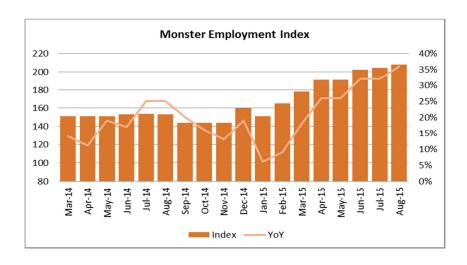


Monster Employment Index depicts an all-time high of 36 Percent this year

- Production and Manufacturing fastest growing sector; up by 86 percent
- Improved growth for sales and business development (55 percent), along with Marketing and Communications (21 percent)
- Among metros highest growth registered in Mumbai (46 percent), followed by Hyderabad (42 percent) and Bangalore (36 percent)
- Baroda rocketed growth at 82 percent from a meager 55 percent in July 2015



"The ongoing momentum is reflecting as an upswing in the current Monster Employment Index. The MEI shows a significant 36 percent rise in the overall hiring; highest in 2015 so far. Sectorally, the hiring activity was led by Production & Manufacturing and BFSI. There still seems to be optimism within the job market and it has grown despite the uncertainties compared to other economies. The government must take a mid to long term view and swing into action. It is time to look into much required reforms and also capital infusion into infrastructure lest it may result in a slowdown" said **Sanjay Modi, Managing Director, Monster.com (India/ Middle- East/Hong Kong/South East Asia**

Monster Employment Index India results for the past 18 months are as follows:

Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jun	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Y-O-
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151	151	151	153	154	153	144	144	144	160	151	165	178	191	191	202	204	208	36%

<u>Industry Year-over-year Trends:</u> E-recruitment activity surpassed the corresponding period a year ago in 23 industry sector of the 27 monitored by the Index.

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• The pace of hiring, year-on-year, in **Production and Manufacturing** (up 86 percent) improved further. The sector is the fastest growing on an annual basis among all monitored sectors. The short-term growth (3-month) is also expanding fast pointing at a higher employee demand in the sector in the recent months

- The long-term growth momentum in **Banking/ Financial Services, Insurance** (up 69 percent), on the other hand, eased four percentage points following progressive growth since February 2015. The sector also registered the second successive month-on-month decline of one percent
- Year-on-year hiring activity in Automotive/ Ancillaries / Tyres (up one percent) and Engineering, Cement, Construction, Iron/ Steel (up one percent) sector even though positive is moving at a slow pace
- There is an increased demand in the **Telecom/ISP** (up 64 percent) sector. The sector registered a
 12 percent growth in opportunities month-on-month; the steepest among all industry sectors. The
 year-on-year rate of growth is the highest registered so far. Online hiring in **IT-Hardware, Software** (up 58 percent) continues to edge up on the year
- The **Oil/ Gas/ Petroleum, Power** (down four percent) sector is slowly recovering. The gap in in hiring activity (year-on-year) has reduced further from July 2015 while the three-month and sixmonth rate of growth has improved
- The year-on-year rate of growth is positive in Chemicals/ Plastic/ Rubber, Paints, Fertilizer/
 Pesticides (up two percent); and Printing/ Packaging (up three percent) sector for the first time
 since September 2014
- **Shipping/Marine** (down 16 percent) recorded the steepest annual decline among industry sectors this month

Top Growth Industries

Year-over-year Growth	Aug 14	Aug 15	% Growth Y-o-Y
Production and Manufacturing	93	173	86%
Banking/ Financial Services , Insurance	110	186	69%
Telecom/ISP	100	164	64%
IT - Hardware, Software	192	304	58%
Retail	175	275	57%

Lowest Growth Industries

Year-over-year Growth	Aug 14	Aug 15	% Growth Y-o-Y
Automotive/ Ancillaries / Tyres	137	138	1%
Oil/ Gas/ Petroleum, Power	133	128	-4%
Import / Export	121	114	-6%
Government/ PSU/ Defence	101	88	-13%
Shipping/Marine	126	106	-16%

<u>Occupation Year-over-year Trends:</u> Of the 13 occupation groups monitored by the Index 12 recorded a growth in online demand.

• There is a growing demand for professionals at the **Senior Management** level. The group has registered the steepest long-term growth rate among all job roles even this month; up by 76 percent. **Arts/Creative** followed with 64 percent growth from the year-ago

- Online demand for Sales & Business Development (up 55 percent); Marketing & Communications (up 21 percent); Health Care (up 40 percent); Hospitality & Travel (up 29 percent) improved further on the year. Engineering /Production (up 29 percent) recorded a 27 percentage point improvement in the rate of annual growth between July and August 2015
- **Purchase/ Logistics/ Supply Chain** registered a negative growth this month and slipped four percent below the year-ago level

Top Growth Occupations

Year-over-year Growth	Aug 14	Aug 15	% Growth Y-o-Y
Senior Management	97	171	76%
Arts/Creative	118	193	64%
Sales & Business Development	155	240	55%
Health Care	164	229	40%
Finance & Accounts	128	174	36%

Lowest Growth Occupations

Year-over-year Growth	Aug 14	Aug 15	% Growth Y-o-Y
Legal	178	222	25%
Marketing & Communications	157	190	21%
HR & Admin	141	170	21%
Customer Service	153	168	10%
Purchase/ Logistics/ Supply Chain	172	165	-4%

<u>Geographic year-over-year Trends</u>: All 13 cities monitored by the Index charted positive online hiring trend on an annual basis.

- **Baroda** registered the most notable improvement in the long-term growth rate from 55 percent in July 2015 to 82 percent in August 2015; also the steepest among all monitored countries. There has been a seven percent growth in opportunities from the previous month
- **Pune** (up 49 percent) has witnessed significant growth in recruitment activity in the past months. Available online opportunities increased by 43 percent between January and August 2015
- **Mumbai** (up 46 percent); and **Hyderabad** (up 42 percent) have registered the sharpest year-on-year growth among major cities. Online recruitment in **Bangalore** (up 36 percent) indicates strong growth from the year-ago. The rate of growth has however moderated slightly while there has been no growth on the month
- Jaipur witnessed the most restrained year-on-year growth among all monitored cities at 20 percent

Top Growth Cities

Year-over-year Growth	Aug 14	Aug 15	% Growth Y-o-Y
Baroda	123	224	82%
Pune	156	232	49%
Mumbai	164	239	46%

Lowest Growth Cities

Year-over-year Growth	Aug 14	Aug 15	% Growth Y-o-Y
Chennai	155	210	35%
Kolkata	155	198	28%
Delhi-NCR	167	213	28%

Hyderabad	149	211	42%
Coimbatore	139	196	41%

Chandigarh	173	209	21%
Jaipur	161	193	20%

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Launched in May 2010 with data collected since October 2009, the Monster Employment Index is a broad and comprehensive monthly analysis of online job posting activity in India conducted by Monster India. Based on a real-time review of millions of employer job opportunities culled from a large, representative selection of online career outlets, including Monster India, the Monster Employment Index presents a snapshot of employer online recruitment activity nationwide.

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