



Monster Employment Index Sweden Jumps Halting Sixth Month Decline in Online Job Availability

September 2008 Index Highlights

- The Monster Employment Index Sweden rose by eight points in September, following six consecutive months of decline. Year-on-year, however, the Index was down nine points, or five per cent
- Opportunities grew the most in September in the sales; administrative and organisation; engineering; and marketing, PR and media sectors
- The engineering sector bounced back after three months of decline, soaring 45 points to 350 following increased demand for managers; professionals; and technicians
- Online job offerings rose for all occupational groups in September except professionals, and skilled agricultural and fishery workers, which remained stable. Service, shop and market sales workers registered the steepest increase amid strong seasonal hiring activity in retail
- Among regions, Ostra Mellansverige reported the largest improvement in September, but annually, Norra Sverige was the only region not to decline

Summary Overview

The Monster Employment Index Sweden jumped eight points to a level of 167 in September. The surge primarily reflects increased seasonal hiring for service, shop and market sales workers and rebounded activity in the administrative and organisation sector. 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.

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
167	159	171	190	200	202	206	209	187	204	191	191	176

“Following an 18-month low in August, online job demand rose in September because of intense early autumn hiring for managers, salespersons and factory workers,” said Carl Silverstolpe, Managing Director Monster Scandinavia. “While the job market’s weakening trend can be expected to continue given the current global financial crisis, it is encouraging to see employers across a wide range of industries in Sweden recruiting at such a brisk pace.”

Engineering opportunities soar in September, while research and development opportunities decline

Online job availability in the engineering sector jumped 45 Index points, or 15 percent in September, ending three months of decline. The increase reflects a rebound in demand for managers; professionals; and technicians. All regions reported growth in the sector, with Vastsverige reporting the largest up-tick.

The administrative and organisation sector also bounced back in September soaring 40 points, as demand increased for legislators, senior officials and managers, recovering from a three month decline. All regions experienced a rise in the sector, which had year-on-year growth of 46 points, or 20 percent.

The banking, finance and insurance sector gained eight points in September, yet suffered a year-on-year decline of nine points, or four percent. By contrast, online job offerings in the research and development sector plummeted significantly in September, dropping 26 points to a twelve-month low. The decline suggests that organisations are now restricting their investment as a result the credit crisis.

Plant and machine operators and assemblers online offerings bounce back while opportunities for professionals dip

Online job availability for plant and machine operators and assemblers recovered from a four month decline, climbing 27 points in September, amid increased hiring activity in the production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair sector. Opportunities rose in all regions, with Vastsverige registering the highest rate of increase. Despite this rise, the category was down the most among all occupational groups on an annual basis, dropping 44 points, or 19 percent year-on-year.

Service, shop and market sales workers jumped 24 points in September following two consecutive months of stability. The increase reflects more seasonal opportunities in the retail and hospitality sectors.

Professionals was the only occupational group to dip in September, continuing a three-month declining trend, falling three points. Nonetheless, year-on-year the category was up 30 points, or 19 percent, the strongest rate of growth among occupational groups.

All Swedish regions experience growth in September

All Swedish regions reported increased online job opportunities in September, with Ostra Mellansverige registering the sharpest rate of increase, jumping 13 points. The region experienced more offerings in the production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair; and public, defence, community sectors, whilst all occupational groups experienced increased demand. Year-on-year the region was down 12 points, or six percent.

Following three months of decreased recruitment activity, Vastsverige saw an increase of nine points in September. Offerings rose particularly in the marketing, PR and media; and hospitality and tourism sectors. In contrast, for the fourth consecutive month fewer

job opportunities were seen in the education, training and library; and healthcare, social work sectors. Year-on-year the region was down 12 points, or seven percent.

Top Five Industries Looking for Employees

Industries showing the greatest increase in online job availability included:

