

UAE's Online Job Listings Jump 42% In First Few Months Of 2019

The UAE's job market seems to have started to pick up pace as online recruitment showed robust activity. According to Monster Employment Index (MEI), the country witnessed a 42% jump in online job postings in Q1 2019 compared to the same period last year.

The growth in recruitment activity was the highest regionally in the UAE, followed by Saudi Arabia at 17% and Bahrain at 12%. Oman was the only country that saw a decline of 3% in online hiring.

Recruitment was the highest among the education sector, with growth recorded at 21% year-on-year. Human resources and administration as well as finance and accounting were also professions that saw hiring activity pick up within the UAE.

A push for Emiratization from the public and private sector alike has led to an increase in the country's online recruitment activity. In 2018, the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization created 20,225 jobs for Emirati citizens compared to 6,862 the previous year. This strategy was in line with the National Employment Agenda and Emiratization Acceleration programs.

"The government has put in place plans to make the private sector more appealing for national talent, including the consolidation of public sector and private sector holidays, and with recently announced plans to create 30,000 more jobs for Emiratis in the private sector this year, the recruitment market will be further stimulated," says Abhijeet Mukherjee, Chief Executive Officer, Monster.com, APAC & Middle East.

"Such initiatives are a great way to ensure sustainable growth in the economy which is a key objective for the UAE."

A survey conducted by recruitment firm Michael Page about the state of job market in the region drew similar conclusions. Nearly 64% of Middle East professionals displayed a positive outlook on the current job market while a quarter of the participants admitted their preference to a long-term career commitment to the region.

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