



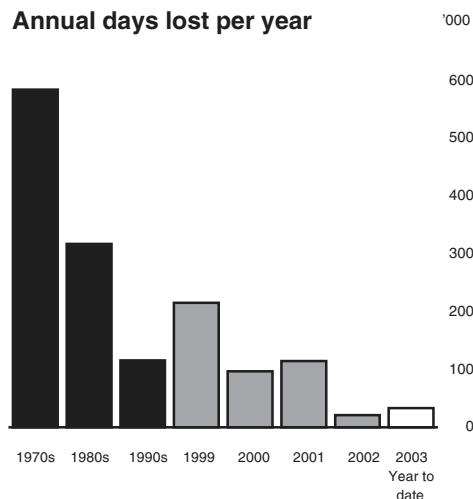
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Industrial Disputes

Third Quarter 2003

Annual days lost per year



Disputes in Progress

| | Disputes | Workers | Days lost |
|---------------------|----------|---------|-----------|
| <i>Quarter</i> | | | |
| Q3 2002 | 11 | 1,021 | 4,613 |
| Q2 2003 | 9 | 1,298 | 29,196 |
| Q3 2003 | 6 | 641 | 938 |
| <i>Year to date</i> | | | |
| Q1-Q3 2002 | 24 | 3,235 | 17,902 |
| Q1-Q3 2003 | 18 | 2,384 | 33,215 |

Less than 1,000 days lost in the third quarter

During the third quarter of 2003, there were 938 days lost due to industrial disputes. This compares to 4,613 days lost for the third quarter of last year. The 6 disputes in progress in the third quarter of 2003 involved 6 organisations and 641 workers.

In the first nine months of 2003 there were 33,215 days lost due to industrial disputes. This compares to 17,902 days lost for the first nine months of 2002.

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Table 1 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in the third quarter of 2003

| Economic sector (NACE Rev. 1) | Disputes which began in Q3 2003 | Disputes in progress during Q3 2003 | | | 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 | 1 | 7 | 462 |
| E Electricity, gas and water supply | — | — | — | — | — |
| F Construction | 1 | 1 | 1 | 20 | 33 |
| G Wholesale and retail trade | 1 | 1 | 1 | 400 | 161 |
| H Hotels and restaurants | — | — | — | — | — |
| I Transport, storage and communication | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 61 |
| J-K Financial and other business services | 1 | 1 | 1 | 200 | 143 |
| L Public administration and defence | — | — | — | — | — |
| M Education | — | — | — | — | — |
| N Health and social work | — | — | — | — | — |
| O-Q Other services | — | 1 | 1 | 7 | 78 |
| Total Q3 2003 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 641 | 938 |

Table 2 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in each quarter, 1995-2003

| Year | Quarter | Disputes which began | Disputes in progress | | | |
|------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | | Number of disputes ¹ | Number of firms involved ¹ | Workers involved ¹ | Total days lost |
| 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 |
| 2003 | Quarter 1 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 459 | 3,081 |
| | Quarter 2 ² | 9 | 9 | 17 | 1,298 | 29,196 |
| | Quarter 3 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 641 | 938 |

¹ 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.

² Figures for the second quarter have been revised.

Background Notes

Sources The information on Industrial Disputes is based on details supplied by the Monitoring Unit of the Industrial Relations section within the Employment Rights and Industrial Relations division (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.