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Hiring Trends in Philippines

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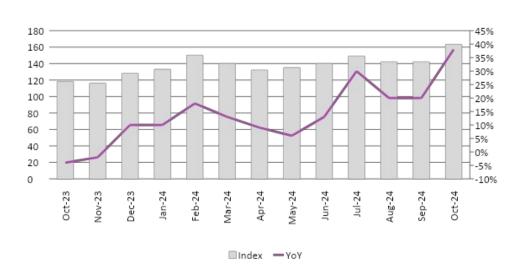
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Key Highlights of the Month

foundit Insights Tracker in the Philippines saw an impressive 20% annual surge in hiring activity in October 2024

- In October 2024, the foundit Insights Tracker (fit) showed a strong rise in hiring activity, with the index reaching 163. This reflects a significant increase from the 118 recorded in October 2023, underscoring a marked rise in recruitment momentum over the past year.
- Month-over-month hiring activity rose by 15%, as index stood at 142 in September 2024, indicating an increase in job opportunities compared to the previous month, reflecting a strengthening job market with expanded hiring across sectors.
- Over the last six months, hiring activity in the Philippines has surged by 21%. This increase is largely driven by the Philippine government's focus on infrastructure development and economic reforms aimed at attracting foreign direct investments (FDI). These initiatives are generating jobs in the related sectors. Additionally, substantial investments in expanding internet connectivity and promoting green technologies are underway. This approach positions the Philippines as a rapidly advancing economy, prioritizing resilience, security, and sustainability, which collectively boost job opportunities and support long-term economic growth.

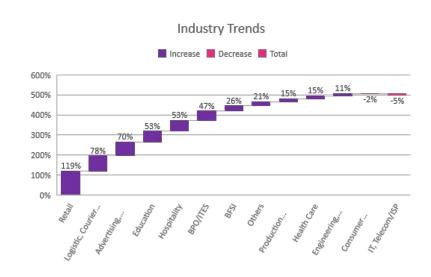
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Hiring Trends – Industry*

10 out of the 12 monitored industries saw significant hiring growth in the month of October'24.

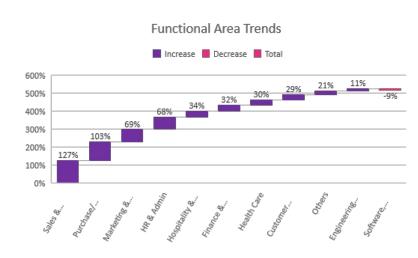
- The **Retail** (+119%) sector has demonstrated substantial growth in online hiring demand, showing a remarkable year-over-year increase and a 60% surge over the past six months. This strong upward trend is driven by the e-commerce boom, fueling demand for roles in logistics, digital marketing, and technology as companies prioritize digital transformation to cater to consumer needs. Additionally, the **Logistics**, **Courier/Freight/Transportation**, **Shipping** (+78%) industry achieved significant annual growth, reflecting expanded supply chain operations. The **Advertising**, **Market Research**, **Public Relations**, **Media**, **and Entertainment** (+70%) sector also saw impressive annual growth with increased hiring activity across these dynamic fields.
- On the other hand, the **IT and Telecom/ISP** (-5%) sector saw an annual decline in hiring activity, marking a significant reduction. However, it showed a positive turnaround with a 13% increase in hiring over the past month. Meanwhile, the **Consumer Goods/FMCG** (-2%) industry experienced a slight annual dip in October 2024, indicating a marginal slowdown in hiring demand within this sector.
- Additionally, several other sectors posted strong annual growth rates in October 2024: Engineering, Construction, and Real Estate (+11%) and Production/Manufacturing, Automotive, and Ancillary (+15%), Healthcare (+15%), BFSI (+26%), BPO/ITES (+47%), Hospitality (+53%) and Education (+53%).



Hiring Trends - Functional Area*

9 out of 10 functions observed by the tracker surpassed the year-ago level in the hiring activity in September'24.

- The surge in hiring for Sales & Business Development (+127%) and Purchase/Logistics/Supply Chain (+103%) roles reflects a strategic shift among companies, particularly in retail, to strengthen sales networks and optimize supply chains to accommodate rising consumer demand. Moreover, this uptick aligns with the broader industry trend of investing in digital transformation to streamline operations and enhance customer experience. In tandem, Marketing & Communications (+69%) roles saw an increase, as organisations focus majorly on influencer marketing boosting brand engagement.
- The **Software**, **Hardware**, **and Telecom** (-9%) sector recorded an annual decline in e-recruitment activity, reflecting a slowdown in hiring over the past year. However, hiring saw a positive shift with a 13% month-over-month increase, driven by recent strategic investments in digital capabilities across industries. This uptick highlights renewed demand for tech talent as businesses prioritize digital transformation initiatives to improve operational efficiency.
- However, HR & Admin (+68%), Finance & Accounts (+32%), Hospitality & Travel (34%), Healthcare (+30%), Customer Service (+29%) and Engineering/ Production / Real Estate (+11%) roles saw an uptick in demand annually.



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Data & Methodology

The foundit Insights Tracker (fit) is a comprehensive monthly analysis of online job posting activity conducted by foundit.in. Based on a real-time review of millions of employer job opportunities culled from a large, representative selection of online career outlets, fit presents a snapshot of employer online recruitment activity nationwide. In its earlier form (as Monster Employment Index), it gave a broader view of hiring trends by industry, function, location and experience levels. In its new avatar, it provides next-level insights on recruitment trends and tracks developments in demand for key skills, roles available and salary range on offer in the market.

