering; administrative, organisation; hospitality and tourism; and transport, post and logistics sectors. Among occupational groups, clerks; and service, shop and sales workers experienced the largest fall in online offerings across the region.

Online opportunities in Limburg also fell sharply, marking a sixth consecutive month of decline. However, Education, training and library recovered slightly in the region in September following three months of decline. Elementary occupations registered the sharpest decline among worker categories. Year-on-year the region was down 61 points, or 26 percent, the steepest decline among regions.

In contrast, following two months of decline, online job demand rose by one point in Noord-Holland. Increased demand was seen especially in the construction and extraction sector. Demand continued to fall in the hospitality and tourism; and banking, finance and insurance sectors. Year-on-year, demand in the region was down 30 points, or 16 per cent.

Top Industries Looking for Employees

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

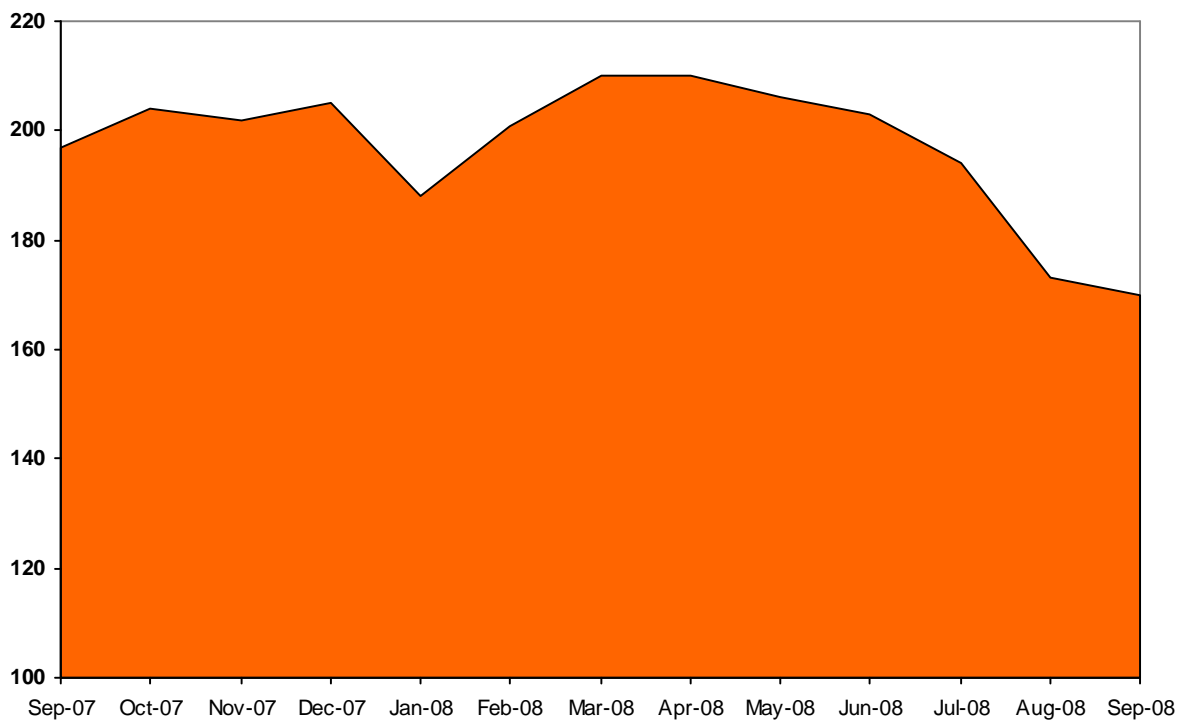
Industry	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08
Education, training and library	223	210	242
Public sector, defence, community	219	208	230
Healthcare, social work	260	249	271
Construction and extraction	111	105	112
Research and development	121	116	136

Most Wanted Occupational Categories

Occupational category registering a significant increase in online job demand included:

Occupation	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08
Legislators, senior officials and managers	173	172	199

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Monster Employment Index Netherlands 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	154	155	164	169	169	179	180	173	172	178	171	168	173
Administrative, organisation	218	230	280	299	314	292	293	273	246	272	254	251	250
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	132	133	137	141	141	144	135	136	119	125	129	129	129
Banking, finance, insurance	94	100	129	125	120	120	125	127	108	137	123	118	116
Construction and extraction	111	105	112	119	117	125	126	126	135	137	136	194	140
Education, training and library	223	210	242	248	257	250	257	236	207	215	217	219	206
Engineering	132	136	146	152	162	165	169	158	156	166	166	157	154
Healthcare, social work	260	249	271	293	300	278	274	264	237	276	264	274	264
Hospitality and tourism	251	265	265	283	302	292	261	250	208	247	243	250	243
HR	182	179	192	214	215	231	240	223	204	208	205	193	217
IT	138	139	144	152	151	149	145	151	146	157	152	148	150
Legal	202	206	207	216	198	191	191	172	158	161	159	152	164
Management and consulting	167	169	190	197	191	197	204	193	182	189	189	190	192
Marketing, PR and media	117	121	130	155	152	163	178	164	143	150	147	148	144
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	228	231	245	243	244	251	247	243	223	248	249	274	223
Public sector, defence, community	219	208	230	248	228	227	231	216	185	197	206	218	200
Research and development	121	116	136	186	173	167	173	187	177	179	159	157	166
Sales	172	178	203	209	212	220	223	211	192	213	211	211	212
Telecommunications	88	93	105	101	96	100	107	93	96	116	109	111	103
Transport, post and logistics	290	303	335	342	340	330	321	303	279	318	320	314	312

Monster Employment Index Netherlands 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	173	172	199	219	200	204	213	203	188	197	195	190	200
Professionals	157	159	173	184	186	190	192	184	177	189	185	186	178
Technicians and associate professionals	139	142	156	160	163	168	173	164	156	170	168	163	166
Clerks	256	265	324	338	349	337	330	303	283	304	284	294	284
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	185	198	228	250	260	265	244	233	206	238	242	253	239
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	192	194	203	214	213	220	199	202	169	183	193	193	193
Craft and related workers	245	247	263	253	258	275	266	269	243	273	271	312	237
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	139	139	160	174	172	168	174	157	152	171	173	163	162
Elementary occupations	329	331	336	312	314	289	270	289	268	246	280	308	296

Monster Employment Index Netherlands findings across Dutch 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
Drenthe	190	189	213	232	227	214	217	208	190	210	212	207	201
Flevoland	183	196	230	233	232	224	223	209	193	207	201	200	196
Friesland	179	179	198	215	218	218	213	201	179	205	213	205	193
Gelderland	177	185	210	227	240	245	232	223	206	225	230	237	214
Groningen	197	201	210	221	226	219	220	205	188	217	220	204	202
Limburg	176	186	191	208	216	235	239	230	205	225	232	255	237
Noord-Brabant	181	187	205	221	225	229	227	215	208	226	223	231	214
Noord-Holland	152	151	175	190	185	188	193	187	169	182	180	179	182
Overijssel	190	190	217	238	247	235	226	212	199	223	224	225	203
Utrecht	170	170	192	177	187	193	195	187	174	190	187	190	181
Zeeland	147	147	157	148	155	157	161	152	150	158	153	156	152
Zuid-Holland	160	162	178	190	187	193	197	188	185	197	186	184	178

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

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

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