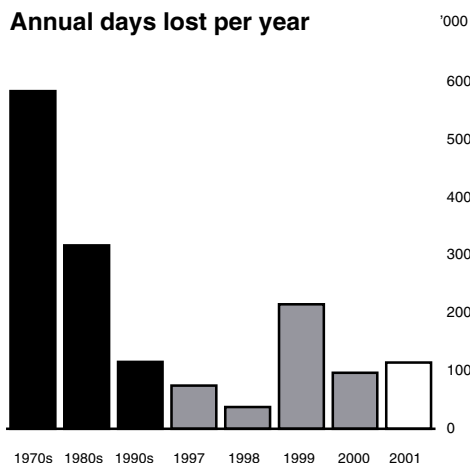




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Annual days lost per year



Industrial Disputes

Fourth Quarter 2001

Disputes in Progress

	Disputes	Workers	Days lost
Quarter			
Q4 2000	12	22,517	63,705
Q3 2001	4	422	3,810
Q4 2001	2	302	670
Year			
2000	39	28,192	97,046
2001	26	32,168	114,613

Just under 115,000 days lost in industrial disputes

During 2001, there were 114,613 days lost to industrial disputes. This is an increase of 18.1% on the number of days lost in 2000, when 97,046 days were lost.

However, the number of industrial disputes in 2001 decreased to 26. Of the 26 disputes in progress 24 began in the year 2001. This is the lowest annual number of industrial disputes begun in a year since 1970. The 26 disputes in progress in 2001 affected 32,168 workers and 58 firms.

The teachers' dispute in the Education sector accounted for over 80% (or 74,286) of the 90,427 days lost in the first quarter of 2001, and overall accounted for just under 65% of the total days lost in 2001. *See tables 2&3.*

Other features include:

- The Transport, Storage with Communication sector accounted for a further 15,724 (13.7%), with the Manufacturing sector accounting for another 14,512 (12.7%) of the total days lost in 2001. *See table 2.*
- There were 2 industrial disputes in progress in the fourth quarter of 2001 involving 302 workers and 2 firms. *See table 1.*

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

Industrial Group	Disputes which began in Q4 2001	Disputes in progress during Q4 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	—	—	—	—	—
E Electricity, gas and water supply	—	—	—	—	—
F Construction	—	—	—	—	—
G Wholesale and retail trade	—	—	—	—	—
H Hotels and restaurants	—	—	—	—	—
I Transport, storage and communication	1	1	1	130	507
J-K Financial and other business services	—	—	—	—	—
L Public administration and defence	—	—	—	—	—
M Education	—	—	—	—	—
N Health and social work	1	1	1	172	163
O-Q Other services	—	—	—	—	—
Total Q4 2001	2	2	2	302	670

Table 2 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in 2001

Industrial Group	Disputes which began in 2001	Disputes in progress during 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	8	9	43	1,840	14,512
E Electricity, gas and water supply	—	—	—	—	—
F Construction	2	2	2	158	3,160
G Wholesale and retail trade	1	1	1	8,565	6,531
H Hotels and restaurants	—	—	—	—	—
I Transport, storage and communication	10	10	8	4,796	15,724
J-K Financial and other business services	—	—	—	—	—
L Public administration and defence	—	—	—	—	—
M Education	—	1	1	16,604	74,286
N Health and social work	3	3	3	205	400
O-Q Other services	—	—	—	—	—
Total 2001	24	26	58	32,168	114,613

Table 3 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	21,189	90,427
	Quarter 2	10	10	44	13,099	19,706
	Quarter 3	3	4	4	422	3,810
	Quarter 4	2	2	2	302	670
	Total 2001	24	26	58	32,168	114,613

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.