In order to avoid excessive monthly fluctuations, the index is calculated using a volatility-adjusting formula. We publish the data in a volume index format with the base value of 100. The index describes changes in the level of online job demand against the baseline. An increase in the index indicates growth in online job availability and suggests an increase in the demand for employees by employers.

foundit Insights Tracker (formerly Monster Employment Index) was first launched in India in May 2010 with data collected since November 2009 followed by Gulf in April 2011 with data collected since November 2010; Singapore in May 2014 with data collected since February 2011; Philippines and Malaysia in May 2015 with data collected since February 2014

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foundit.in, formerly Monster, is a leading talent platform offering comprehensive employment solutions to recruiters and job seekers across India, SEA, and Gulf. Since its inception, the company has been assisting over 65 million registered users to find jobs, upskill, and connect with the right opportunities across 18 countries. Over the last two decades, the company has been a catalyst in the world of recruitment solutions with advanced technology, seeking to efficiently bridge the talent gap across industry verticals, experience levels, and geographies. Today, foundit.in is committed to enabling and connecting the right talent with the right opportunities by harnessing the power of deep-tech to sharpen hyper-personalised job searches, and precision hiring. foundit.in strongly believes that a job title doesn't define one's potential and leverages technology to dig deeper to curate opportunities central to the needs, aspirations, and dreams of each user.

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Annexure: Industry Data*

| Industries | Oct-23 | Nov-23 | Dec-23 | Jan-24 | Feb-24 | Mar-24 | Apr-24 | May-24 | Jun-24 | Jul-24 | Aug-24 | Sep-24 | Oct-24 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| BPO/ITES | 237 | 235 | 255 | 230 | 266 | 253 | 238 | 233 | 274 | 276 | 323 | 278 | 349 |
| IT, Telecom/ISP | 170 | 164 | 159 | 162 | 168 | 154 | 154 | 147 | 141 | 143 | 142 | 142 | 161 |
| BFSI | 192 | 188 | 201 | 217 | 224 | 219 | 216 | 212 | 215 | 225 | 229 | 210 | 242 |
| Engineering, Construction and Real Estate | 80 | 79 | 85 | 80 | 90 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 87 | 90 | 86 | 87 | 89 |
| FMCG, Food & Packaged Food , Home Appliance, Garments/ Textiles/ Leather, Gems & Jewelry | 85 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 80 | 81 | 84 | 80 | 82 | 82 | 82 | 84 | 83 |
| Production/Manufacturing, Automotive and Ancillary | 92 | 92 | 97 | 99 | 103 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 95 | 97 | 106 |
| Retail | 170 | 181 | 206 | 195 | 209 | 197 | 207 | 233 | 263 | 291 | 304 | 298 | 372 |
| Hospitality | 66 | 66 | 75 | 87 | 81 | 76 | 79 | 79 | 88 | 91 | 94 | 94 | 101 |
| Education | 81 | 79 | 94 | 109 | 111 | 99 | 100 | 89 | 106 | 120 | 103 | 94 | 124 |
| Health Care | 140 | 142 | 156 | 163 | 162 | 151 | 152 | 180 | 157 | 142 | 152 | 162 | 161 |
| Logistic, Courier/ Freight/ Transportation, Import/Export, Shipping | 98 | 94 | 120 | 143 | 156 | 131 | 126 | 144 | 155 | 145 | 144 | 150 | 174 |
| Advertising, Market Research, Public Relations, Media and Entertainment | 115 | 110 | 132 | 144 | 153 | 138 | 139 | 142 | 149 | 157 | 159 | 157 | 195 |

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Annexure: Functional Area Data*

| Functions | Oct-23 | Nov-23 | Dec-23 | Jan-24 | Feb-23 | Mar-24 | Apr-24 | May-24 | Jun-24 | Jul-24 | Aug-24 | Sep-24 | Oct-24 |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Software, Hardware, Telecom | 253 | 247 | 252 | 272 | 264 | 267 | 243 | 225 | 210 | 196 | 203 | 203 | 230 |
| Finance & Accounts | 216 | 207 | 217 | 236 | 233 | 247 | 240 | 242 | 243 | 269 | 264 | 262 | 286 |
| Sales & Business Development | 86 | 88 | 93 | 94 | 98 | 94 | 96 | 114 | 125 | 154 | 147 | 151 | 195 |
| Customer Service | 202 | 198 | 219 | 190 | 189 | 210 | 191 | 196 | 211 | 215 | 242 | 215 | 261 |
| Marketing & Communications | 120 | 116 | 134 | 159 | 133 | 158 | 159 | 156 | 163 | 171 | 169 | 169 | 203 |
| HR & Admin | 117 | 120 | 141 | 155 | 132 | 152 | 149 | 166 | 207 | 241 | 185 | 164 | 197 |
| Engineering /Production, Real Estate | 82 | 81 | 83 | 80 | 81 | 87 | 86 | 87 | 87 | 90 | 87 | 88 | 91 |
| Hospitality & Travel | 68 | 67 | 73 | 76 | 74 | 72 | 74 | 70 | 76 | 78 | 79 | 82 | 91 |
| Health Care | 115 | 115 | 118 | 130 | 133 | 132 | 130 | 143 | 137 | 126 | 125 | 143 | 149 |
| Purchase/ Logistics/ Supply Chain | 89 | 88 | 114 | 142 | 106 | 138 | 128 | 147 | 155 | 146 | 149 | 156 | 181 |

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