



Further Dip in Online Recruitment in March, According to Monster Employment Index UK

March 2009 Index Highlights:

- The UK Index fell by seven points in March as online demand dropped from the seasonally-elevated level seen in February
- Year-on-year, the Index fell by 41%, or 77 points. This is the fifth straight month that the Index has fallen on a yearly basis
- In March, the dip was driven by fewer job opportunities in the legal; marketing; and healthcare sectors
- Online recruitment activity increased most for education workers and the sector showed positive year-on-year growth. Opportunities in production also grew in March
- Demand fell for most occupational groups, with skilled agricultural workers; professionals; and craft and related workers hit hardest
- The majority of UK regions suffered a decline. Scotland experienced the greatest decline; all regions saw an annual fall in demand

Summary Overview

The Monster Employment Index UK decreased by seven points in March, reversing the seasonal increase in online recruitment seen in February. Year-on-year, the Index was down 77 points, or 41 percent – the steepest annual decline on record. This drop was driven by fewer job opportunities in the legal; marketing, PR, media; and healthcare and social work sectors. By contrast, there was growth in hiring of workers in education, training and library; and production, manufacturing, maintenance. 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 UK, including Monster.co.uk.

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

Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08
110	117	111	141	152	161	159	167	174	177	181	179	187

“Overall, online recruitment in the UK has fallen once again,” commented Hugo Sellert, head of economic research, at Monster Worldwide. “There is cause for optimism

however, in some sectors. Hiring of education and production workers rose in March and healthcare has shown encouraging annual growth.”

Demand lowers for marketing, PR, media workers

Online job demand in the marketing, PR, media sector fell in March, offsetting growth in February. Of the occupational groups, opportunities for managers declined most. Regionally, hiring fell furthest in London and the South East. Year-on-year, job availability was down 117 points, or 49%.

Job availability in the healthcare, social work sector fell for the second month in succession. Online demand fell most for professionals. Regionally, there were drops in demand in the Midlands, North England and the South East in March. Year-on-year, though, demand was up 106 points, or 57%.

The education, training, library sector demonstrated the strongest monthly growth among all sectors for the second straight month. This growth was principally driven by increased demand for professionals. Hiring in the sector grew in all UK regions with the exception of London. Year-on-year, availability increased by 87 points, or 48%.

Demand decreases for craft and related workers

Of all occupational groups, hiring of craft and related workers was hit hardest in March. Demand fell, reversing the substantial seasonal rise seen in February. Year-on-year, hiring has declined 159 points, or 52%.

Job availability for service and sales workers also dropped in March and demand is approaching the occupation’s record Index low, despite strong growth in February. This latest monthly decline stems from decreased demand in the service sectors in the UK, such as hospitality and tourism; and retail. Year-on-year, demand has declined 83 points, or 51%.

By contrast, there was a solid increase in demand for elementary occupations in March. This was largely due to openings in the production and manufacturing sector across all UK regions. Year-on-year, however, demand has decreased 29 points, or 29%.

Scotland and the Midlands fall furthest as all regions drop

Scotland fell by 14 Index points in March, offsetting seasonal growth in job availability in February. This decline was caused by fewer regional job opportunities for clerks; and professionals in the engineering; healthcare, social work; and banking, finance, insurance sectors. Year-on-year, demand declined 97 points, or 49% – the largest annual regional drop.

Online job opportunities in the Midlands also fell in March, reflecting a recent rise in unemployment in the region. Year-on-year, online recruitment in the Midlands fell by 95 points, or 48%.

Hiring in London fell by four Index points in March – the eleventh monthly decrease in the last year. Job availability fell most in the engineering; HR; marketing, PR and media;

and IT sectors. Of the occupational groups, managers; and professionals saw the steepest falls in demand.

