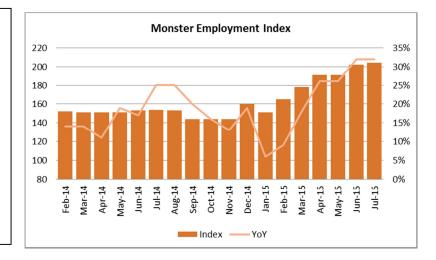


Monster Employment Index India Grows 32 Percent from the Year-ago

- Banking/ Financial Services, Insurance leads all industry sectors charting notable growth from the year-ago
- Year-on-year, online recruitment activity declines the most in Government/ PSU/ Defence sector
- There is greater demand for professionals at the Senior Management level among occupation groups
- Baroda registers the steepest growth followed by Pune; Mumbai; and Bangalore lead all cities year-on-year



"The Monster Employment Index records the highest growth for 2015 with a 32 per cent increase in the online job opportunities. While the hiring momentum continues to scale up, the overall job market in India has witnessed more stability, especially in sectors such as BFSI (73 per cent), production & manufacturing (72 per cent) and automation. With an improving economy, government's myriad initiatives such as 'Make in India' and plans to create 100 smart cities, are likely to further stimulate job opportunities. The job scenario is slated to be optimistic with organizations hiring aggressively, contributing to the overall momentum making India job ready," said **Sanjay Modi, Managing Director, Monster.com (India/Middle-East/South-East Asia/Hong Kong).**

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

Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jun	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Y-
14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	O-Y
152	151	151	151	153	154	153	144	144	144	160	151	165	178	191	191	202	204	32 %

<u>Industry Year-over-year Trends:</u> Of the 27 sectors monitored by the Index, 20 sectors saw growth in online opportunities from the year-ago.

- Among industry sectors Banking/ Financial Services, Insurance (up 73 percent) continues to be the top gainer year-on-year. The pace of long-term growth registers a marginal improvement of one percentage point. However, online recruitment in the sector eased on the month for the first time since January this year
- The manufacturing and commerce sector is exhibiting steady growth in hiring. Production and Manufacturing (up 72 percent) is second in the rung in terms of year-on-year growth in hiring activity. The growth momentum improved further this month. The Index reading at 167 is highest in the series. Logistic, Courier/ Freight/ Transportation sector registered a 13 percent growth in opportunities, year-on-year. In the related Automotive/ Ancillaries / Tyres sector hiring activity recorded an uptrend for the fourth successive month in the series; up by eight percent. The annual growth momentum paced up by four percentage points
- While recruitment activity in IT Hardware, Software sector continues to be 51 percent higher than in July 2014
 the pace of growth has eased significantly between June and July 2015. The sector also registered fewer
 opportunities on the month; down by six percent

- Online opportunities in the **Engineering, Cement, Construction, Iron/ Steel** sector matched that of the corresponding period a year-ago. Employment growth in the sector has been sluggish since January 2013. It is notable however that there has been a 16 percent growth in opportunities between January and June 2015
- The **Oil/ Gas/ Petroleum, Power** sector has seen significant improvement in the pace of growth; up from a negative 24 percent in June 2015 to a negative 11 percent in July 2015. The three-month and six-month growth rate are also positive this month. E-recruitment in the sector is clearly recovering in the recent months. **Chemicals/Plastic/ Rubber, Paints, Fertilizer/ Pesticides** (down one percent) also recorded an improvement of 28 percentage points on the year-on growth rate between June and July 2015
- **Healthcare, Bio Technology & Life Sciences, Pharmaceuticals** (up 34 percent) has been charting incessant positive growth in online opportunities
- **Government/ PSU/ Defence** (down 12 percent) exhibited the steepest year-on-year decline among all industry sectors.

