



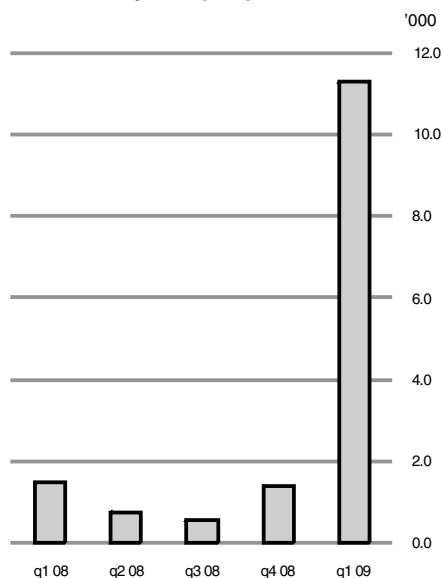
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Industrial Disputes

Quarter 1 2009

Days lost per quarter



Disputes in Progress

	Disputes	Workers	Days lost
Quarter			
Q1 2008	4	173	1,477
Q4 2008	4	99	1,397
Q1 2009	3	12,020	11,327

11,327 days lost to industrial disputes in the first quarter

During the first quarter of 2009 there were 11,327 days lost to industrial disputes. This compares with 1,477 for the same period last year. *See table 2.*

- There were 3 disputes in progress in the first quarter of 2009 involving 12,020 workers and 3 firms. *See table 1.*
- Of the three disputes in progress only one began in the first quarter of 2009. *See table 1.*
- The *Public administration and defence* sector accounted for 94% of the total days lost in Q1 2009. *See table 1.*

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Table 1 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in the first quarter of 2009

Economic sector ¹ (NACE Rev. 2)	Disputes which began in Q1 2009	Disputes in progress during Q1 2009			Total days lost
		Number of disputes	Number of firms	Number of workers	
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	—	—	—	—	—
B-E Industry	—	1	1	14	443
F Construction	—	—	—	—	—
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	—	—	—	—	—
H Transportation and storage	—	—	—	—	—
I Accommodation and food service activities	—	—	—	—	—
J Information and communication	—	—	—	—	—
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	—	—	—	—	—
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	—	—	—	—	—
N Administrative and support service activities	—	—	—	—	—
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1	1	1	12,000	10,680
P Education	—	—	—	—	—
Q Human health and social work activities	—	—	—	—	—
R-U Other NACE activities	—	1	1	6	204
All NACE Economic Sectors Q1 2009	1	3	3	12,020	11,327

¹ See Economic Sector in background notes for more information on NACE Rev2.

Table 2 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in each quarter, 2001-2009

Year	Quarter	Disputes which began ¹	Disputes in progress			
			Number of disputes ²	Number of firms involved ²	Workers involved ²	Total days lost
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
	Quarter 2	0	1	1	300	300
	Quarter 3	0	0	0	0	0
	Quarter 4	3	3	3	1001	3,941
	Total 2007	6	6	6	1,436	6,038
2008	Quarter 1	4	4	4	173	1,477
	Quarter 2	4	5	5	132	727
	Quarter 3	2	3	3	34	578
	Quarter 4	2	4	4	99	1,397
	Total 2008	12	12	10	356	4,179
2009	Quarter 1	1	3	3	12,020	11,327

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.

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.
Economic Sector	From Q1 2009 Industrial Disputes are now classified by NACE Rev 2. An Industrial Disputes series by NACE Rev 2, starting from Q1 2008, is now available on www.cso.ie