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Minor Dip in UK Online Recruitment in August, According to Monster Employment Index

August 2009 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index UK dipped by one point as online job availability remained largely unchanged for a fifth consecutive month
- Online job demand expanded in the marketing/PR/media sector, while offerings dropped most in education, engineering and telecommunications
- East Anglia recorded the highest rise in demand of all UK regions. Hiring declined furthest in Wales

Summary Overview

Online employment opportunities across the UK dipped by one point (one percent) in August, as job demand remained broadly stable for the fifth straight month. The overall European Index also dipped one point in August and fell by 37 percent year-on-year.

Although hiring levels in the UK are down 35 percent year-on-year, job availability seems to have stabilised from the dramatic decline seen in 2008. August saw increased hiring activity in the marketing, PR and media; administrative, organisation; banking, finance, insurance; and IT sectors. By contrast, demand for workers in education, training and library; engineering and telecommunications were hit hardest.

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.co.uk.

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

Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08
109	110	110	109	112	110	117	111	141	152	161	159	167

“Although employer demand has remained largely stable since the beginning of the year, businesses have not yet resumed hiring. The level of vacancies across the UK is still insufficient to reverse increasing job losses,” commented Hugo Sellert, head of economic research, at Monster Worldwide. “The rising number of unemployed means that businesses have a larger pool of available talent to choose from. This increase in ease-of-hiring is in turn contributing to the reduction in advertising of live jobs.”

Demand for media workers surges as the education sector drops sharply

Few of the industry sectors monitored by the Index registered overall increases in online job availability during August. Marketing, PR and media reported the largest uptick, adding six points (six percent), driven by increased hiring in London and the South East. While demand for creative service workers has stabilised over the past three months, offerings in the sector remain down by 49 percent year-on-year.

More moderate gains were seen in the administrative and organisation and banking, finance and insurance sectors, which both rose by three points (three percent). IT also saw a two-point (three percent) increase.

The steepest monthly decline was in education, training and library, which fell by 38 points, or 14 percent. However, this sector grew by 65 points (30 percent) year-on-year and is one of three industries to experience an upturn in demand on an annual basis. The others are healthcare, social work (up 103 points, or 46 percent) and public sector, defence, community (up seven points, or seven percent), illustrating the non-cyclical hiring patterns for government driven sectors and demand for skilled healthcare and education workers.

Opportunities increase for clerical support workers; sharp downturn for skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers

Online job demand increased most for clerical support workers, adding seven points (eight percent) in August. However, opportunities in this category fell by 48 points (34 percent) year-on-year, with declines registered in all regions. There were also moderate upturns in hiring of technicians and associate professionals (up four points, or three percent); and service and sales workers (up one point, or one percent).

Opportunities for skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers saw a sharp downturn, falling by 20 points (12 per cent). All categories declined on an annual basis, with technicians and associate professionals (down 35 points, or 22%) the most resilient category. Demand for plant and machine operators and assemblers was the worst hit of all occupational groups, dropping 49 points (46 percent).

Job demand edges up in East Anglia and the South West; hiring plummets in Wales

Overall, two of the nine UK regions registered an increase in online hiring. Demand grew most in East Anglia, which increased by two points (two percent) in August, following two months of decline. The South West also edged up by two points (one percent), while job availability held steady in the South East.

Demand in Wales fell most, dropping nine points (five percent). Year-on-year, hiring in the region is down 63 points (26 percent).

All regions declined on an annual basis. The South East posted the most moderate fall, dropping by 33 points (25%). Online hiring fell furthest in the Midlands, falling by 61 points (28 percent) year-on-year.

Best performing sectors

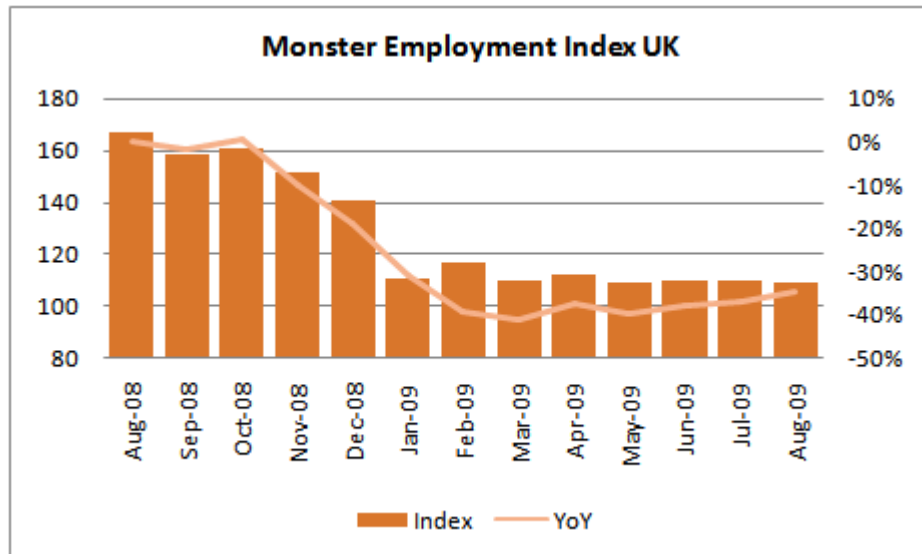
Industry sectors showing the greatest rate of increase in online job availability included:

