



Monster Employment Index Netherlands Dips for Second Month as Online Employment Opportunities Decline in June

June 2008 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index Netherlands dipped a further three points in June, indicating a slowing in online recruitment activity during the second quarter. Year-on-year the Index was up 12 points, or six percent
- Hospitality and tourism; and administrative and organisation recorded the largest declines while engineering and HR both fell for a third consecutive month
- In contrast, both the public, defence and community; and legal sectors saw higher worker demand over May, while transport, post and logistics notched upwards for the fifth consecutive month
- Clerks; and service, shop and market sales workers showed the steepest declines, offsetting a rise for legislators, senior officials and managers
- Gelderland and Utrecht saw the sharpest regional declines while Noord-Holland increased the most overall

Summary Overview

The Monster Employment Index Netherlands dropped three points in June, to 203, following a four-point drop in May. Year-on-year the Index was up 12 points, a slight improvement from last month's reading. The Monster Employment Index Netherlands 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.

Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07	Jun 07
203	206	210	210	201	188	205	202	204	197	193	197	191

“Despite a slight decline in online recruitment across the Netherlands during the past few months, the overall level of jobs available on the Internet remains high,” commented Diana Krieger, General Manager Benelux, Monster Worldwide Europe. “While demand in the hospitality and tourism industry has fallen off following four months of aggressive hiring, suggesting positions are adequately filled, the public sector is evidently having a recruiting push moving into the second half of the year.”

Hospitality and tourism slumps, while public sector sees surging online worker demand

Demand for hospitality and tourism workers fell 19 points following four months of rapid growth during the pre-summer period. Year-on-year the sector was up just one point, marking the slowest annual growth rate since the inception of the Index. Job availability dipped sharply in Utrecht registered the steepest decline, while Drenthe saw an increase.

Administrative and organisation workers also saw a sharp decline of 15 points, following a similar jump in May. Year-on-year, the sector was up 21 points, or eight percent. Regionally, Utrecht registered the largest dip, while the strongest growth was seen in Drenthe for the second consecutive month.

The public, defence and community sector jumped up by 20 points, as demand for clerks; and legislators, senior officials and managers drove demand up. Most regions registered an upward trend, except for Utrecht. Year-on-year growth, the category was up 57 points, or 30 percent.

Clerks; and service, shop and market sales workers show steepest declines

An 11-point fall in online demand for clerks came following four months of continued growth. The decline primarily reflected lower demand in the administrative and organisation sector, which offset growth in the public, defence and community; and legal sectors. Despite the drop, year-on-year growth was 56 points, or 20 percent.

Service, shop and market sales workers also saw a 10-point fall, as demand dropped for the second consecutive month. Hospitality and tourism saw the greatest fall while in contrast, transport, post and logistics, public, defence and community; and sales sectors all saw rises. Year-on-year demand for service workers was down 29 points, or 10 percent, the steepest decline among occupational groups.

One sector showing sharply higher demand was legislators, senior officials and managers, which saw a surge of 19 points, following two months of decline. Demand rose in the marketing, PR and media; and transport, post and logistics. Demand increased in all the regions, except Drenthe, which reported a slight decline. Year-on-year, the category grew 49 points, or 29 percent, the strongest among occupational groups.

Gelderland and Utrecht show sharpest declines while Noord-Holland sees growth

Gelderland saw a 13-point drop in online job opportunities with major declines reported in the engineering; and transport, post and logistics sectors. Sectors registering growth include public, defence and community; telecommunications; and agriculture, fishing and forestry sectors. Year-on-year, demand in the region grew nine points, or four percent. There was also a double-digit negative trend in Utrecht, which saw online recruitment activity fall 10 points as a result of fewer opportunities in construction and extraction; and hospitality and tourism.

Meanwhile, Noord-Holland saw online jobs grow by five points, following two months of decline. There were more opportunities in telecommunications, while demand in the banking, finance and insurance; IT; and research and development sectors continued to grow.

