



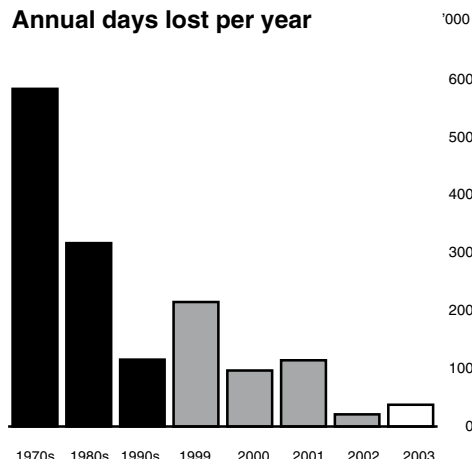
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Industrial Disputes

Fourth Quarter 2003

Annual days lost per year



Disputes in Progress

	Disputes	Workers	Days lost
<i>Quarter</i>			
Q4 2002	5	352	3,355
Q3 2003	6	641	938
Q4 2003	8	1,197	4,267
<i>Year to date</i>			
2002	27	3,553	21,257
2003	24	3,567	37,482

37,482 days lost to industrial disputes in 2003

During 2003, there were 37,482 days lost to industrial disputes. This compares to the 21,257 days lost in 2002.

There were a total of 24 industrial disputes in 2003 compared to 27 in 2002. The 24 disputes in progress in 2003 affected 3,567 workers and 32 firms. *See table 3.*

Other features include:

- In 2003 the *Health and social work* area accounted for 15,778 (42.1%) of the total days lost, with *Public administration and defence* accounting for another 12,412 (33.1%). *See table 2.*
- The 4,267 days lost in quarter four of 2003 compared to 3,355 days lost in the fourth quarter of 2002. *See table 1.*
- The 8 industrial disputes in progress during the fourth quarter of 2003 involved 1,197 workers and 8 organisations. *See table 1.*

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

Industrial Group	Disputes which began in Q4 2003	Disputes in progress during Q4 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	2	3	3	407	895
E Electricity, gas and water supply	—	—	—	—	—
F Construction	—	—	—	—	—
G Wholesale and retail trade	—	—	—	—	—
H Hotels and restaurants	—	—	—	—	—
I Transport, storage and communication	2	3	3	702	809
J-K Financial and other business services	—	—	—	—	—
L Public administration and defence	—	—	—	—	—
M Education	1	1	1	43	43
N Health and social work	—	—	—	—	—
O-Q Other services	1	1	1	45	2,520
Total Q4 2003	6	8	8	1,197	4,267

Table 2 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in 2003

Industrial Group	Disputes which began in 2003	Disputes in progress during 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	5	5	5	530	3,479
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	5	5	5	1,083	1,899
J-K Financial and other business services	1	1	1	200	143
L Public administration and defence	2	2	2	287	12,412
M Education	3	3	3	583	540
N Health and social work	3	3	11	383	15,778
O-Q Other services	2	3	3	81	3,037
Total 2003	23	24	32	3,567	37,482

Table 3 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	9	9	17	1,298	29,196
	Quarter 3	4	6	6	641	938
	Quarter 4	6	8	8	1,197	4,267
	Total 2003	23	24	32	3,567	37,482

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.

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.