



Monster Employment Index Sweden Reports Further Decline in Online Job Vacancies, as Engineering Sector is Hit by Economic Climate

January 2009 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index Sweden dropped 24 points in January, falling 66 points, or 35 percent year-on-year
- Engineering; and IT registered the sharpest drop in online offerings, while opportunities in the agriculture, fishing and forestry sector continued to increase
- On an annual basis, the banking, finance and insurance; and transport, post and logistics sectors saw the sharpest declines whereas telecommunications reported sustained growth year-on-year
- Among occupational groups, managers saw the sharpest decline in demand, whereas clerical workers increased slightly
- All regions exhibited fewer online advertised vacancies, with Ostra Mellansverige registering the fourth month of decline

Summary Overview

The Monster Employment Index Sweden slumped 24 points in January, as online job availability significantly declined in the engineering and IT sectors for the third consecutive month. Year-on-year the Index fell 66 points, or 35 percent, leaving the Index at its lowest reading since August 2006. Nevertheless, some industry sectors are holding up well to economic pressures, such as the agriculture, fishing and forestry sector, which registered the largest increase on a monthly and annual basis. 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.

Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08
121	145	156	162	167	159	171	190	200	202	206	209	187

“The unprecedented fall in employer recruitment activity in January indicates the Swedish labor market contraction is proceeding at an accelerated pace,” said Carl Silverstolpe, managing director Monster Scandinavia. “Nevertheless, online job availability remains above levels seen three years ago, when the economy was booming, reflecting the ongoing shift in help-wanted advertising towards the Internet.”

Engineering sector sees significant decline in online vacancies

Online job opportunities in the engineering sector plummeted 61 points in January. The decline reflects weaker demand for professionals; and technicians and associate professionals, whilst offerings for managers edged higher. Ostra Mellansverige registered the sharpest decline of all regions. Year-on-year the sector was down 130 points, or 35 percent.

IT sector online job availability dipped 56 points marking the third consecutive month of decline. Demand in the sector fell for both professionals; and managers. Conversely, opportunities increased slightly for technicians and associate professionals, following two month of decline. Year-on-year the sector fell 124 points, or 30 percent.

In contrast, the agriculture, fishing and forestry sector saw opportunities edge slightly higher in the Index, climbing four points. Year-on-year the sector increased 14 points, or 11 percent, the sharpest increase among all industry sectors. Research and development opportunities also bucked the national trend increasing four points. Within the R&D sector, Professionals exhibited the largest increase in job availability. The sector however remained down on year-earlier figures, falling 44 points, or 22 percent.

Online job offerings for managers slump in January

Managers registered significantly reduced online job demand for the second consecutive month in January, slumping 56 points. The management and consulting; administrative and organisation; and the transport, post and logistics sectors represented major declines for the workers. Despite this, opportunities for managers in the banking, finance and insurance; and education, training and library sectors increased slightly. Year-on-year the occupational group declined 154 points, or 44 percent.

Online job offerings for clerical support workers increased five points in the January index, following three months of continued decline. The increase in opportunities reflects higher demand in the administrative and organisation sector. Norra Sverige registered the sharpest rise of all regions, whilst Vastsverige was the only region to report fewer opportunities for the workers.

All Swedish regions register weaker online job demand at the beginning of 2009

Ostra Mellansverige plummeted 34 points, dropping for the fourth consecutive month. The education, training and library sector saw opportunities decline the most, following two months of growth. As the regional economy continues to tighten, recued capital for investment has led to opportunities declining in the construction and extraction; manufacturing, maintenance and repair; and engineering sectors. Conversely, the agriculture, fishing and forestry sector registered a significant recovery in the January Index, with opportunities jumping. Among occupational groups, plant and machine operators and assemblers registered fewer opportunities in the region, whilst skilled agriculture and fishery workers; and clerical support workers edged higher in the Index. Year-on-year the region was down 88 points, or 39 percent.

Online recruitment in Vastsverige declined 30 points in January, leaving the region at its lowest level since September 2006. Opportunities in the education, training and library sector registered the sharpest decline whilst demand also weakened in the construction and extraction sector. In contrast, demand increased in the research and development sector following two months of decline. Craft and related workers exhibited the sharpest fall in demand among occupational groups. Conversely, elementary offerings edged slightly higher. The region registered the sharpest annual decline, falling 78 points, or 44 percent.

Top Industries Looking for Workers

Industries showing the greatest increase in online job availability included:

