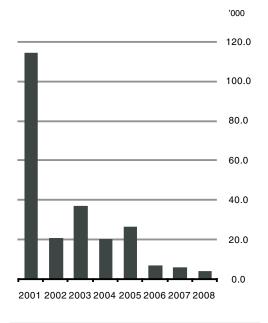


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Industrial Disputes

Quarter 4 2008

Disputes in Progress

	Disputes	Workers	Days lost
Quarter			
Q4 2007	3	1,001	3,941
Q3 2008	3	34	578
Q4 2008	4	99	1,397
Year			
2007	6	1,436	6,038
2008	12	356	4,179

4,179 days lost to industrial disputes in 2008

During 2008 there were 4,179 days lost to industrial disputes. This compares with 6,038 days lost in 2007. *See table 3*.

There were a total of 12 industrial disputes in 2008 compared with 6 in 2007. The 12 disputes in progress in 2008 affected 356 workers and 10 firms. *See table 3*.

- In 2008 the *Manufacturing* sector accounted for 2,051 (49%) of the total days lost, while 954 (23%) days were lost in the *Other services* sector. *See table 2*.
- The 1,397 days lost in the fourth quarter of 2008 compared with 3,941 days lost in the fourth quarter of 2007. *See table 3*.
- The 4 disputes in progress during the fourth quarter of 2008 involved 99 workers and 4 firms. *See table 1&3*.

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Table 1 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in the fourth quarter of 2008

		Disputes in progress during Q4 2008			
Economic sector (NACE Rev. 1)	Disputes which began in Q4 2008	Number of disputes	Number of firms	Number of workers	Total days lost
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	_	_	_	_	_
C Mining and quarrying D Manufacturing	-	_	-	_ 14	- 631
E Electricity, gas and water supply	1	ı	1	14	031
F Construction	_	_	_	_	_
G Wholesale and retail trade	_	_	_	_	_
H Hotels and restaurants	_	_	_	_	_
I Transport, storage and communication	_	1	1	14	90
J-K Financial and other business services	_	_	_	_	_
L Public administration and defence	_	_	_	_	_
M Education	_	-	_	_	_
N Health and social work	1	1	1	65	329
O-Q Other services	_	1	1	6	347
Total Q4 2008	2	4	4	99	1,397

Table 2 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in 2008

			Disputes in progress during 2008			
	nomic sector CE Rev. 1)	Disputes which began in 2008	Number of disputes	Number of firms	Number of workers	Total days lost
A-B	Agriculture, forestry and fishing					
C	Mining and quarrying	_	_	_	_	_
D	Manufacturing	_ 3	- 3	_ 2	94	2,051
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	Ŭ	· ·	_	04	2,001
F	Construction	_ 1	_ 1	_ 1	- 42	175
G	Wholesale and retail trade	1	1	1	22	14
Н	Hotels and restaurants	•	·	·		
i	Transport, storage and communication	3	3	2	- 76	644
J-K	Financial and other business services	-				-
L	Public administration and defence	_ 1	_ 1	_ 1	6	12
М	Education	_	_	_	_	_
N	Health and social work	_ 1	1	_ 1	_ 65	329
O-Q	Other services	2	2	2	51	954
Tota	al 2008	12	12	10	356	4,179

Table 3 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in each quarter, 2000-2008

·		Disputes in progress				Quarter	Year
2000 Quarter 1	Total days los	Workers			Disputes which	Quartor	roui
Quarter 2		involved ²	s involved ²	disputes 2 firms	began ¹		
Quarter 2	23,238	4.125	15	12	12	Quarter 1	2000
Quarter 3	3,115						
Quarter 4	6,988				4	Quarter 3	
Total 2000 39 39 41 28,192	63,705	22,517	11		12	Quarter 4	
Quarter 2	97,046		41	39	39	Total 2000	
Quarter 3	90,427	21,289	10	11	9	Quarter 1	2001
Quarter 4	19,706		44	10	10	Quarter 2	
Total 2001 24 26 58 32,168	3,810	422	4	4	3	Quarter 3	
2002 Quarter 1	670						
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¹ See Scope and Days Lost in Background Notes for more information on criteria for inclusion of disputes.

² 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.

Central Statistics Office Industrial Disputes

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:

 $Q1\hbox{ - January to March, }Q2\hbox{ - April to June, }Q3\hbox{ - July to September and }Q4\hbox{ - October to December.}$