



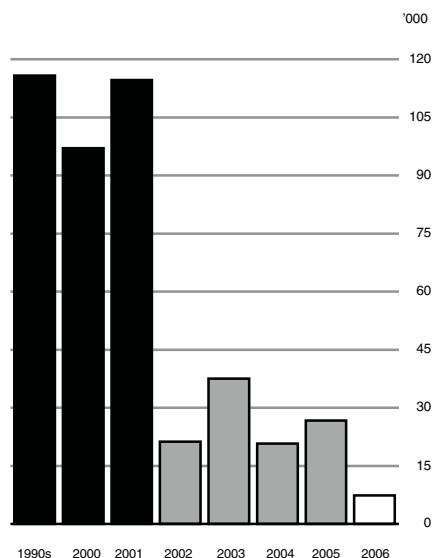
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## Industrial Disputes

Quarter 4 2006

Annual days lost per year



Disputes in Progress

	Disputes	Workers	Days lost
<i>Quarter</i>			
<b>Q4 2006</b>	2	307	1,090
<b>Q3 2006</b>	4	209	1,054
<b>Q4 2005</b>	5	1,264	22,588
<i>Year</i>			
<b>2006</b>	10	1,186	7,352
<b>2005</b>	15	3,291	26,665

### 7,352 days lost to industrial disputes in 2006

During 2006 there were 7,352 days lost to industrial disputes. This compares with 26,665 days lost in 2005. *See table 3.*

There were a total of 10 industrial disputes in 2006 compared with 15 in 2005. The 10 disputes in progress in 2006 affected 1,186 workers and 10 firms. *See table 3.*

- In 2006 the *Construction* sector accounted for 4,769 (65%) of the total days lost. *See table 2.*
- The 1,090 days lost in the fourth quarter of 2006 compared with 22,588 days lost in the fourth quarter of 2005. *See table 3.*
- The 2 disputes in progress during the fourth quarter of 2006 involved 307 workers and 2 firms. *See tables 1 & 3.*

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**Table 1 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in the fourth quarter of 2006**

Economic sector (NACE Rev. 1)	Disputes which began in Q4 2006	Disputes in progress during Q4 2006			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	—	1	1	27	810
G Wholesale and retail trade	—	—	—	—	—
H Hotels and restaurants	—	—	—	—	—
I Transport, storage and communication	—	—	—	—	—
J-K Financial and other business services	1	1	1	280	280
L Public administration and defence	—	—	—	—	—
M Education	—	—	—	—	—
N Health and social work	—	—	—	—	—
O-Q Other services	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Q4 2006</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>1,090</b>

**Table 2 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in 2006**

Economic sector (NACE Rev. 1)	Disputes which began in 2006	Disputes in progress during 2006			Total days lost
		Number of disputes	Number of firms	Number of workers	
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	—	—	—	—	—
C Mining and quarrying	—	—	—	—	—
D Manufacturing	3	3	3	332	1,114
E Electricity, gas and water supply	—	—	—	—	—
F Construction	2	2	2	239	4,769
G Wholesale and retail trade	—	—	—	—	—
H Hotels and restaurants	—	—	—	—	—
I Transport, storage and communication	1	1	1	40	57
J-K Financial and other business services	1	1	1	280	280
L Public administration and defence	1	1	1	270	663
M Education	—	—	—	—	—
N Health and social work	2	2	2	25	469
O-Q Other services	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total 2006</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>7,352</b>

**Table 3 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in each quarter, 1998-2006**

Year	Quarter	Disputes which began	Disputes in progress			
			Number of disputes <sup>1</sup>	Number of firms involved <sup>1</sup>	Workers involved <sup>1</sup>	Total days lost
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
	<b>Total 1998</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>8,060</b>	<b>37,374</b>
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
	<b>Total 1999</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>36,505</b>	<b>215,587</b>
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
	<b>Total 2000</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>28,192</b>	<b>97,046</b>
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
	<b>Total 2001</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>32,168</b>	<b>114,613</b>
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
	<b>Total 2002</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>3,553</b>	<b>21,257</b>
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
	<b>Total 2003</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3,567</b>	<b>37,482</b>
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
	<b>Total 2004</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10,227</b>	<b>20,784</b>
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
	<b>Total 2005</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3,291</b>	<b>26,665</b>
2006	Quarter 1	2	2	2	226	3,407
	Quarter 2	3	4	4	485	1,801
	Quarter 3	4	4	4	209	1,054
	Quarter 4	1	2	2	307	1,090
	<b>Total 2006</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>7,352</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.