



Online Job Offerings in Sweden Dip, Reports Monster Employment Index

April 2009 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index Sweden continued to decline in April, falling eight percent.
- Demand decreased in the IT; engineering; and finance sectors but increased in leisure; and sales. All regions saw fewer online job offerings in April
- Since the Index's peak in February 2008, online recruitment activity in Sweden has weakened for the past 14 months as the global economic climate has made organisations rein in hiring activity

Summary Overview

The Monster Employment Index Sweden dropped 10 points in April to 117, the lowest reading since August 2006. On an annual basis the Index declined 85 points, or 42 percent, the sharpest rate of decline for online job demand in Sweden on record. Compared to the European Union as a whole, which saw a slight uptick in online recruitment activity in April, the annual decline noted in Sweden matches with other European regions such as Benelux and the UK. The overall European Index reported a year-on-year fall of 54 points, or 33 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 Europe, including monster.se.

Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08
117	127	130	121	145	156	162	167	159	171	190	200	202

“The challenging economic climate is weighing heavily on recruitment activity, as Swedish businesses look to reduce hiring in order to withstand the current recession. Sectors such as IT and finance show the most significant declines,” said Carl Silverstolpe, managing director Monster Scandinavia. “We cannot predict a date for recovery, the increased online demand in the leisure and retail sectors suggest that organisations are a bit less pessimistic about the consumer spending outlook than before.”

Healthcare and social work opportunities slump in April, whilst other sectors see seasonal demand

Opportunities in healthcare and social work declined 20 points in April, following two months of growth in February and March. The fall this month represented the sharpest monthly fall among industry sectors. On an annual basis, offerings were down 20 points, or 13 percent.

Online job offerings in engineering lost 19 points in April, marking the sixth month of continued decline. Annually, opportunities in the sector plummeted 60 percent. Similarly, online job recruitment in the IT sector has slowed, resulting in a fall of 18 points and a 47-percent decline year-on-year. Both sectors have been impacted by slowing demand for skilled technical workers during the current economic recession.

The banking, finance and insurance sector fell 10 points in April. Offerings are now down 60 percent compared to a year ago. The sector has now seen steady decline for the past six months, following uncertainty in the global economy.

Conversely, the arts, entertainment, sports and leisure sector increased six points and has now increased for three consecutive months. The sales sector also increased six points in April, however, the sector is still experiencing an overall declining trend as consumer confidence remains low.

Online job demand weakens across majority of occupational groups

Managers dropped 12 points in the April Index, whilst online offerings for technicians and associate professionals fell 10 points. Demand for technicians and associate professionals are now at their lowest level since August 2005.

Plant and machine operators and assemblers saw a slight uptick in demand in April, climbing four points. The increase was driven by higher demand in the transport, post and logistics sector. Despite increased offerings, the occupational group dropped 42 percent compared to year earlier figures, as a result of weakening industrial activity. The occupational group has now posted the largest annual decline among occupational groups for the past nine consecutive months.

All Swedish regions show declining online job availability

Online recruitment activity weakened in all Swedish regions during April, with Sydsverige Med Oarna and Vastsverige declining the most, both falling 12 points.

From an annual basis, Ostra Mellansverige reported the steepest decline, as offerings fell 47 percent compared to April 2008. The annual decline reflects reduced recruitment activity in the engineering sector for the region. Offerings in Norra Sverige declined the least as the marketing, PR and media sector continued to see offerings. However, the region did decline 41 percent compared to year-earlier figures.

Top Industries Looking for Workers

Industries showing the greatest monthly increase in online job availability included:

