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# IRISH EMPLOYMENT MONITOR

POSITIVE GROWTH TREND CONTINUES IN IRELAND'S  
PROFESSIONAL JOBS MARKET

## Highlights

- In February 10, new professional job vacancies increased by 34% compared to February 09
- Month-on-month, the number of new job vacancies rose by 7%
- This is the fourth consecutive month of increase in the number of new jobs available for professionals in Ireland
- In February 10 compared to January 10, the number of professionals beginning their job search increased by 19%
- There was 58% more professionals entering the Irish jobs market in February compared to the same month last year

## Number of new jobs and new candidates continues to grow

In February 10, the number of new professional vacancies in the Irish jobs market grew for the fourth consecutive month, according to the Premier Group Irish Employment Monitor, registering a 34% increase compared to February 09. New professional job vacancies increased from 4,201 in February 09 to 5,633 in February 10. The monthly increase was 7% rising from 5,282 in January to 5,633 in February. February has recorded the highest number of new vacancies since November 08 reflecting greater confidence in some areas of the professional jobs market.

February also saw a 19% increase in the number of new professionals becoming active in the jobs market with numbers rising from 12,655 in January to 15,060 in February. This continues the general upward trend which emerged in the middle of Q3 09. There was a significant increase in the year on year number of professionals entering the jobs market with numbers rising by 58% from February 09 to February 10.

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## Brian Murphy, CEO Premier Group Ireland comments:

*“The number of professional jobs available in the marketplace continued to increase in February with professional vacancies increasing by 7% over January and by a considerable 34% over February 09, a time when confidence in the employment market was particularly low and many companies were announcing redundancies. “*

*“It was pleasing that the overall upward trend in the new job opportunities we have seen since August continued in February. There was a general up-tick across certain industry sectors and in February and we also noticed a positive movement in the FMCG sector. Across all sectors the bulk of new positions continue to come from blue chip multinational clients although there was a small increase in SME activity. “*

*“Since the start of the year we have had an increasing demand for temporary and contract staff. Many clients have labour requirements but it appears that until there are stronger signs of a sustained economic recovery, the more flexible option of temporary staffing is proving attractive to fill evolving resource gaps.”*

*“The number of professionals active in the jobs market in February increased by 19% over January. The increase is due to the renewed confidence among professionals to look at opportunities and consider career options. The year on year monthly increase in professionals entering the jobs market over February 09 was a sizable 58%. This increase is not surprising considering that many professionals decided to remain in their respective positions once the economic storm emerged in the first half of 09.”*

**Brian Murphy, CEO**  
**Premier Group Ireland**



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## NEW JOBS VS. NEW CANDIDATES

“ There was a general pick-up across all industry sectors in February 10 ”

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## About the Premier Group Irish Employment Monitor

The Premier Group Irish Employment Monitor measures the pulse of the Irish professional jobs market by tracking the number of new job vacancies and new candidates within the Republic of Ireland each month. The first Premier Group Irish Employment Monitor was launched in May 2009 with data from April 2008 onwards.

## Statistical methodology

### Monthly new jobs and new candidates

Monthly new jobs and new candidate figures are based on Premier Group's own monthly records of new permanent job vacancies and new candidates registering with the firm for permanent employment. Statistics for the full market are derived using Premier Group's own market share.

### Job classification

Job vacancies are professional level roles within the following sectors and functions; Banking & Financial Services, Commerce & Industry finance, Insurance, Public Practice & Tax, Legal, HR, IT, Life Sciences, Engineering, Process & Manufacturing, Professional Services, Sales & Marketing, Customer Service, Secretarial & Office Support.

### Geography

The data is based on new job vacancies and new candidates registered with Premier Group's network of Irish offices in Cork, Dublin, Kilkenny, Limerick and Waterford.

## About Premier Group

Premier Group is Ireland's leading recruitment consultancy with offices in Cork, Dublin, Kilkenny, Limerick, and Waterford. Internationally, the Group operates from 24 offices across eight countries. Subsidiary brands within Premier Group in Ireland include Accreate Executive Search & Interim, Brunel, la crème, Premier, and Verkom. Morgan McKinley and iQ selection also form part of the Premier Group outside of Ireland.

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## Morgan McKinley London Employment Monitor

Premier Group currently publishes a similar monitor in London under its subsidiary brand name, Morgan McKinley. The highly regarded Morgan McKinley London Employment Monitor was launched in 2004 and reports on the new roles, candidates and salaries within the financial services jobs market in London each month. Visit [www.morganmckinley.co.uk](http://www.morganmckinley.co.uk) for details.