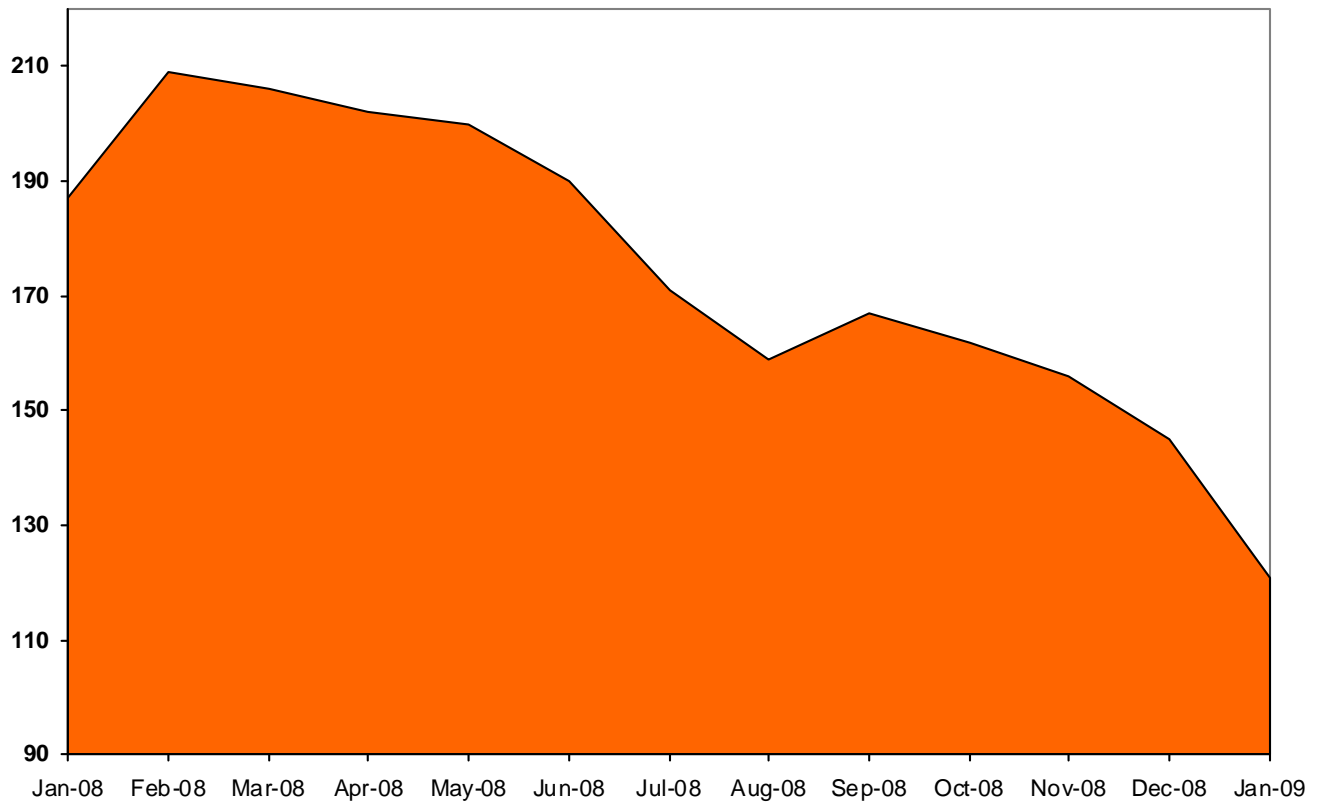
Industry	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	142	138	136
Research and development	156	152	169

Most Wanted Occupational Experience

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

Occupation	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08
Clerical support workers	144	139	146
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	104	103	103

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

Industry	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08
Accounting, audit, taxes	232	249	257	274	271	261	309	345	329	354	375	368	289
Administrative, organisation	148	183	214	232	280	240	248	306	336	327	332	304	257
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	142	138	136	146	149	154	163	154	174	190	203	169	128
Arts, entertainment, sports, leisure	93	101	109	120	124	141	150	129	134	133	137	181	156
Banking, finance, insurance	142	164	187	227	219	211	221	238	261	275	272	255	255
Construction and extraction	143	163	175	179	184	167	181	192	211	211	220	224	199
Education, training and library	90	101	97	92	94	101	109	119	110	98	93	93	94
Engineering	245	306	345	368	350	305	361	382	428	402	408	377	375
Healthcare, social work	104	114	116	120	125	118	122	130	146	157	175	167	127
Hospitality and tourism	100	107	119	126	147	131	125	147	163	169	174	145	119
IT	285	341	378	395	382	362	405	423	420	445	458	452	409
Management and consulting	199	234	268	258	265	266	286	293	316	317	349	314	297
Marketing, PR and media	68	74	82	87	92	80	88	91	93	88	88	92	94
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	129	145	175	188	218	193	203	226	245	252	259	240	221
Public Sector, defence, community	90	92	95	94	96	95	94	87	95	116	111	103	99
Research and development	156	152	169	148	149	175	171	184	209	225	210	205	200
Sales	175	199	238	249	254	232	240	272	277	284	292	285	259
Telecommunications	226	240	241	245	248	247	243	245	247	251	264	264	218
Transport, post and logistics	118	146	170	190	216	207	223	244	256	266	247	229	209

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

Occupation	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08
Managers	193	249	270	268	295	283	292	327	354	371	396	354	347
Professionals	153	174	186	185	185	188	203	219	219	216	213	190	171
Technicians and associate professionals	86	107	130	141	143	127	136	153	171	182	191	185	171
Clerical support workers	144	139	146	151	159	153	156	160	165	164	163	168	144
Service and sales workers	153	171	176	187	206	182	182	198	213	218	234	223	192
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	104	103	103	111	112	112	116	118	126	144	156	140	107
Craft and related workers	154	167	183	196	203	181	199	209	232	226	237	234	199
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	88	114	135	173	185	158	178	204	229	251	250	241	208
Elementary occupations	130	130	143	140	148	133	135	132	137	137	138	170	145

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

Region	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08
Norra Sverige (Norra Mellansverige, Mellersta Norrland, Ovre Norrland)	112	130	143	150	152	151	152	170	177	189	190	171	163
Ostra Mellansverige (Ostra Mellansverige, Stockholm)	137	171	188	193	199	186	208	232	243	243	244	254	225
Sydsverige Med Oarna (Sydsverige, Smaland Med Oarna)	121	148	165	172	174	167	182	207	223	228	234	244	207
Vastsverige (Vastsverige)	101	131	137	146	158	149	159	180	193	192	204	207	179

Monster Employment Index Sweden data for February will be released on March 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://corporate.monster.com/Press_Room/MEI_EU.asp.

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