



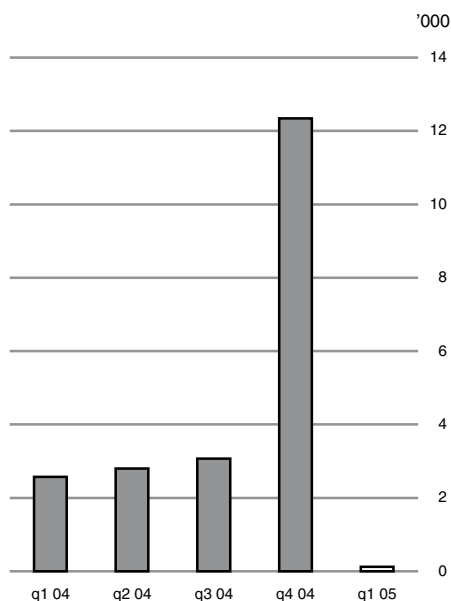
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## Industrial Disputes Analysis

Quarter 1 2005

**Days lost per quarter**



**Disputes in Progress**

	Disputes	Workers	Days lost
Q1 2004	3	1,361	2,569
Q4 2004	3	8,345	12,340
Q1 2005	1	86	123

### 123 days lost in the first quarter

During the first quarter of 2005 there were 123 days lost to industrial disputes. This compares to 2,569 for the same period last year and is the lowest number of days lost in any quarter since quarterly records began in 1985. There was one dispute in progress in the first quarter of 2005 involving 86 workers and one organisation. *See tables 1 & 2.*

The *Public administration and defence* sector accounted for the total days lost in Q1 2005. *See table 1.*

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**Table 1 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in the first quarter of 2005**

Economic sector (NACE Rev. 1)	Disputes which began in Q1 2005	Disputes in progress during Q1 2005			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	—	—	—	—	—
G Wholesale and retail trade	—	—	—	—	—
H Hotels and restaurants	—	—	—	—	—
I Transport, storage and communication	—	—	—	—	—
J-K Financial and other business services	—	—	—	—	—
L Public administration and defence	1	1	1	86	123
M Education	—	—	—	—	—
N Health and social work	—	—	—	—	—
O-Q Other services	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Q1 2005</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>123</b>

**Table 2 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in each quarter, 1997-2005**

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
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
	<b>Total 1997</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5,364</b>	<b>74,508</b>
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	21,189	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

<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.