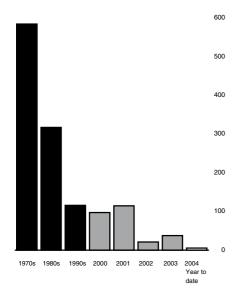


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Industrial Disputes

Quarter 2 2004

Disputes in Progress

	Disputes	Workers	Days lost
Quarter Q2 2004 Q1 2004 Q2 2003	4 3 9	417 1,361 1,298	2,801 2,569 29,196
Year to date comparison Q1-Q2 2004 Q1-Q2 2003	on 6 14	1,662 1,757	5,370 32,277

2,801 days lost in the second quarter

During the second quarter of 2004 there were 2,801 days lost to industrial disputes. This compares to 29,196 for the same quarter last year. Three disputes began in the second quarter of 2004. *See table 1*.

Six disputes began or were in progress in the first six months of 2004, involving six firms and a total of 5,370 days lost. During that period, the *manufacturing* sector accounted for almost 45% of the total days lost. *See table 2*.

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Table 1 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in the second quarter of 2004

	Disputes in progress during Q2 2004				
Economic sector (NACE Rev. 1)	Disputes which began in Q2 2004	Number of disputes	Number of firms	Number of workers	Total days lost
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	_			_	_
C Mining and quarrying	1	1	1	250	416
D Manufacturing	_	1	1	120	814
E Electricity, gas and water supply	_	_	_	_	_
F Construction	_	_	_	_	_
G Wholesale and retail trade	1	1	1	21	960
H Hotels and restaurants	_	_	_	_	_
I Transport, storage and communication	_	_	_	_	_
J-K Financial and other business services	_	_	_	_	_
L Public administration and defence	1	1	1	26	611
M Education	_	_	_	_	_
N Health and social work	_	_	_	_	_
O-Q Other services	_	_	_	_	_
Total Q2 2004	3	4	4	417	2,801

Table 2 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in the six months to date in 2004

		Disputes in progress during 2004				
	 Disputes which				Total	
Industrial Group	began in	Number of	Number of	Number	days	
•	2004	disputes	firms	of workers	lost	
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing						
C Mining and quarrying	_ 1	_ 1	_ 1	250	416	
D Manufacturing	1	2	2	1,320	2,393	
E Electricity, gas and water supply	_	_	_	_	_	
F Construction	_	_	_	_	_	
G Wholesale and retail trade	1	1	1	21	960	
H Hotels and restaurants	_	_	_	_	_	
I Transport, storage and communication	_	_	_	_	_	
J-K Financial and other business services	_	_	_	_	_	
L Public administration and defence	1	1	1	26	611	
M Education	_	_	_	_	_	
N Health and social work	_	-	-	_	_	
O-Q Other services	_	1	1	45	990	
Total 2004	4	6	6	1,662	5,370	

Table 3 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in each quarter, 1996-2004

Year	Quarter	Disputes		Disputes in progress				
		which	Number of	Number of	Workers	Total days lost		
	began	disputes ¹	firms involved ¹	involved ¹	·			
Quarter : Quarter : Quarter :	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 Total 199 8		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		
2004	Quarter 1	1	3	3	1,361	2,569		
	Quarter 2	3	4	4	417	2,801		

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.

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Background Notes

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.

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.