

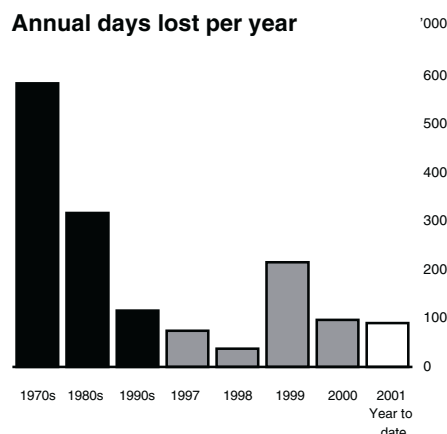


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Industrial Disputes

First Quarter 2001



Disputes in Progress

	Disputes	Workers	Days lost
Q1 2000	12	4,125	23,238
Q4 2000	12	22,517	63,705
Q1 2001	11	21,289	90,427

Over 90,000 days lost in the first quarter

During the first quarter of 2001, there were 90,427 days lost due to industrial disputes. This compares to 23,238 days lost for the same period last year. The 11 disputes in progress in the first quarter of 2001 involved 21,289 workers.

The largest dispute in the first quarter was the teachers' strike, which accounted for more than 80% of the total days lost. Disputes in the transport, storage and communication sector accounted for a further 12%, while the rest of the days lost were in construction and manufacturing. *See table 1.*

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Table 1 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in the first quarter of 2001

Industrial Group	Disputes which began in Q1 2001	Disputes in progress during Q1 2001			Total days lost
		Number of disputes	Number of firms	Number of workers	
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	—	—	—	—	—
C Mining and quarrying	—	—	—	—	—
D Manufacturing	2	3	3	214	2,186
E Electricity, gas and water supply	—	—	—	—	—
F Construction	2	2	2	158	3,160
G Wholesale and retail trade	—	—	—	—	—
H Hotels and restaurants	—	—	—	—	—
I Transport, storage and communication	5	5	4	4,313	10,795
J-K Financial and other business services	—	—	—	—	—
L Public administration and defence	—	—	—	—	—
M Education ¹	—	1	1	16,604	74,286
N Health and social work	—	—	—	—	—
O-Q Other services	—	—	—	—	—
Total Q1 2001	9	11	10	21,289	90,427

¹ The teachers' dispute above has been classified for statistical purposes as involving one employer, although over 500 individual schools were involved.

Table 2 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in each quarter, 1993-2001

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
	Quarter 3	8	10	11	816	8,864
	Quarter 4	8	9	17	32,203	178,532
	Total 1999	32	32	127	36,505	215,587
2000	Quarter 1	12	12	15	4,125	23,238
	Quarter 2	11	12	15	1,259	3,115
	Quarter 3	4	5	5	440	6,988
	Quarter 4	12	12	11	22,517	63,705
	Total 2000	39	39	41	28,192	97,046
2001	Quarter 1	9	11	10	21,289	90,427

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.