

Online Recruitment Dips in the UK in September, According to Monster Employment Index

September 2009 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index UK dipped by two points as online job availability declined for the second consecutive month
- Online job demand fell markedly in the public sector, with losses also seen in the technology sector. Offerings grew in sales
- Job demand held steady in London and the Midlands, whilst hiring in North England and the South West fell most

Summary Overview

Online employment opportunities across the UK dipped by two points (two percent) in September, as job demand dropped slightly for the second straight month. Despite this fall, online hiring has remained largely flat since the turn of the year. The overall European Index also dipped three points (three percent) in August and fell by 37 percent year-on-year.

Year-on-year, hiring levels in the UK are down 33 percent. September saw a notable decrease in hiring activity in public sector, defence, community. There was reduced availability in education, training, and library; and healthcare, social work – possibly reflecting pressure on government spending amid widening deficits. Declines were also seen in IT; engineering; and R&D, indicating that the technology sector continues to be hit by the economic slowdown. By contrast, demand for workers in sales increased, suggesting retailers are more optimistic amidst the recovery in consumer confidence.

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:

Sep 09	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08
107	109	110	110	109	112	110	117	111	141	152	161	159

“Hiring among UK companies remains worryingly stagnant. As long as the macroeconomic outlook is uncertain, companies will remain reticent to hire workers, which in itself could slow the actual recovery,” commented Hugo Sellert, head of economic research, at Monster Worldwide. “Despite sharp drops in hiring in the public

sector and among technology companies in September, there is some cause for optimism in the broader business sector. Recruiting increased in the third quarter for areas such as sales, management and office and administrative support.”

Demand public sector workers plunges as the sales sector sees signs of recovery

Just eight of the 21 industry sectors monitored by the Index registered overall increases in online job availability in September. Public sector, defence, community was hit the hardest, with offerings down by 11 points (ten percent) in September. The sector dropped to a 14-month low, indicating less hiring in the government sphere.

There were also decreases in healthcare, social work (down six points, or two percent); and education, training and library (down nine points, or four percent), although they remained the only two industry sectors to report growth on an annual basis.

The technology sector saw a continued ease in demand for workers as online hiring fell in engineering (down five points, or five percent); IT (down two points, or three percent); and research and development (down seven points, or six percent). Job availability for HR workers also retracted sharply, suggesting overall demand for recruiting personnel remains weak.

Telecommunications registered the highest upturn in online hiring, increasing by six points (ten percent). There were also notable jumps in arts, entertainment, sports, leisure (up seven points, or seven percent); and accounting, audit, taxes sectors (up four points, or five percent).

Opportunities in the sales sector inched marginally higher, extending a six-month positive trend, showing signs of recovery in online hiring among retailers.

Hiring drops for service and sales workers; string upturn for skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers

Online job demand for service and sales workers fell by one point (one percent) in September. This category registered the largest annual fall in online job demand, plummeting by 50 points (42 percent).

There were also sharp downturns in hiring in September for craft, and related workers (down five points, or four percent); technicians and associate professionals (down four points, or three percent); and elementary occupations (down four points, or six percent).

By contrast, skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers posted the sharpest uptick, growing by 21 points, or 14 percent. It was also the only occupational group to register an increase in job availability compared to a year ago.

Demand for clerical support workers saw a second successive upturn, increasing by seven points (seven percent). Hiring of plant and machine operators, and assemblers also edged slightly higher (up one point, or two percent).

Job demand falls most in North England and the South West; hiring holds steady in the Midlands and London

None of the nine UK regions registered an increase in online hiring. Demand fell most in North England (down three points, or two percent) and the South West (down three points, or two percent). Job opportunities fell in Wales for the fourth consecutive month.

Offerings held steady in both the Midlands and London. Year-on-year, East Anglia is showing the most moderate rate of decline, whilst Northern Ireland and the Midlands have dropped furthest.

Best performing sectors

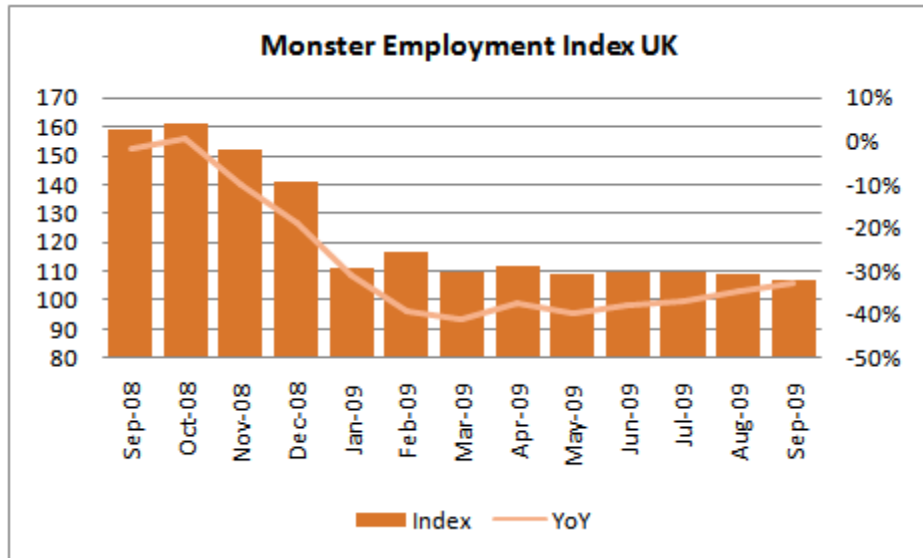
Industry sectors showing the greatest rate of increase in online job availability included:

