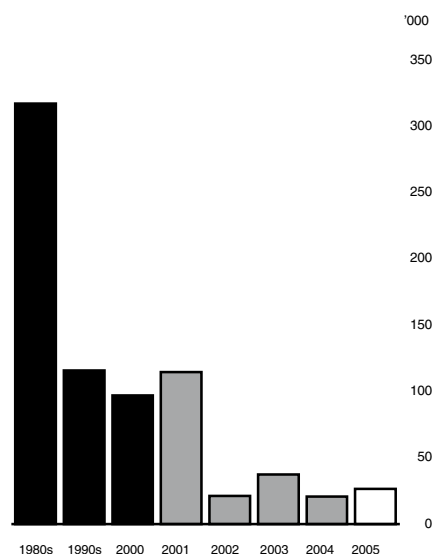


Annual days lost per year



Industrial Disputes

Quarter 4 2005

Disputes in Progress

	Disputes	Workers	Days lost
<i>Quarter</i>			
Q4 2005	5	1,264	22,588
Q3 2005	4	1,083	2,398
Q4 2004	3	8,345	12,340
<i>Year</i>			
2005	15	3,291	26,665
2004	11	10,227	20,784

26,665 days lost to industrial disputes in 2005

During 2005 there were 26,665 days lost to industrial disputes. This compares with 20,784 days lost in 2004. *See table 3.*

There were a total of 15 industrial disputes in 2005 compared with 11 in 2004. The 15 disputes in progress in 2005 affected 3,291 workers and 14 firms. *See table 3.*

- In 2005 the *Transport, storage and communication* sector accounted for 21,653 (81%) of the total days lost. *See table 2.*
- The 22,588 days lost in quarter four of 2005 compared with 12,340 days lost in the fourth quarter of 2004. *See table 3.*
- The 5 disputes in progress during the fourth quarter of 2005 involved 1,264 workers and 5 firms. *See table 1& 3.*

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Table 1 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in the fourth quarter of 2005

Economic sector (NACE Rev. 1)	Disputes which began in Q4 2005	Disputes in progress during Q4 2005			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	2	2	49	935
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	1,215	21,653
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 2005	5	5	5	1,264	22,588

Table 2 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in 2005

Economic sector (NACE Rev. 1)	Disputes which began in 2005	Disputes in progress during 2005			Total days lost
		Number of disputes	Number of firms	Number of workers	
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1	1	1	8	552
C Mining and quarrying	1	1	1	240	240
D Manufacturing	2	2	2	49	935
E Electricity, gas and water supply	1	1	1	1,000	2,143
F Construction	3	3	3	458	881
G Wholesale and retail trade	2	2	1	223	90
H Hotels and restaurants	—	—	—	—	—
I Transport, storage and communication	3	3	3	1,215	21,653
J-K Financial and other business services	—	—	—	—	—
L Public administration and defence	1	1	1	86	123
M Education	—	—	—	—	—
N Health and social work	—	—	—	—	—
O-Q Other services	1	1	1	12	48
Total 2005	15	15	14	3,291	26,665

Table 3 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in each quarter, 1997-2005

Year	Quarter	Disputes which began	Disputes in progress			
			Number of disputes ¹	Number of firms involved ¹	Workers involved ¹	Total days lost
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	21,289	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
2005	Quarter 1	1	1	1	86	123
	Quarter 2	6	6	6	866	1,556
	Quarter 3	3	4	4	1,083	2,398
	Quarter 4	5	5	5	1,264	22,588
	Total 2005	15	15	14	3,291	26,665

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.