Top Industries Looking for Employees

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

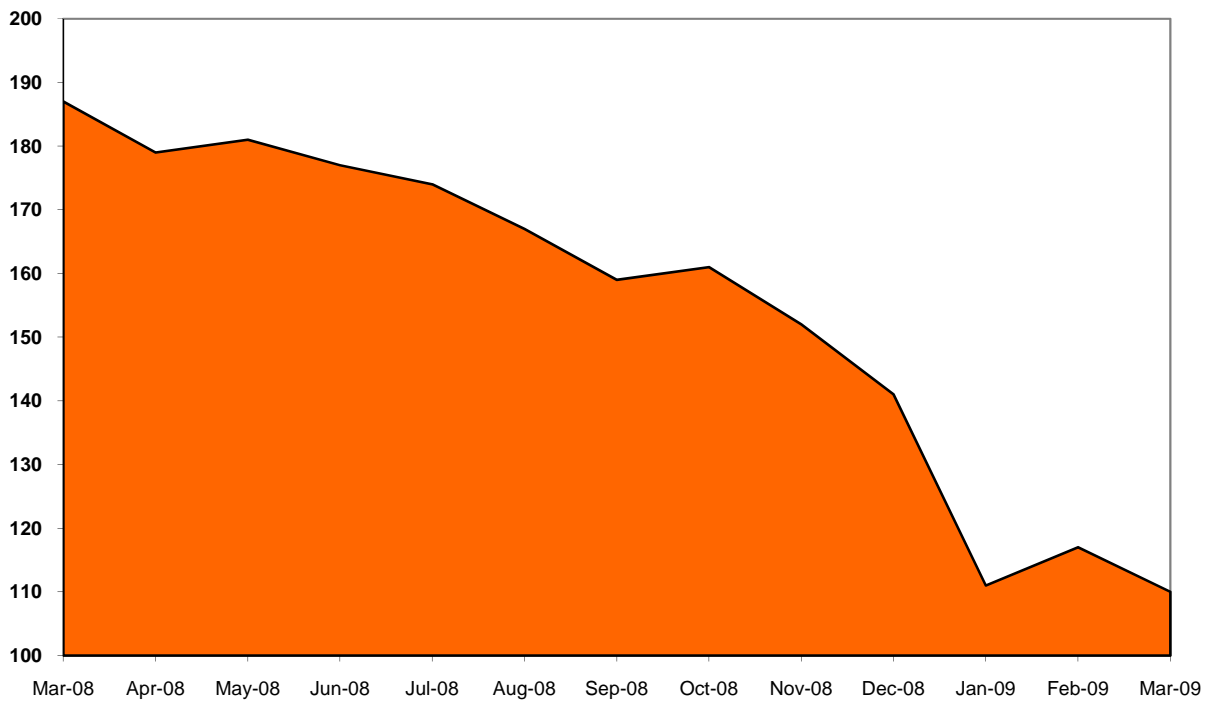
Industry	Mar 09	Feb 09	Mar 08
Production, manufacturing, maintenance	97	86	115
Education, training and library	267	253	180
Construction and extraction	83	81	179
Research and development	149	146	171
Public sector	104	104	108

Most Wanted Occupational Category

The occupational category registering most significant monthly increase in online job demand:

Occupation	Mar 09	Feb 09	Mar 08
Elementary occupations	71	60	100
Plant and Machine Operators	48	44	123

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

Industry	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08
Accounting, audit, taxes	84	91	90	108	119	121	123	123	132	145	137	128	131
Administrative, organisation	89	98	87	132	160	178	173	184	182	203	204	220	212
Arts, entertainment, sports, leisure	108	120	113	144	151	178	175	185	180	197	198	194	201
Banking, finance, insurance	116	123	117	148	167	173	158	168	165	162	166	189	178
Construction and extraction	83	81	81	108	114	125	134	156	152	157	167	155	179
Education, training and library	267	253	215	256	224	217	167	185	220	204	188	162	180
Engineering	138	149	143	188	196	202	197	203	205	197	211	199	218
Environment, architecture and urbanism	68	74	74	124	134	146	180	219	196	219	232	217	252
Healthcare, social work	291	305	321	263	314	255	201	226	213	182	168	140	185
Hospitality and tourism	123	129	115	150	159	165	162	178	223	200	172	158	141
HR	59	72	52	74	111	127	131	162	173	193	188	175	198
IT	82	85	82	96	103	108	110	108	116	120	126	130	138
Legal	120	139	127	163	162	183	186	179	176	221	232	220	234
Management and consulting	156	162	135	169	193	196	207	204	219	240	236	215	235
Marketing, PR and media	121	138	128	163	196	204	199	207	208	204	232	223	238
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, Repair	97	86	91	103	108	109	110	111	119	124	117	110	115
Public sector, defence, community	104	104	103	108	112	108	113	105	97	101	104	97	108
Research and development	149	146	130	151	150	146	143	147	152	160	156	154	171
Sales	85	86	82	110	121	133	133	137	147	142	149	153	156
Telecommunications	74	80	80	89	102	92	92	99	96	98	106	115	122
Transport, post and logistics	89	97	94	110	126	136	140	146	160	180	172	160	158

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

Occupation	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08
Managers	103	107	101	130	140	151	145	158	162	157	164	161	167
Professionals	111	122	118	152	169	172	164	173	180	182	191	188	201
Technicians and associate professionals	107	109	110	134	147	153	158	160	162	168	167	170	173
Clerical support workers	84	87	83	105	119	135	135	141	147	165	166	159	164
Service and sales workers	79	86	72	90	105	102	119	126	165	161	139	142	162
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	197	214	195	209	205	191	167	196	202	230	220	195	208
Craft and related workers	148	158	133	171	194	204	176	205	246	275	307	273	307
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	48	44	51	72	82	88	95	107	121	127	122	109	123
Elementary occupations	71	60	60	76	90	98	104	106	124	101	100	100	100

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

Region	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08
Midlands	102	110	110	133	154	165	163	162	182	189	186	180	197
North England	133	136	126	155	171	177	179	181	190	194	202	196	199
London	96	100	98	113	124	128	131	135	141	145	146	147	152
South East	104	107	104	120	124	128	126	132	132	133	135	134	137
South West	189	190	176	223	250	276	260	265	273	287	290	291	301
Wales	192	174	179	211	235	257	217	238	237	234	245	241	266
Scotland	100	114	108	133	139	149	149	154	172	167	175	177	197
East Anglia	111	112	101	119	136	148	131	150	155	153	155	147	185
Northern Ireland	93	96	96	143	151	147	185	160	184	164	147	163	173

Monster Employment Index UK for April will be released on May 12, 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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