



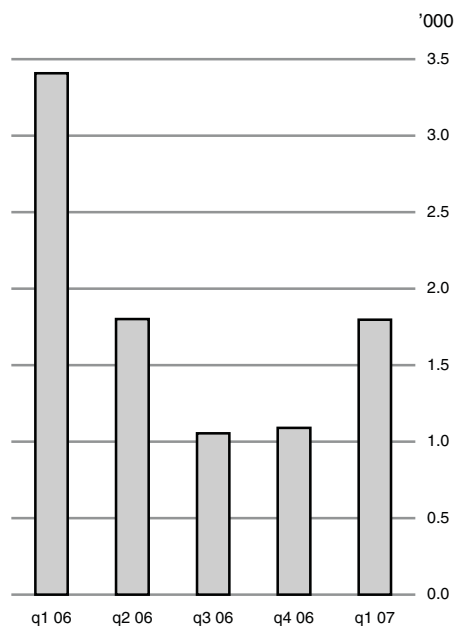
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Industrial Disputes

Quarter 1 2007

Days lost per quarter



Disputes in Progress

	Disputes	Workers	Days lost
Quarter			
Q1 2006	2	226	3,407
Q4 2006	2	307	1,090
Q1 2007	3	435	1,797

1,797 days lost to industrial disputes in the first quarter

During the first quarter of 2007 there were 1,797 days lost to industrial disputes. This compares with 3,407 for the same period last year. *See table 2.*

- There were 3 disputes in progress in the first quarter of 2007 involving 435 workers and 3 firms. *See table 1.*
- All three disputes began in the first quarter of 2007. *See table 1.*
- The *Manufacturing* sector accounted for 50% of the total days lost in Q1 2007. *See table 1.*

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Table 1 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in the first quarter of 2007

Economic sector (NACE Rev. 1)	Disputes which began in Q1 2007	Disputes in progress during Q1 2007			Total days lost
		Number of disputes	Number of firms	Number of workers	
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	—	—	—	—	—
C Mining and quarrying	—	—	—	—	—
D Manufacturing	1	1	1	300	900
E Electricity, gas and water supply	—	—	—	—	—
F Construction	—	—	—	—	—
G Wholesale and retail trade	—	—	—	—	—
H Hotels and restaurants	—	—	—	—	—
I Transport, storage and communication	1	1	1	28	60
J-K Financial and other business services	—	—	—	—	—
L Public administration and defence	1	1	1	107	837
M Education	—	—	—	—	—
N Health and social work	—	—	—	—	—
O-Q Other services	—	—	—	—	—
Total Q1 2007	3	3	3	435	1,797

Table 2 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in each quarter, 1999-2007

Year	Quarter	Disputes which began	Disputes in progress			Total days lost
			Number of disputes ¹	Number of firms involved ¹	Workers involved ¹	
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
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
	Total 2006	10	10	10	1,186	7,352
2007	Quarter 1	3	3	3	435	1,797

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.