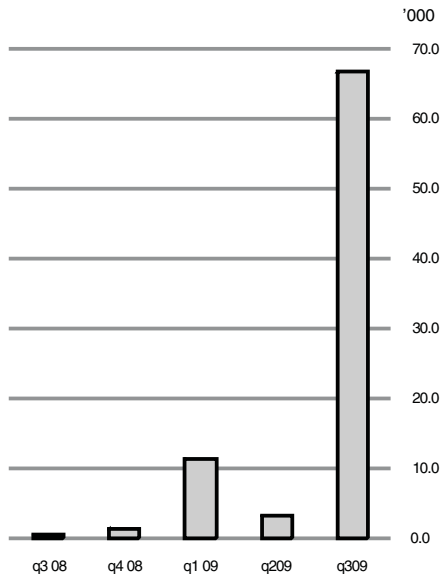




## Industrial Disputes

### Quarter 3 2009

Days lost per quarter



Disputes in Progress

	Disputes	Workers	Days lost
<i>Quarter</i>			
<b>Q3 2008</b>	3	34	578
<b>Q2 2009</b>	6	1,496	3,316
<b>Q3 2009</b>	13	11,646	66,887
<b>Year to date comparison</b>			
<b>Q1-Q3 2008</b>	10	291	2,782
<b>Q1-Q3 2009</b>	20	25,076	81,530

### 66,887 days lost to industrial disputes in the third quarter

During the third quarter of 2009 there were 66,887 days lost to industrial disputes. This compares with 578 for the same period last year. *See table 3.*

- Eleven industrial disputes began in the third quarter of 2009 and two disputes carried over from the second quarter. *See table 1.*
- There were 20 disputes in progress in the first nine months of 2009, involving 25,076 workers and a total of 81,530 days lost. *See table 2.*
- The *Industry* sector accounted for almost 75% of the total days lost in the first nine months of 2009. *See table 2.*

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

Economic sector <sup>1</sup> (NACE Rev. 2)	Disputes which began in Q3 2009	Disputes in progress during Q3 2009			Total days lost
		Number of disputes	Number of firms	Number of workers	
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	–	–	–	–	–
B-E Industry	4	5	5	10,754	59,526
F Construction	–	–	–	–	–
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	3	3	3	83	979
H Transportation and storage	1	1	1	50	3,214
I Accommodation and food service activities	–	–	–	–	–
J Information and communication	–	–	–	–	–
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	1	1	1	450	440
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	–	–	–	–	–
N Administrative and support service activities	1	1	1	13	111
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1	1	1	251	251
P Education	–	–	–	–	–
Q Human health and social work activities	–	1	1	45	2,366
R-U Other NACE activities	–	–	–	–	–
<b>All NACE Economic Sectors Q3 2009</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11,646</b>	<b>66,887</b>

<sup>1</sup> See Economic Sector in background notes for more information on NACE Rev. 2

**Table 2 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in the first nine months of 2009**

Economic sector (NACE Rev. 2)	Disputes which began in 2009	Disputes in progress during 2009			Total days lost
		Number of disputes	Number of firms	Number of workers	
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	–	–	–	–	–
B-E Industry	5	6	6	10,768	61,028
F Construction	–	–	–	–	–
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	4	4	4	163	1,024
H Transportation and storage	2	2	2	750	4,071
I Accommodation and food service activities	–	–	–	–	–
J Information and communication	–	–	–	–	–
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	1	1	1	450	440
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	–	–	–	–	–
N Administrative and support service activities	1	1	1	13	111
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	3	3	3	12,651	11,264
P Education	–	–	–	–	–
Q Human health and social work activities	2	2	2	275	3,388
R-U Other NACE activities	–	1	1	6	204
<b>All NACE Economic Sectors 2009</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25,076</b>	<b>81,530</b>

<sup>1</sup> See Economic Sector in background notes for more information on NACE Rev. 2

**Table 3 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in each quarter, 2001-2009**

Year	Quarter	Disputes which began <sup>1</sup>	Disputes in progress			Total days lost
			Number of disputes <sup>2</sup>	Number of firms involved <sup>2</sup>	Workers involved <sup>2</sup>	
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
	<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
	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
	<b>Total 2005</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3,291</b>	<b>26,665</b>
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
	<b>Total 2006</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>7,352</b>
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
	<b>Total 2007</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,436</b>	<b>6,038</b>
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
	<b>Total 2008</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>4,179</b>
2009	Quarter 1	1	3	3	12,020	11,327
	Quarter 2	6	6	6	1,496	3,316
	Quarter 3	11	13	13	11,646	66,887

<sup>1</sup> See Scope and Days Lost in Background Notes for more information on criteria for inclusion of disputes.

<sup>2</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.
- 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](http://www.cso.ie).