

Industrial Disputes

Quarter 4 2009

	Disputes in Progress		
	Disputes	Workers	Days lost
<i>Quarter</i>			
Q4 2008	4	99	1,397
Q3 2009	13	11,646	66,887
Q4 2009	8	266,334	248,176
<i>Year</i>			
2008	12	356	4,179
2009	23	278,228	329,706

329,706 days lost to industrial disputes in 2009

During 2009 there were 329,706 days lost to industrial disputes. This compares with 4,179 days lost in 2008. *See table 3.*

There were a total of 23 industrial disputes in 2009 compared with 12 in 2008. The 23 disputes in progress in 2009 affected 278,228 workers and 168 firms. *See table 3.*

In 2009 public sector disputes in NACE sectors O, P and Q accounted for 248,679 (75%) of the total days lost and 265,400 (95%) of the total number of workers involved in industrial disputes. *See table 2.*

- The 248,176 days lost in the fourth quarter of 2009 compared with 1,397 days lost in the fourth quarter of 2008. *See table 3.*
- The 8 disputes in progress during the fourth quarter of 2009 involved 266,334 workers and 8 firms. *See tables 1 & 3.*
- The one-day National Public Sector dispute in the fourth quarter involved 265,400 workers and it accounted for a total of 237,268 days lost. *See table 1.*

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

Economic sector (NACE Rev. 2)	Disputes which began in Q4 2009	Disputes in progress during Q4 2009			Total days lost
		Number of disputes	Number of firms	Number of workers	
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	—	—	—	—	—
B-E Industry	—	3	3	206	6,038
F Construction	—	—	—	—	—
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	—	—	—	—	—
H Transportation and storage	—	1	1	50	3,178
I Accommodation and food service activities	—	—	—	—	—
J Information and communication	—	—	—	—	—
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	1	1	1	600	564 ¹
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	—	—	—	—	—
N Administrative and support service activities	—	—	—	—	—
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1	1	1	84,928	80,257
P Education	1	1	1	84,928	77,709
Q Human health and social work activities	2	3	3	95,622	80,430
R-U Other NACE activities	—	—	—	—	—
Total Q4 2009	3²	8²	8²	266,334	248,176

¹ This dispute involved the Central Bank of Ireland. Total days lost are estimated using CSO sectoral employment data on full-time and part-time workers.

² The one-day National Public Sector dispute involved workers and days lost across Sectors O, P and Q. The economic sector and full-time/part-time breakdowns were estimated from CSO sectoral employment data. The overall number of workers involved in this dispute was 265,400 and it accounted for a total of 237,268 days lost.

Table 2 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in 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	151 ¹	10,768	67,066
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	7,249
I Accommodation and food service activities	—	—	—	—	—
J Information and communication	—	—	—	—	—
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	2	2	2	1,050	1,004
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	4	4	4	84,928	91,521
P Education	1	1	1	84,928	77,709
Q Human health and social work activities	4	4	4	95,622	83,818
R-U Other NACE activities	—	1	1	6	204
Total 2009	21²	23²	168²	278,228	329,706

¹ The number of firms involved in one dispute in Q3 2009 has been revised.

² The one-day National Public Sector dispute involved workers and days lost across Sectors O, P and Q, therefore the sum of the disputes and firms will not add to the overall totals for 2009.

Table 3 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
	Quarter 2	6	6	6	1,496	3,316
	Quarter 3	11	13	158 ³	11,646	66,887
	Quarter 4	3	8	8	266,334	248,176
	Total 2009	21	23	168	278,228	329,706

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.

³ The number of firms involved in disputes in this quarter has been revised.

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 .