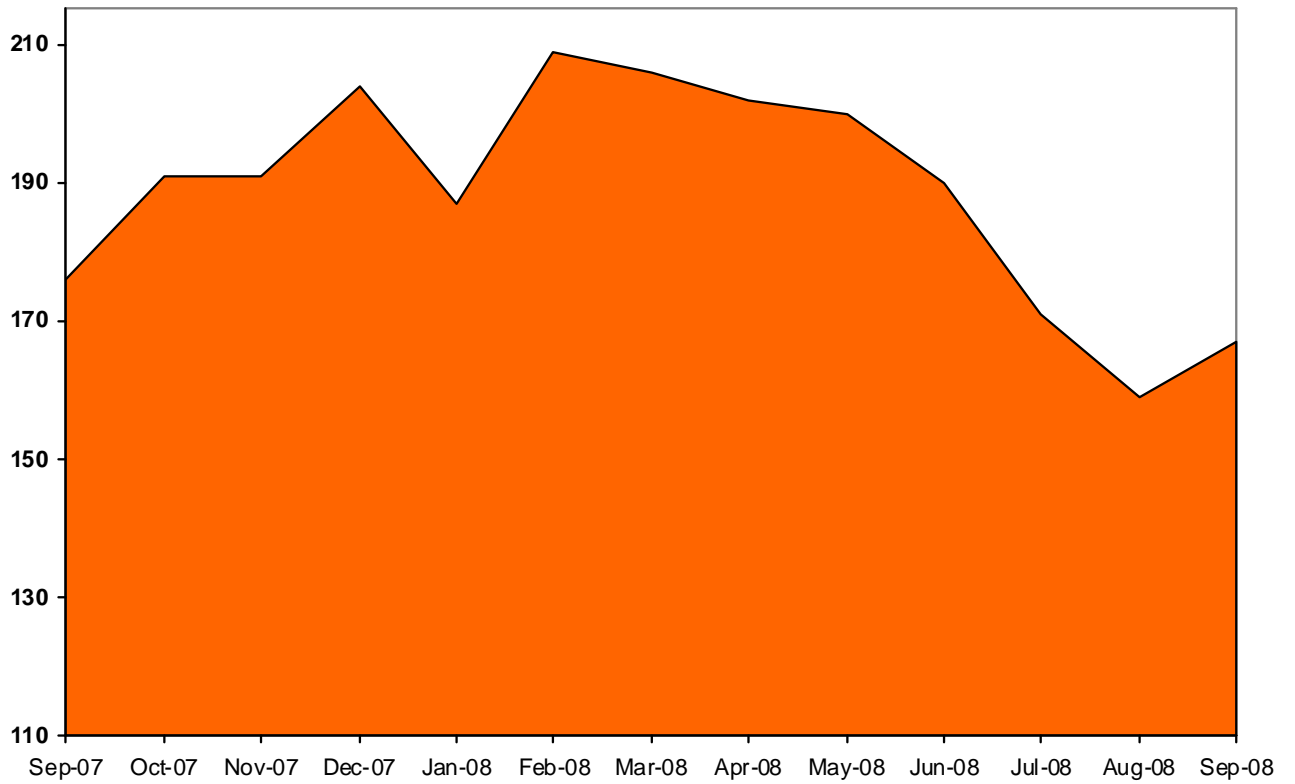
Industry	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08
Engineering	350	305	361
Administrative, organisation	280	240	248
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	218	193	203
Sales	254	232	240
IT	382	362	405

Most Wanted Occupational Experience

Occupational categories registering the most significant increases in online job demand included:

Occupation	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	185	158	178
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	206	182	182
Craft and related workers	203	181	199
Technicians and associate professionals	143	127	136

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Monster Employment Index Sweden 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	271	261	309	345	329	354	375	368	289	321	327	310	274
Administrative, organisation	280	240	248	306	336	327	332	304	257	272	250	266	234
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	149	154	163	154	174	190	203	169	128	125	123	126	124
Arts, entertainment, sports, leisure	124	141	150	129	134	133	137	181	156	142	139	135	133
Banking, finance, insurance	219	211	221	238	261	275	272	255	255	284	274	265	228
Construction and extraction	184	167	181	192	211	211	220	224	199	211	208	213	200
Education, training and library	94	101	109	119	110	98	93	93	94	103	94	92	93
Engineering	350	305	361	382	428	402	408	377	375	404	387	384	355
Healthcare, social work	125	118	122	130	146	157	175	167	127	127	123	122	124
Hospitality and tourism	147	131	125	147	163	169	174	145	119	122	123	135	143
IT	382	362	405	423	420	445	458	452	409	429	399	387	354
Management and consulting	265	266	286	293	316	317	349	314	297	331	317	311	281
Marketing, PR and media	92	80	88	91	93	88	88	92	94	89	91	88	94
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	218	193	203	226	245	252	259	240	221	228	235	248	221
Public Sector, defence, community	96	95	94	87	95	116	111	103	99	103	100	98	97
Research and development	149	175	171	184	209	225	210	205	200	200	188	181	147
Sales	254	232	240	272	277	284	292	285	259	299	288	296	272
Telecommunications	248	247	243	245	247	251	264	264	218	227	222	252	231
Transport, post and logistics	216	207	223	244	256	266	247	229	209	218	211	220	210

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

Occupation	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	295	283	292	327	354	371	396	354	347	365	332	348	333
Professionals	185	188	203	219	219	216	213	190	171	184	168	162	155
Technicians and associate professionals	143	127	136	153	171	182	191	185	171	199	184	184	161
Clerks	159	153	156	160	165	164	163	168	144	151	149	157	149
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	206	182	182	198	213	218	234	223	192	196	194	206	208
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	112	112	116	118	126	144	156	140	107	107	105	106	109
Craft and related workers	203	181	199	209	232	226	237	234	199	219	222	230	208
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	185	158	178	204	229	251	250	241	208	217	227	242	229
Elementary occupations	148	133	135	132	137	137	138	170	145	154	150	165	170

Monster Employment Index Sweden findings across Swedish 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
Norra Sverige (Norra Mellansverige, Mellersta Norrland, Övre Norrland)	152	151	152	170	177	189	190	171	163	178	159	165	152
Ostra Mellansverige (Ostra Mellansverige, Stockholm)	199	186	208	232	243	243	244	254	225	251	235	229	211
Sydsverige Med Öarna (Sydsverige, Småland Med Öarna)	174	167	182	207	223	228	234	244	207	223	209	215	192
Vastsverige (Vastsverige)	158	149	159	180	193	192	204	207	179	197	186	182	170

Monster Employment Index Sweden data for October will be released on November 11, 2008.

About The Monster Employment Index Sweden

Providing a broad, comprehensive monthly analysis of online job demand, the Monster Employment Index Sweden 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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