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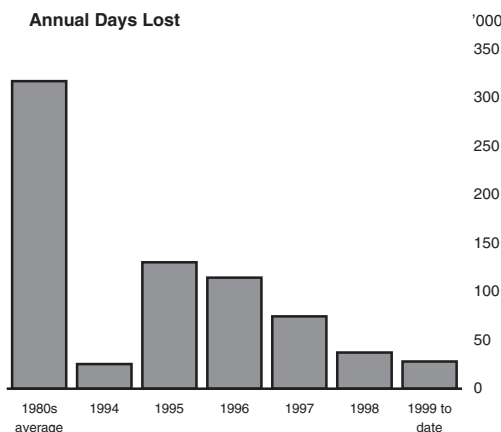


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Industrial Disputes

Second Quarter 1999

Annual Days Lost



Disputes in Progress

	Disputes	Workers	Days lost
Q2 1998	9	3,084	7,267
Q1 1999	6	787	2,033
Q2 1999	11	3,204	26,158
Q1-Q2 1998	18	6,329	20,896
Q1-Q2 1999	16	3,982	28,191

Large increase in number of days lost

During the second quarter of 1999, there were 26,158 days lost due to industrial disputes. There were 11 disputes in progress, involving 3,204 workers. For the same period last year there were 7,267 days lost.

The majority of the days lost (84%) were in the construction industry due to the scaffolding dispute. Transport, storage and communication industry accounted for 2,004 days lost, the services sector 1,716 days, and the food industry 588 days. *See Table 1.*

In the first half of 1999, 28,191 days were lost, compared to 20,896 for the same period in 1998.

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Table 1 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in the second quarter of 1999

Industrial Group	Disputes which began in Q2 1999	Disputes in progress during Q2 1999			Total days lost
		Number of disputes	Number of firms	Number of workers	
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	—	—	—	—	—
Mining, quarrying and turf production	—	—	—	—	—
Food	1	2	2	164	588
Drink and tobacco	—	—	—	—	—
Textiles	—	—	—	—	—
Clothing and footwear	—	—	—	—	—
Woodworking and furniture	—	—	—	—	—
Paper and printing	—	—	—	—	—
Chemicals and chemical products	—	—	—	—	—
Clay products, glass, cement etc.	—	—	—	—	—
Metals and engineering	—	—	—	—	—
Other manufacturing	—	—	—	—	—
Construction and repair work (incl. building)	2	2	90	1,900	21,850
Electricity, gas water and sanitary services	—	—	—	—	—
Commerce	—	—	—	—	—
Transport, storage and communication	2	2	4	444	2,004
Services	5	5	5	696	1,716
Total Q2 1999	10	11	101	3,204	26,158

Table 2 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in each quarter, 1993-1999

Year	Quarter	Disputes which began	Disputes in progress			
			Number of disputes ¹	Number of firms involved ¹	Workers involved ¹	Total days lost
1993	Quarter 1	15	16	16	2,378	13,673
	Quarter 2	16	23	23	3,368	18,342
	Quarter 3	9	12	12	7,049	23,257
	Quarter 4	7	9	9	447	6,040
	Total 1993	47	48	48	12,789	61,312
1994	Quarter 1	7	8	8	837	5,088
	Quarter 2	11	13	222	1,585	11,374
	Quarter 3	4	4	4	1,392	3,143
	Quarter 4	6	7	7	1,329	5,945
	Total 1994	28	29	238	5,007	25,550
1995	Quarter 1	14	14	14	2,134	5,334
	Quarter 2	10	11	11	28,762	89,872
	Quarter 3	5	7	7	8,339	31,466
	Quarter 4	4	5	5	624	3,628
	Total 1995	34	34	34	31,653	130,300
1996	Quarter 1	5	7	7	1,179	1,949
	Quarter 2	14	15	15	2,830	16,682
	Quarter 3	6	6	6	9,471	89,800
	Quarter 4	5	8	8	1,418	6,153
	Total 1996	30	32	30	13,339	114,584
1997	Quarter 1	9	9	9	838	13,814
	Quarter 2	10	12	17	4,343	55,249
	Quarter 3	3	7	7	119	2,121
	Quarter 4	6	6	6	433	3,324
	Total 1997	28	28	33	5,364	74,508
1998	Quarter 1	10	11	11	3,376	13,629
	Quarter 2	7	9	30	3,084	7,267
	Quarter 3	6	8	15	854	13,112
	Quarter 4	10	12	14	1,029	3,366
	Total 1998	33	34	62	8,060	37,374
1999	Quarter 1	6	6	7	787	2,033
	Quarter 2	10	11	101	3,204	26,158

¹The quarterly totals in these columns will not always add to the annual total since an Industrial Dispute can be in progress in more than one quarter.

Background Notes

Sources The information on Industrial Disputes is based on details supplied by the Monitoring Unit of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment and on information collected directly from other sources by the Central Statistics Office.

Scope Disputes are included in this release if they involve a stoppage of work lasting for at least one day and the total time lost is 10 or more person-days.

Days Lost In calculating days lost, it is assumed that work would have continued if no dispute had occurred. No allowance is made for loss of work from unemployment or other causes (such as bad weather) which might have happened even if there was no dispute. The number of days lost is calculated by multiplying the number of persons involved by the number of normal working days during which they were involved in the dispute. Persons working for approximately 40 hours per week are assumed to be working the equivalent of a 5 day week even if the work is spread over more than 5 days.

Disputes in Progress The tables show data on disputes which began and disputes which were in progress in each quarter. The quarterly figures for the number of disputes in progress and for the number of firms and workers involved will not always add to the annual total, since an industrial dispute can be in progress in more than one quarter.