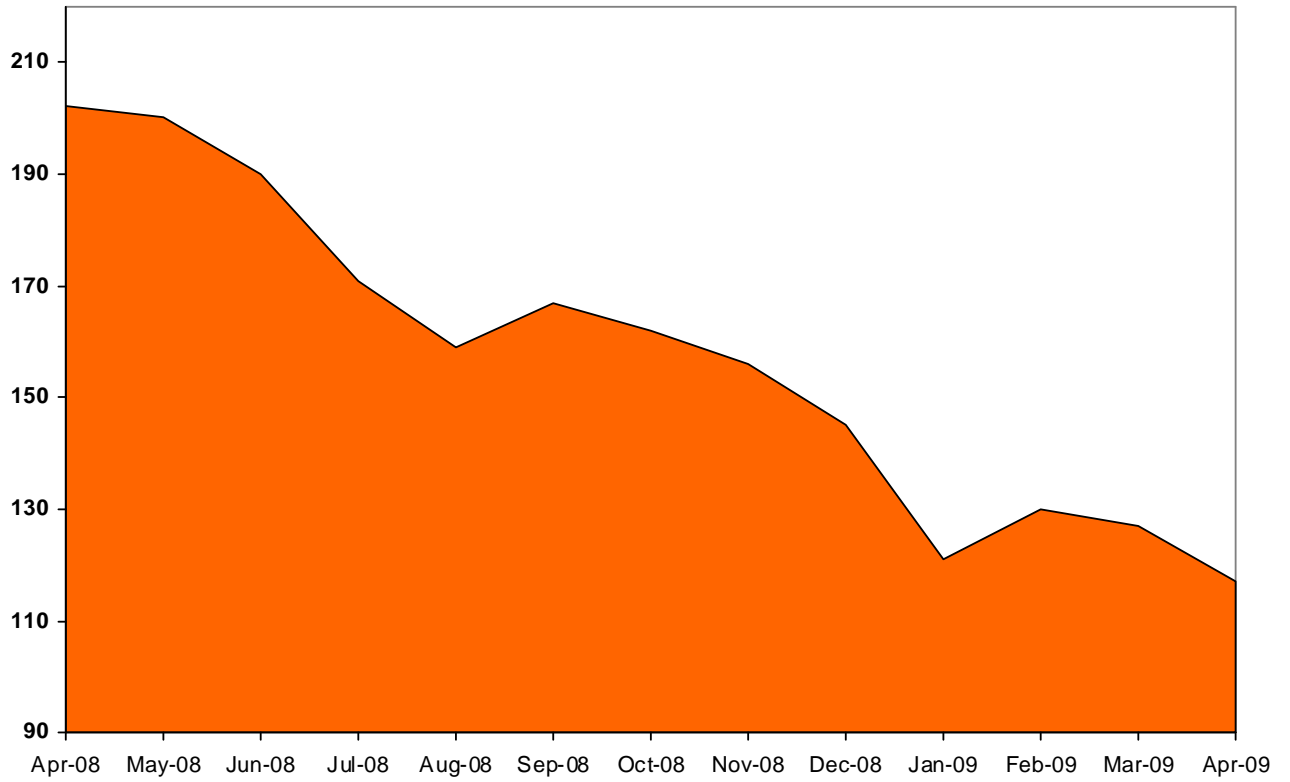
Industry	Apr 09	Mar 09	Apr 08
Arts, entertainment, sports, leisure	119	113	133
Sales	170	164	284
Accounting, audit, taxes	236	234	354
Education, training, library	90	89	98
Transport, post and logistics	133	132	266

Most Wanted Occupational Experience

Occupational groups showing the greatest monthly increase in online job availability included:

Occupation	Apr 09	Mar 09	Apr 08
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	105	101	251

Monster Employment Index Sweden



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

Industry	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08
Accounting, audit, taxes	236	234	223	232	249	257	274	271	261	309	345	329	354
Administrative, organisation	145	162	190	148	183	214	232	280	240	248	306	336	327
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	164	173	178	142	138	136	146	149	154	163	154	174	190
Arts, entertainment, sports, leisure	119	113	108	93	101	109	120	124	141	150	129	134	133
Banking, finance, insurance	109	119	129	142	164	187	227	219	211	221	238	261	275
Construction and extraction	153	159	163	143	163	175	179	184	167	181	192	211	211
Education, training and library	90	89	90	90	101	97	92	94	101	109	119	110	98
Engineering	162	181	206	245	306	345	368	350	305	361	382	428	402
Healthcare, social work	137	157	145	104	114	116	120	125	118	122	130	146	157
Hospitality and tourism	128	134	118	100	107	119	126	147	131	125	147	163	169
IT	238	256	263	285	341	378	395	382	362	405	423	420	445
Management and consulting	175	188	188	199	234	268	258	265	266	286	293	316	317
Marketing, PR and media	70	70	77	68	74	82	87	92	80	88	91	93	88
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	111	122	135	129	145	175	188	218	193	203	226	245	252
Public sector, defence, community	88	91	91	90	92	95	94	96	95	94	87	95	116
Research and development	169	178	154	156	152	169	148	149	175	171	184	209	225
Sales	170	164	189	175	199	238	249	254	232	240	272	277	284
Telecommunications	224	223	222	226	240	241	245	248	247	243	245	247	251
Transport, post and logistics	133	132	127	118	146	170	190	216	207	223	244	256	266

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

Occupation	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08
Managers	184	196	211	193	249	270	268	295	283	292	327	354	371
Professionals	140	148	150	153	174	186	185	185	188	203	219	219	216
Technicians and associate professionals	92	102	108	86	107	130	141	143	127	136	153	171	182
Clerical support workers	138	140	142	144	139	146	151	159	153	156	160	165	164
Service and sales workers	171	178	173	153	171	176	187	206	182	182	198	213	218
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	125	131	137	104	103	103	111	112	112	116	118	126	144
Craft and related workers	165	167	173	154	167	183	196	203	181	199	209	232	226
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	105	101	107	88	114	135	173	185	158	178	204	229	251
Elementary occupations	135	138	125	130	130	143	140	148	133	135	132	137	137

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

Region	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08
Norra Sverige (Norra Mellansverige, Mellersta Norrland, Övre Norrland)	112	120	122	112	130	143	150	152	151	152	170	177	189
Ostra Mellansverige (Ostra Mellansverige, Stockholm)	128	136	142	137	171	188	193	199	186	208	232	243	243
Sydsverige Med Öarna (Sydsverige, Småland Med Öarna)	122	135	138	121	148	165	172	174	167	182	207	223	228
Vastsverige (Vastsverige)	105	118	119	101	131	137	146	158	149	159	180	193	192

Monster Employment Index Sweden data for May will be released on June 9, 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://corporate.monster.com/Press_Room/MEI_EU.asp.

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