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Online Recruitment Activity in Sweden Bounces Back from Four-Year Low, Reports Monster Employment Index

September 2009 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index Sweden jumped four points (four percent) in September, the first monthly increase since February 2009
- The media/marketing, sales and production sectors noted the sharpest gains in online job availability
- Online job demand increased across all Swedish regions

Summary Overview

September marked the first increase in Swedish online job offerings since February, with opportunities climbing four percent. Areas such as media and sales reported a surge in offerings which helped fuel the overall uptick. However, the annual rate of decline deteriorated in September; as opportunities were down 39 percent compared to September 2008, suggesting underlying employer demand for workers remains muted.

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 Monster.se

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

Sep 09	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08
102	98	107	115	115	117	127	130	121	145	156	162	167

“Whilst the September uptick is largely due to seasonal recruitment trends, as organisations assess their staffing needs after summer, the increase was larger than typically seen at this time of year, especially in areas such as sales and marketing,” said Carl Silverstolpe, managing director Monster Scandinavia. “Also, construction and manufacturing reported a jump in opportunities, suggesting the Swedish production industry may be beginning to recover.”

Online worker demand increases across majority of industries; media opportunities bounce back

Nearly all industry sectors reported increased job offerings in September as businesses upped their recruitment needs following the slow summer period. Opportunities jumped the most for marketing, PR and media; offerings were up eight points (15 percent), picking up from the sector's historical low seen in August. Sales opportunities surged 19 points (13 percent) in September, following slower demand over summer.

Management and consulting halted its ongoing declining trend, reporting increased opportunities for the first time in 10 months. The sector was up 17 points (11 percent), year-on-year however, offerings were down 38 percent.

There were several increases across a variety of good-producing sectors in September, suggesting the Swedish manufacturing market may be beginning to pick up. Construction and extraction opportunities jumped 14 points (10 percent) whilst production, manufacturing, maintenance and repair climbed nine points (nine percent). Furthermore, engineering reported an uptick of eight points (six percent).

Despite solid monthly gains, all sectors reported fewer opportunities compared to September 2008, with the exception of education, training and library, where opportunities remained flat.

Elementary and craft related trade workers report surge in online job offerings

Online recruitment activity jumped 21 points (17 percent) for elementary occupations and 20 points (13 percent) for craft and related trade workers, the largest increases seen among occupational groups in September. Elementary occupations represented the most moderate annual decline among occupational groups, falling three percent.

Technicians and associate professionals reported its first monthly uptick for six months, climbing five points (seven percent). However, the group declined 46 percent compared to year-earlier figures, the sharpest rate of annual decline of all occupational groups.

Online job demand fell only for professionals, with opportunities down two points (two percent). The decline reflected fewer offerings in the healthcare and research and development sectors.

Online offerings increase across all Swedish regions

In the run up to autumn, businesses across Sweden stepped up online recruitment activity, leading to increased offerings in all Swedish regions. Online job offerings jumped five points (five percent) in the Ostra Mellansverige. However, the region reported the sharpest annual decline, slumping 44 percent, largely due to a slowdown in online recruitment in the usually buoyant Stockholm market.

Online offerings in Norra Sverige climbed three points (three percent) and the region represents the mildest annual decline of all Swedish regions, falling 34 percent compared to September 2008.

Best Performing Sectors

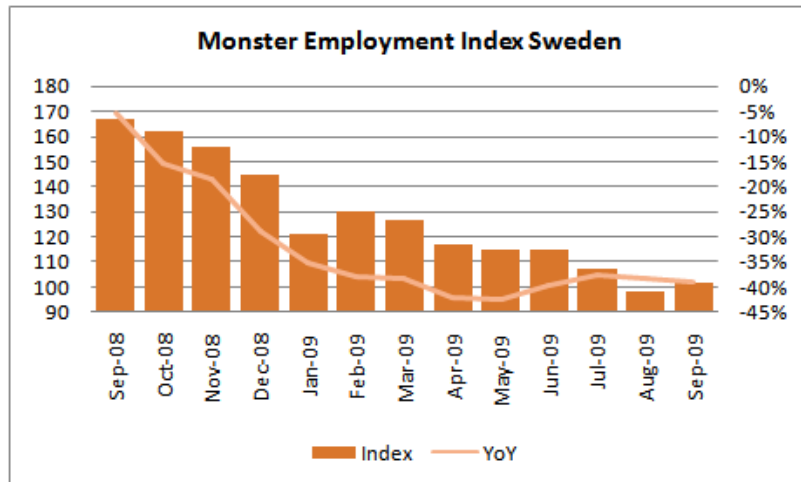
Industry sectors showing the best performance included:

Month-on-month

Industry	Sep 09	Aug 09	%
Marketing, PR and media	63	55	15%
Sales	168	149	13%
Management and consulting	165	148	11%
Construction and extraction	160	146	10%
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	105	96	9%

Year-on-year

Industry	Sep 09	Sep 08	%
Education, training and library	94	94	0%
Public sector, defence, community	93	96	-3%
Construction and extraction	160	184	-13%
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	127	149	-15%
Healthcare, social work	105	125	-16%



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

Industry	Sep 09	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08
Accounting, audit, taxes	199	195	217	227	227	236	234	223	232	249	257	274	271
Administrative, organisation	124	121	124	129	137	145	162	190	148	183	214	232	280
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	127	123	123	127	132	164	173	178	142	138	136	146	149
Banking, finance, insurance	89	85	97	107	102	109	119	129	142	164	187	227	219
Construction and extraction	160	146	159	170	157	153	159	163	143	163	175	179	184
Education, training and library	94	96	108	117	108	90	89	90	90	101	97	92	94
Engineering	150	142	168	169	181	162	181	206	245	306	345	368	350
Healthcare, social work	105	111	108	114	120	137	157	145	104	114	116	120	125
Hospitality and tourism	116	110	104	113	120	128	134	118	100	107	119	126	147
IT	177	176	201	208	214	238	256	263	285	341	378	395	382
Management and consulting	165	148	157	159	167	175	188	188	199	234	268	258	265
Marketing, PR and media	63	55	57	64	61	70	70	77	68	74	82	87	92
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	105	96	102	103	110	111	122	135	129	145	175	188	218
Public sector, defence, community	93	91	92	89	95	88	91	91	90	92	95	94	96
Research and development	105	121	139	140	137	169	178	154	156	152	169	148	149
Sales	168	149	155	169	164	170	164	189	175	199	238	249	254
Transport, post and logistics	119	109	113	124	130	133	132	127	118	146	170	190	216

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

Occupation	Sep 09	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08
Managers	165	150	155	163	170	184	196	211	193	249	270	268	295
Professionals	121	123	144	159	152	140	148	150	153	174	186	185	185
Technicians and associate professionals	77	72	78	84	86	92	102	108	86	107	130	141	143
Clerical support workers	116	116	126	127	145	138	140	142	144	139	146	151	159
Service and sales workers	156	152	139	14	158	171	178	173	153	171	176	187	206
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	98	97	101	106	108	125	131	137	104	103	103	111	112
Craft and related workers	169	149	163	178	165	165	167	173	154	167	183	196	203
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	98	90	95	100	102	105	101	107	88	114	135	173	185
Elementary occupations	143	122	120	134	134	135	138	125	130	130	143	140	148

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

Region	Sep 09	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08
Norra Sverige (Norra Mellansverige, Mellersta Norrland, Övre Norrland)	101	98	106	105	113	112	120	122	112	130	143	150	152
Ostra Mellansverige (Ostra Mellansverige, Stockholm)	111	106	115	128	126	128	136	142	137	171	188	193	199
Sydsverige Med Öarna (Sydsverige, Småland Med Öarna)	101	99	108	118	117	122	135	138	121	148	165	172	174
Vastsverige (Vastsverige)	90	86	93	98	106	105	118	119	101	131	137	146	158

Monster Employment Index data for October will be released on November 10, 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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