Month-on-month

Industry	Sep 09	Aug 09	%
Telecommunication	66	60	10%
Arts, entertainment, sports, leisure	106	99	7%
Accounting, audit, taxes	86	82	5%
Sales	93	91	2%
Transport, post and logistics	107	105	2%

Year-on-year

Industry	Sep 09	Sep 08	%
Healthcare, social work	323	201	61%
Education, training and library	231	167	38%
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	105	110	-5%
Management and consulting	168	207	-19%
Hospitality and tourism	124	162	-23%



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

Industry	Sep 09	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08
Accounting, audit, taxes	86	82	82	85	83	85	84	91	90	108	119	121	123
Administrative, organisation	94	93	90	91	90	88	89	98	87	132	160	178	173
Arts, entertainment, sports, leisure	106	99	100	95	103	108	108	120	113	144	151	178	175
Banking, finance, insurance	107	109	106	106	107	115	116	123	117	148	167	173	158
Construction and extraction	67	67	72	70	74	79	83	81	81	108	114	125	134
Education, training and library	231	240	278	294	283	290	267	253	215	256	224	217	167
Engineering	106	111	122	121	125	136	138	149	143	188	196	202	197
Environment, architecture and urbanism	61	60	62	62	63	68	68	74	74	124	134	146	180
Healthcare, social work	323	329	334	312	276	330	291	305	321	263	314	255	201
Hospitality and tourism	124	132	130	132	139	124	123	129	115	150	159	165	162
HR	59	64	63	57	56	56	59	72	52	74	111	127	131
IT	79	81	79	80	81	80	82	85	82	96	103	108	110
Legal	128	135	136	126	125	130	120	139	127	163	162	183	186
Management and consulting	168	166	162	181	187	176	156	162	135	169	193	196	207
Marketing, PR and media	104	105	99	104	103	119	121	138	128	163	196	204	199
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, Repair	105	111	114	108	106	95	97	86	91	103	108	109	110
Public sector, defence, community	101	112	111	106	106	105	104	104	103	108	112	108	113
Research and development	108	115	118	121	133	146	149	146	130	151	150	146	143
Sales	93	91	91	88	88	86	85	86	82	110	121	133	133
Telecommunications	66	60	66	71	66	71	74	80	80	89	102	92	92
Transport, post and logistics	107	105	108	91	96	93	89	97	94	110	126	136	140

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

Occupation	Sep 09	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08
Managers	102	103	103	100	101	105	103	107	101	130	140	151	145
Professionals	103	104	108	110	107	113	111	122	118	152	169	172	164
Technicians and associate professionals	121	125	121	115	111	108	107	109	110	134	147	153	158
Clerical support workers	100	93	86	87	90	83	84	87	83	105	119	135	135
Service and sales workers	69	70	69	78	80	78	79	86	72	90	105	102	119
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	174	153	173	160	157	181	197	214	195	209	205	191	167
Craft and related workers	130	135	139	138	139	140	148	158	133	171	194	204	176
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	59	58	62	56	56	49	48	44	51	72	82	88	95
Elementary occupations	65	69	73	68	69	69	71	60	60	76	90	98	104

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

Region	Sep 09	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08
Midlands	101	101	102	100	103	101	102	110	110	133	154	165	163
North England	124	127	131	128	127	138	133	136	126	155	171	177	179
London	98	98	101	99	96	95	96	100	98	113	124	128	131
South East	97	99	99	98	98	103	104	107	104	120	124	128	126
South West	188	191	189	195	194	198	189	190	176	223	250	276	260
Wales	174	175	184	188	195	192	192	174	179	211	235	257	217
Scotland	105	106	109	106	108	114	100	114	108	133	139	149	149
East Anglia	106	108	106	109	110	105	111	112	101	119	136	148	131
Northern Ireland	108	109	113	109	108	106	93	96	96	143	151	147	185

Monster Employment Index UK for October will be released on November 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://about-monster.com/employment/index/17>.

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