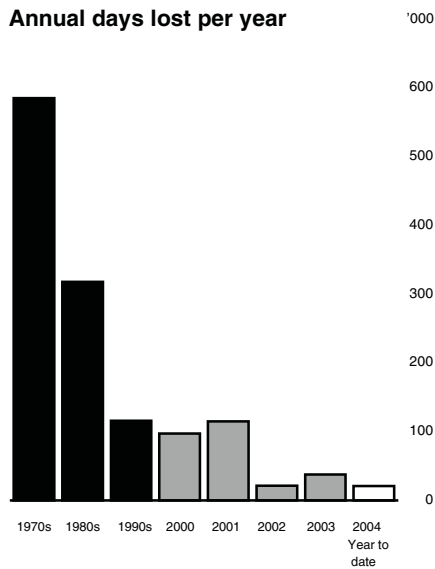




Industrial Disputes Analysis

Quarter 4 2004



Disputes in Progress

	Disputes	Workers	Days lost
<i>Quarter</i>			
Q4 2004	3	8,345	12,340
Q3 2004	4	267	3,074
Q4 2003	8	1,197	4,267
<i>Year to date comparison</i>			
Q1-Q4 2004	11	10,227	20,784
Q1-Q4 2003	24	3,567	37,482

20,784 days lost to industrial disputes in 2004

During 2004 there were 20,784 days lost to industrial disputes. This compares with 37,482 days lost in 2003. *See table 1.*

There were a total of 11 industrial disputes in 2004 compared with 24 in 2003. The 11 disputes in progress in 2004 affected 10,227 workers and 11 firms. *See table 3.*

- In 2004 the *Transport, storage and communication* area accounted for 12,340 (59%) of the total days lost. *See table 2.*
- The 12,340 days lost in quarter four of 2004 compared with 4,267 days lost in the fourth quarter of 2003. *See table 1.*
- The 3 disputes in progress during the fourth quarter of 2004 involved 8,345 workers and 3 firms. *See table 1.*

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

Economic sector (NACE Rev. 1)	Disputes which began in Q4 2004	Disputes in progress during Q4 2004			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	3	3	3	8,345	12,340
J-K Financial and other business services	–	–	–	–	–
L Public administration and defence	–	–	–	–	–
M Education	–	–	–	–	–
N Health and social work	–	–	–	–	–
O-Q Other services	–	–	–	–	–
Total Q4 2004	3	3	3	8,345	12,340

Table 2 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in 2004

Economic sector (NACE Rev. 1)	Disputes which began in 2004	Disputes in progress during 2004			Total days lost
		Number of disputes	Number of firms	Number of workers	
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	1,335
H Hotels and restaurants	–	–	–	–	–
I Transport, storage and communication	3	3	3	8,345	12,340
J-K Financial and other business services	2	2	2	220	2,280
L Public administration and defence	1	1	1	26	1,030
M Education	–	–	–	–	–
N Health and social work	–	–	–	–	–
O-Q Other services	–	1	1	45	990
Total 2004	9	11	11	10,227	20,784

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

Year	Quarter	Disputes which began	Disputes in progress			
			Number of disputes ¹	Number of firms involved ¹	Workers involved ¹	Total days lost
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
2004	Quarter 1	1	3	3	1,361	2,569
	Quarter 2	3	4	4	417	2,801
	Quarter 3	2	4	4	267	3,074
	Quarter 4	3	3	3	8,345	12,340
	Total 2004	9	11	11	10,227	20,784

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.