



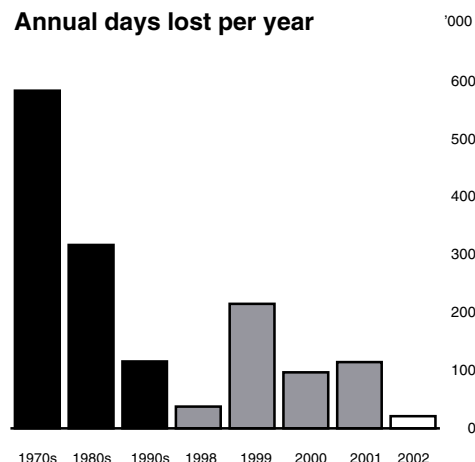
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Industrial Disputes

Fourth Quarter 2002

Annual days lost per year



Disputes in Progress

	Disputes	Workers	Days lost
<i>Quarter</i>			
Q4 2001	2	302	670
Q3 2002	11	1,021	4,613
Q4 2002	5	352	3,355
<i>Year</i>			
2001	26	32,168	114,613
2002	27	3,553	21,257

Just over 21,000 days lost to industrial disputes in 2002

During 2002, there were 21,257 days lost to industrial disputes. This is the lowest annual total going back as far as 1970.

The 2002 total represents a sharp fall from the 114,613 days lost in 2001. The total days lost in 2002 remain significantly less than the total days lost in 2001 even if one allows for the impact the teachers' dispute had on the 2001 figures.

There were 27 industrial disputes in 2002, all of which began in the year. The 27 disputes in progress in 2002 affected 3,553 workers and 43 firms. *See table 3.*

Other features include:

- In 2002 the *Manufacturing* industry accounted for 8,989 (42.3%) of the total days lost, with the *Health and social work* area accounting for another 5,465 (25.7%). *See table 2.*
- The 3,355 days lost in quarter four of 2002 compares to 670 days lost in the fourth quarter of 2001. *See table 3.*
- The 5 industrial disputes in progress in the fourth quarter of 2002 involved 352 workers and 5 organisations. *See table 1.*

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

Industrial Group	Disputes which began in Q4 2002	Disputes in progress during Q4 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	—	—	—	—	—
E Electricity, gas and water supply	—	—	—	—	—
F Construction	—	—	—	—	—
G Wholesale and retail trade	—	—	—	—	—
H Hotels and restaurants	—	—	—	—	—
I Transport, storage and communication	—	—	—	—	—
J-K Financial and other business services	—	—	—	—	—
L Public administration and defence	—	—	—	—	—
M Education	—	1	1	4	6
N Health and social work	2	3	3	319	2,363
O-Q Other services	1	1	1	29	986
Total Q4 2002	3	5	5	352	3,355

Table 2 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in 2002

Industrial Group	Disputes which began in 2002	Disputes in progress during 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	5	5	5	808	8,989
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	1	1	1	35	368
I Transport, storage and communication	4	4	5	734	2,958
J-K Financial and other business services	—	—	—	—	—
L Public administration and defence	1	1	1	454	973
M Education	3	3	3	48	348
N Health and social work	7	7	22	1,264	5,465
O-Q Other services	3	3	3	49	1,258
Total 2002	27	27	43	3,553	21,257

Table 3 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in each quarter, 1994-2002

Year	Quarter	Disputes which began	Disputes in progress			
			Number of disputes ¹	Number of firms involved ¹	Workers involved ¹	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
	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
2002	Quarter 1	8	8	22	1,081	3,623
	Quarter 2	7	8	9	1,763	9,666
	Quarter 3	9	11	11	1,021	4,613
	Quarter 4	3	5	5	352	3,355
	Total 2002	27	27	43	3,553	21,257

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.

Reference Quarters The reference quarters for Industrial Disputes results are:
Q1 - January to March, Q2 - April to June, Q3 - July to September and Q4 - October to December.