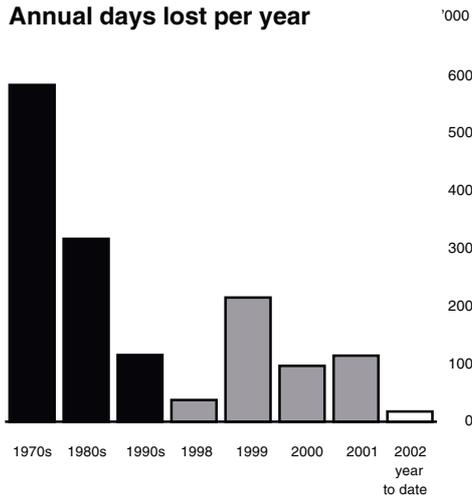


**Annual days lost per year**



## Industrial Disputes

### Third Quarter 2002

#### Disputes in Progress

	Disputes	Workers	Days lost
<b>Q3 2001</b>	4	422	3,810
<b>Q2 2002</b>	8	1,763	9,666
<b>Q3 2002</b>	11	1,021	4,613
<i>Year to date</i>			
<b>Q1-Q3 2001</b>	24	34,666	113,943
<b>Q1-Q3 2002</b>	24	3,235	17,902

### Just over 4,500 days lost in the third quarter

During the third quarter of 2002, there were 4,613 days lost due to industrial disputes. This compares to 3,810 days lost for the same period last year. The 11 disputes in progress in the third quarter of 2002 involved 1,021 workers. *See table 1.*

The manufacturing sector (52%) and the health and social work sector (23%) are the sectors most affected in terms of days lost.

In the first nine months of 2002 there were 17,902 days lost due to industrial disputes. This compares to 113,943 for the first nine months of last year. The figure for this year remains significantly lower than that for last year even if one allows for the impact the teachers' dispute had on last years' figure. *See table 2.*

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**Table 1 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in the third quarter of 2002**

Industrial Group	Disputes which began in Q3 2002	Disputes in progress during Q3 2002			Total days lost
		Number of disputes	Number of firms	Number of workers	
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	–	–	–	–	–
C Mining and quarrying	–	–	–	–	–
D Manufacturing	1	3	3	690	2,419
E Electricity, gas and water supply	–	–	–	–	–
F Construction	1	1	1	12	12
G Wholesale and retail trade	2	2	2	149	886
H Hotels and restaurants	–	–	–	–	–
I Transport, storage and communication	1	1	1	9	200
J-K Financial and other business services	–	–	–	–	–
L Public administration and defence	–	–	–	–	–
M Education	1	1	1	4	12
N Health and social work	3	3	3	157	1,084
O-Q Other services	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Q3 2002</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>4,613</b>

**Table 2 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in each quarter, 1994-2002**

Year	Quarter	Disputes which began	Disputes in progress			
			Number of disputes <sup>1</sup>	Number of firms involved <sup>1</sup>	Workers involved <sup>1</sup>	Total days lost
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
	<b>Total 1994</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>5,007</b>	<b>25,550</b>
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
	<b>Total 1995</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>31,653</b>	<b>130,300</b>
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
	<b>Total 1996</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>13,339</b>	<b>114,584</b>
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
	<b>Total 1997</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5,364</b>	<b>74,508</b>
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
	<b>Total 1998</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>8,060</b>	<b>37,374</b>
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
	<b>Total 1999</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>36,505</b>	<b>215,587</b>
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
	<b>Total 2000</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>28,192</b>	<b>97,046</b>
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
	<b>Total 2001</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>32,168</b>	<b>114,613</b>
2002	Quarter 1	8	8	22	1,081	3,623
	Quarter 2 <sup>2</sup>	7	8	9	1,763	9,666
	Quarter 3	9	11	11	1,021	4,613

<sup>1</sup>The 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.<sup>2</sup>The data for quarter 2 contains revisions.

## 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.