Top Industries Looking for Employees

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

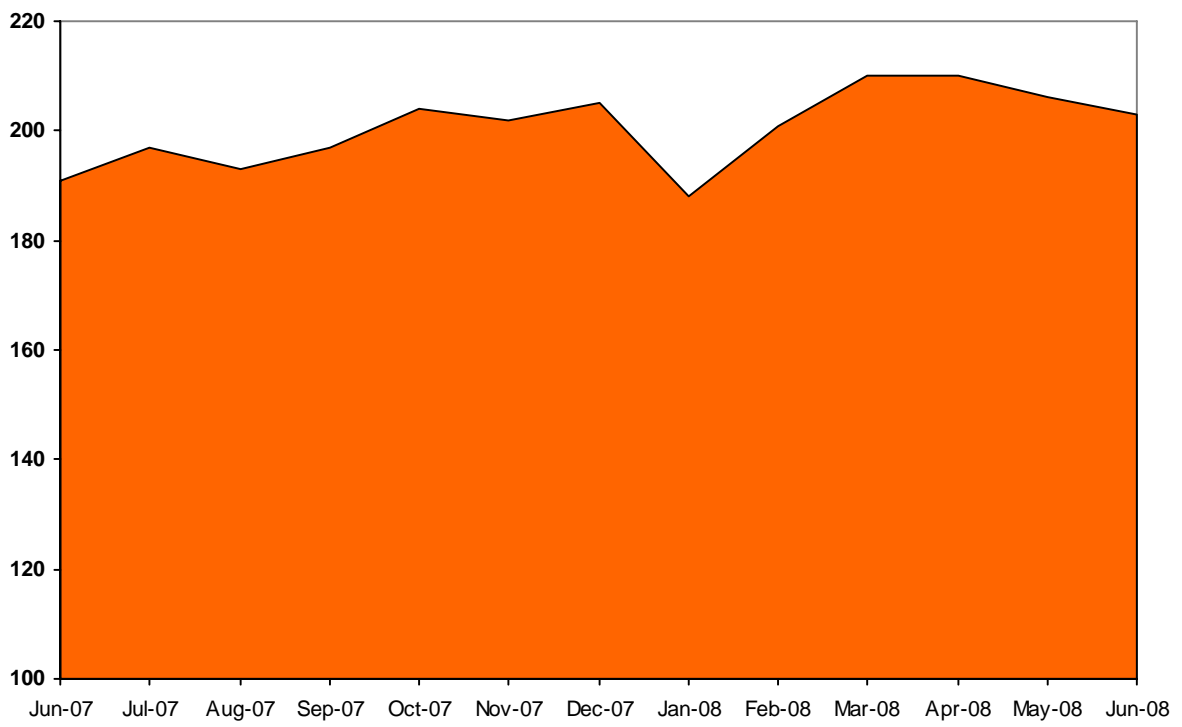
Industry	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08
Public sector, defence, community	248	228	227
Legal	216	198	191
Research and development	186	173	167
Banking, finance, insurance	125	120	120
Sales	209	212	220

Most Wanted Occupational Categories

Occupational categories registering significant increases in online job demand included:

Occupation	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08
Legislators, senior officials and managers	219	200	204
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	174	172	168
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	214	213	220

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

Industry	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07	Jun 07
Accounting, audit, taxes	169	169	179	180	173	172	178	171	168	173	179	181	174
Administrative, organisation	299	314	292	293	273	246	272	254	251	250	264	259	278
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	141	141	144	135	136	119	125	129	129	129	116	118	122
Banking, finance, insurance	125	120	120	125	127	108	137	123	118	116	133	132	128
Construction and extraction	119	117	125	126	126	135	137	136	194	140	166	167	149
Education, training and library	248	257	250	257	236	207	215	217	219	206	195	233	228
Engineering	152	162	165	169	158	156	166	166	157	154	157	157	159
Healthcare, social work	293	300	278	274	264	237	276	264	274	264	251	275	262
Hospitality and tourism	283	302	292	261	250	208	247	243	250	243	228	231	282
HR	214	215	231	240	223	204	208	205	193	217	210	217	206
IT	152	151	149	145	151	146	157	152	148	150	142	147	144
Legal	216	198	191	191	172	158	161	159	152	164	161	159	149
Management and consulting	197	191	197	204	193	182	189	189	190	192	187	182	175
Marketing, PR and media	155	152	163	178	164	143	150	147	148	144	143	150	144
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	243	244	251	247	243	223	248	249	274	223	203	219	206
Public sector, defence, community	248	228	227	231	216	185	197	206	218	200	172	201	191
Research and development	186	173	167	173	187	177	179	159	157	166	188	198	200
Sales	209	212	220	223	211	192	213	211	211	212	188	186	182
Telecommunication	101	96	100	107	93	96	116	109	111	103	109	112	115
Transport, post and logistics	342	340	330	321	303	279	318	320	314	312	344	342	331

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

Occupation	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07	Jun 07
Legislators, senior officials and managers	219	200	204	213	203	188	197	195	190	200	198	191	170
Professionals	184	186	190	192	184	177	189	185	186	178	180	182	176
Technicians and associate professionals	160	163	168	173	164	156	170	168	163	166	165	171	170
Clerks	338	349	337	330	303	283	304	284	294	284	263	262	282
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	250	260	265	244	233	206	238	242	253	239	209	221	279
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	214	213	220	199	202	169	183	193	193	193	177	183	195
Craft and related workers	253	258	275	266	269	243	273	271	312	237	227	241	223
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	174	172	168	174	157	152	171	173	163	162	191	191	184
Elementary occupations	312	314	289	270	289	268	246	280	308	296	310	321	297

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

Region	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07	Jun 07
Drenthe	232	227	214	217	208	190	210	212	207	201	197	208	208
Flevoland	233	232	224	223	209	193	207	201	200	196	205	208	204
Friesland	215	218	218	213	201	179	205	213	205	193	190	200	202
Gelderland	227	240	245	232	223	206	225	230	237	214	212	224	218
Groningen	221	226	219	220	205	188	217	220	204	202	199	205	195
Limburg	208	216	235	239	230	205	225	232	255	237	238	236	237
Noord-Brabant	221	225	229	227	215	208	226	223	231	214	214	219	220
Noord-Holland	190	185	188	193	187	169	182	180	179	182	177	176	171
Overijssel	238	247	235	226	212	199	223	224	225	203	200	218	215
Utrecht	177	187	193	195	187	174	190	187	190	181	183	182	177
Zeeland	148	155	157	161	152	150	158	153	156	152	149	152	157
Zuid-Holland	190	187	193	197	188	185	197	186	184	178	178	180	174

Monster Employment Index Netherlands for July will be released on August 12, 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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