Month-on-month

Industry	Aug 09	Jul 09	%
Marketing, PR and media	105	99	6%
Administrative, organisation	93	90	3%
Banking, finance, insurance	109	106	3%
IT	81	79	3%
Management and consulting	166	162	2%

Year-on-year

Industry	Aug 09	Aug 08	%
Healthcare, social work	329	226	46%
Education, training and library	240	185	30%
Public sector, defence, community	112	105	7%
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	111	111	0%
Management and consulting	166	204	-19%



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

Industry	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08
Accounting, audit, taxes	82	82	85	83	85	84	91	90	108	119	121	123	123
Administrative, organisation	93	90	91	90	88	89	98	87	132	160	178	173	184
Arts, entertainment, sports, leisure	99	100	95	103	108	108	120	113	144	151	178	175	185
Banking, finance, insurance	109	106	106	107	115	116	123	117	148	167	173	158	168
Construction and extraction	67	72	70	74	79	83	81	81	108	114	125	134	156
Education, training and library	240	278	294	283	290	267	253	215	256	224	217	167	185
Engineering	111	122	121	125	136	138	149	143	188	196	202	197	203
Environment, architecture and urbanism	60	62	62	63	68	68	74	74	124	134	146	180	219
Healthcare, social work	329	334	312	276	330	291	305	321	263	314	255	201	226
Hospitality and tourism	132	130	132	139	124	123	129	115	150	159	165	162	178
HR	64	63	57	56	56	59	72	52	74	111	127	131	162
IT	81	79	80	81	80	82	85	82	96	103	108	110	108
Legal	135	136	126	125	130	120	139	127	163	162	183	186	179
Management and consulting	166	162	181	187	176	156	162	135	169	193	196	207	204
Marketing, PR and media	105	99	104	103	119	121	138	128	163	196	204	199	207
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, Repair	111	114	108	106	95	97	86	91	103	108	109	110	111
Public sector, defence, community	112	111	106	106	105	104	104	103	108	112	108	113	105
Research and development	115	118	121	133	146	149	146	130	151	150	146	143	147
Sales	91	91	88	88	86	85	86	82	110	121	133	133	137
Telecommunications	60	66	71	66	71	74	80	80	89	102	92	92	99
Transport, post and logistics	105	108	91	96	93	89	97	94	110	126	136	140	146

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

Occupation	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08
Managers	103	103	100	101	105	103	107	101	130	140	151	145	158
Professionals	104	108	110	107	113	111	122	118	152	169	172	164	173
Technicians and associate professionals	125	121	115	111	108	107	109	110	134	147	153	158	160
Clerical support workers	93	86	87	90	83	84	87	83	105	119	135	135	141
Service and sales workers	70	69	78	80	78	79	86	72	90	105	102	119	126
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	153	173	160	157	181	197	214	195	209	205	191	167	196
Craft and related workers	135	139	138	139	140	148	158	133	171	194	204	176	205
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	58	62	56	56	49	48	44	51	72	82	88	95	107
Elementary occupations	69	73	68	69	69	71	60	60	76	90	98	104	106

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

Region	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08
Midlands	101	102	100	103	101	102	110	110	133	154	165	163	162
North England	127	131	128	127	138	133	136	126	155	171	177	179	181
London	98	101	99	96	95	96	100	98	113	124	128	131	135
South East	99	99	98	98	103	104	107	104	120	124	128	126	132
South West	191	189	195	194	198	189	190	176	223	250	276	260	265
Wales	175	184	188	195	192	192	174	179	211	235	257	217	238
Scotland	106	109	106	108	114	100	114	108	133	139	149	149	154
East Anglia	108	106	109	110	105	111	112	101	119	136	148	131	150
Northern Ireland	109	113	109	108	106	93	96	96	143	151	147	185	160

Monster Employment Index UK for September will be released on October 13, 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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