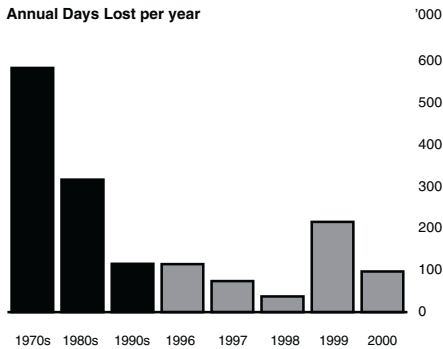




Industrial Disputes Fourth Quarter 2000



Disputes in Progress

	Disputes	Workers	Days lost
Q4 1999	9	32,203	178,532
Q3 2000	5	440	6,988
Q4 2000	12	22,517	63,705
1999	32	36,505	215,587
2000	39	28,192	97,046

Almost 100,000 days lost in industrial disputes

During 2000, there were 97,046 days lost to industrial disputes. This is less than half the number of days lost in 1999, when 215,587 days were lost.

However, the number of industrial disputes in 2000 increased to 39. This is the highest annual number of industrial disputes since 1993 when there were 48 disputes. The 39 disputes which occurred in 2000 affected 28,192 workers and 41 firms.

The effect of the teachers' dispute can be seen in the results for the fourth quarter of 2000, where over two thirds (or 45,795) of the 63,705 days lost were in the Education sector. *See Table 1.*

Other features include:

- ◆ The 63,705 days lost in quarter four of 2000, compares to 178,532 days lost in the fourth quarter of 1999.
- ◆ The 12 industrial disputes in progress in the fourth quarter of 2000 involved 22,517 workers and 11 firms. *See Table 1.*

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Table 1 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in the fourth quarter of 2000

Industrial Group	Disputes which began in Q4 2000	Disputes in progress during Q4 2000			Total days lost
		Number of disputes	Number of firms	Number of workers	
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	–	–	–	–	–
C Mining and quarrying	1	1	1	240	3,120
D Manufacturing	4	4	4	358	5,401
E Electricity, gas and water supply	–	–	–	–	–
F Construction	1	1	1	15	15
G Wholesale and retail trade	–	–	–	–	–
H Hotels and restaurants	–	–	–	–	–
I Transport, storage and communication	4	4	3	2,945	7,205
J-K Financial and other business services	–	–	–	–	–
L Public administration and defence	–	–	–	–	–
M Education ¹	1	1	1	16,604	45,795
N Health and social work	1	1	1	2,355	2,169
O-Q Other services	–	–	–	–	–
Total Q4 2000	12	12	11	22,517	63,705

¹ The teachers' dispute above has been classified above for statistical purposes as involving one employer, although over 500 individual schools were involved.

Table 2 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in 2000

Industrial Group	Disputes which began in 2000	Disputes in progress during 2000			Total days lost
		Number of disputes	Number of firms	Number of workers	
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	–	–	–	–	–
C Mining and quarrying	1	1	1	240	3,120
D Manufacturing	11	11	11	1,458	13,458
E Electricity, gas and water supply	–	–	–	–	–
F Construction	2	2	2	215	1,015
G Wholesale and retail trade	2	2	2	54	798
H Hotels and restaurants	1	1	1	74	64
I Transport, storage and communication	12	12	13	6,608	27,908
J-K Financial and other business services	–	–	–	–	–
L Public administration and defence	5	5	6	409	2,375
M Education	3	3	3	16,687	45,863
N Health and social work	2	2	2	2,447	2,445
O-Q Other services	–	–	–	–	–
Total 2000	39	39	41	28,192	97,046

Table 3 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in each quarter, 1993-2000

Year	Quarter	Disputes which began	Disputes in progress			
			Number of disputes ¹	Number of firms involved ¹	Workers involved ¹	Total days lost
1993	Quarter 1	15	16	16	2,378	13,673
	Quarter 2	16	23	23	3,368	18,342
	Quarter 3	9	12	12	7,049	23,257
	Quarter 4	7	9	9	447	6,040
	Total 1993	47	48	48	12,789	61,312
1994	Quarter 1	7	8	8	837	5,088
	Quarter 2	11	13	222	1,585	11,374
	Quarter 3	4	4	4	1,392	3,143
	Quarter 4	6	7	7	1,329	5,945
	Total 1994	28	29	238	5,007	25,550
1995	Quarter 1	14	14	14	2,134	5,334
	Quarter 2	10	11	11	28,762	89,872
	Quarter 3	5	7	7	8,339	31,466
	Quarter 4	4	5	5	624	3,628
	Total 1995	34	34	34	31,653	130,300
1996	Quarter 1	5	7	7	1,179	1,949
	Quarter 2	14	15	15	2,830	16,682
	Quarter 3	6	6	6	9,471	89,800
	Quarter 4	5	8	8	1,418	6,153
	Total 1996	30	32	30	13,339	114,584
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

¹The 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 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.