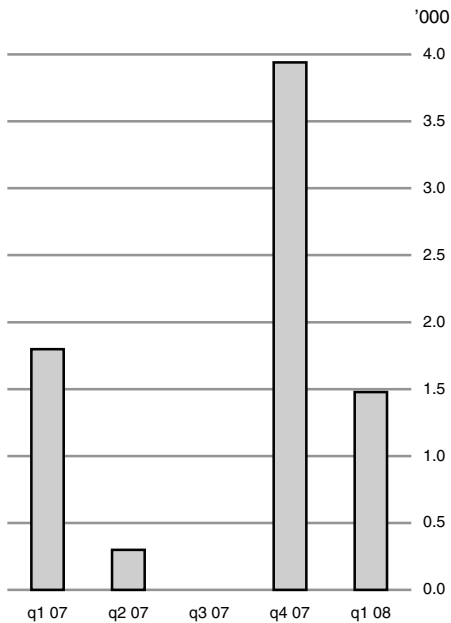




Industrial Disputes

Quarter 1 2008

Days lost per quarter



Disputes in Progress

Quarter	Disputes	Workers	Days lost
Q1 2007	3	435	1,797
Q4 2007	3	1,001	3,941
Q1 2008	4	173	1,477

1,477 days lost to industrial disputes in the first quarter

During the first quarter of 2008 there were 1,477 days lost to industrial disputes. This compares with 1,797 for the same period last year. *See table 2.*

- There were 4 disputes in progress in the first quarter of 2008 involving 173 workers and 4 firms. *See table 1.*
- All four disputes began in the first quarter of 2008. *See table 1.*
- The *Manufacturing* sector accounted for 87% of the total days lost in Q1 2008. *See table 1.*

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

Economic sector (NACE Rev. 1)	Disputes which began in Q1 2008	Disputes in progress during Q1 2008			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	80	1,280
E Electricity, gas and water supply	–	–	–	–	–
F Construction	1	1	1	42	140
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	6	12
M Education	–	–	–	–	–
N Health and social work	–	–	–	–	–
O-Q Other services	1	1	1	45	45
Total Q1 2008	4	4	4	173	1,477

Table 2 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in each quarter, 2000-2008

Year	Quarter	Disputes which began ¹	Disputes in progress			
			Number of disputes ²	Number of firms involved ²	Workers involved ²	Total days lost
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
	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

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.