Top Growth Industries

% Growth Year-over-year Jul Jul Growth 14 15 Y-o-Y Banking/ Financial 108 187 73% Services , Insurance Production and 97 167 72% Manufacturing Telecom/ISP 91 147 62% Retail 180 286 59% IT - Hardware, Software 193 291 51%

Lowest Growth Industries

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Year-over-year Growth	Jul 14	Jul 15	% Growth Y-o-Y
Printing/ Packaging	145	139	-4%
Media & Entertainment	183	171	-7%
Shipping/Marine	124	111	-10%
Oil/ Gas/ Petroleum, Power	136	121	-11%
Government/ PSU/ Defence	102	90	-12%

Occupation Year-over-year Trends: Online demand for all 13 occupation groups monitored by the Index.

- Once again there is an increase in demand for Senior Management personnel. A 57 percent growth in demand for the year-ago is the steepest among all monitored occupation groups. The group supplanted Arts/Creative (up 47 percent) this month
- Online demand for Sales & Business Development (up 45 percent); Marketing & Communications (up 14 percent); HR & Admin (up 28 percent); Health Care (up 25 percent) continues to grow
- The long-term growth rate eased for **Software, Hardware, Telecom** (up 37 percent) and **Engineering /Production** (up two percent) professionals between June and July 2015. The demand for Software, Hardware, Telecom however was significantly higher that the corresponding period a year-ago. Engineering /Production saw the most restrained growth among occupation groups

Top Growth Occupations

Year-over-year Growth	Jul	Jul	% Growth
rear-over-year Growth	14	15	Y-o-Y
Senior Management	102	160	57%
Arts/Creative	124	182	47%
Sales & Business	156	226	45%

Lowest Growth Occupations

Year-over-year	Jul	Jul	% Growth
Growth	14	15	Y-o-Y
Hospitality & Travel	163	200	23%
Marketing & Communications	152	173	14%
Customer Service	154	166	8%

Development			
Finance & Accounts	121	170	40%
Software, Hardware, Telecom	158	216	37%

Purchase/ Logistics/ Supply Chain	158	164	4%
Engineering /Production	135	138	2%

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

- **Baroda** (up 55 percent) followed by **Pune** (up 43 percent) led all cities charting the steepest annual growth. The year-on-year growth momentum improved significantly for both between June and July 2015. Baroda's annual growth rate is also the steepest in the series
- **Mumbai** and **Bangalore** were next in the rung charting a 39 percent growth each, year-on-year. Mumbai has been witnessing progressive improvement in the pace of growth since March 2015 The long term-growth momentum eased marginally in case of Bangalore this month
- The year-on-year growth momentum advanced in **Delhi-NCR** (up 27 percent); **Hyderabad** (up 37 percent); and **Chennai** (up 30 percent) as well between June and July 2015

Top Growth Cities

Year-over-year Growth	Jul 14	Jul 15	% Growth Y-o-Y
Baroda	135	209	55%
Pune	158	226	43%
Mumbai	165	230	39%
Bangalore	188	261	39%
Ahmedabad	161	221	37%

Lowest Growth Cities

Year-over- year Growth	Jul 14	Jul 15	% Growth Y- o-Y
Chennai	157	204	30%
Kolkata	150	191	27%
Delhi-NCR	166	210	27%
Jaipur	150	184	23%
Chandigarh	164	201	23%

About the Monster Employment Index

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.

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 national online job recruitment activity is within a margin of error of \pm 1.05%. Monster has taken due care in compiling and processing the data available from various sources for Monster Employment Index, but does not guarantee the accuracy, adequacy or completeness of any information and is not responsible for any errors or omissions or action/decision taken or for the results obtained from the use of such information.

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Monster.com was voted Product of the Year under the 'Online Job Portals category' in a survey of over 18000 people by Nielsen. Back in 2014, Monster mPower Search was voted Product of the Year under the 'Online Job Portals category' in the same survey. Monster India and DishTV partnered in convergence of the Internet and TV medium to make job services accessible to TV viewers across all cities, bridging the unmet need of the audience for whom access to the internet is limited. This first ever job search initiative is called 'Monsterjobs Active'.

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