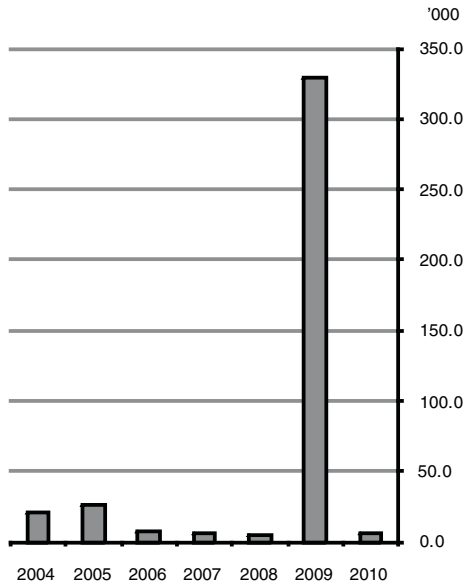




Industrial Disputes

Quarter 4 2010

Days lost per year



Disputes in Progress

	Disputes	Workers	Days lost
<i>Quarter</i>			
Q4 2009	8	266,334	248,151
Q3 2010	4	156	1,222
Q4 2010	1	31	27
<i>Year</i>			
2009	23	278,228	329,593
2010	14	511	6,602

6,602 days lost to industrial disputes in 2010

During 2010 there were 6,602 days lost to industrial disputes. This compares with 329,593 days lost in 2009, of which public sector disputes accounted for 248,679 days lost. In 2008 there were 4,147 days lost to industrial disputes and in 2007 the figure was 6,038. *See table 3 and graph opposite.*

There were a total of 14 industrial disputes in 2010 compared with 23 in 2009. The 14 disputes in progress in 2010 affected 511 workers whereas in 2009 there were 278,228 workers affected by industrial disputes. *See table 3.*

- The 27 days lost in the fourth quarter of 2010 compared with 248,151 days lost in the fourth quarter of 2009. *See table 3.*
- The one dispute in progress during the fourth quarter of 2010 involved 31 workers and a single firm. *See table 1 and table 3.*
- Over 90% of days lost in 2010 occurred in 10 firms in the *Industry, Transportation and storage* and *Administrative and support service activities* sectors.

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Table 1 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in the fourth quarter of 2010

Economic sector (NACE Rev. 2)	Disputes in progress during Q4 2010				Total days lost
	Disputes which began in Q4 2010	Number of disputes	Number of firms	Number of workers	
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	–	–	–	–	–
B-E Industry	–	–	–	–	–
F Construction	–	–	–	–	–
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1	1	1	31	27
H Transportation and storage	–	–	–	–	–
I Accommodation and food service activities	–	–	–	–	–
J Information and communication	–	–	–	–	–
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	–	–	–	–	–
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	–	–	–	–	–
N Administrative and support service activities	–	–	–	–	–
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	–	–	–	–	–
P Education	–	–	–	–	–
Q Human health and social work activities	–	–	–	–	–
R-U Other NACE activities	–	–	–	–	–
ALL NACE Economic Sectors Q4 2010	1	1	1	31	27

Table 2 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in 2010

Economic sector (NACE Rev. 2)	Disputes in progress during 2010				Total days lost
	Disputes which began in 2010	Number of disputes	Number of firms	Number of workers	
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	–	–	–	–	–
B-E Industry	3	4	4	179	1,984
F Construction	–	–	–	–	–
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	3	3	3	40	257
H Transportation and storage	1	2	2	92	1,905
I Accommodation and food service activities	–	–	–	–	–
J Information and communication	–	–	–	–	–
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	–	–	–	–	–
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	–	–	–	–	–
N Administrative and support service activities	4	4	4	120	2,342
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	–	–	–	–	–
P Education	–	–	–	–	–
Q Human health and social work activities	1	1	1	80	114
R-U Other NACE activities	–	–	–	–	–
All NACE Economic Sectors 2010	12	14	14	511	6,602

Table 3 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in each quarter, 2002-2010

Year	Quarter	Disputes which began ¹	Disputes in progress			
			Number of disputes ²	Number of firms involved ²	Workers involved ²	Total days lost
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	695
	Quarter 3	2	3	3	34	578
	Quarter 4	2	4	4	99	1,397
	Total 2008	12	12	10	356	4,147
2009	Quarter 1	1	3	3	12,020	11,327
	Quarter 2	6	6	6	1,496	3,289
	Quarter 3	11	13	158	11,646	66,826
	Quarter 4	3	8	8	266,334	248,151
	Total 2009	21	23	168	278,228	329,593
2010	Quarter 1	6	8	8	330	4,217
	Quarter 2	2	3	3	22	1,136
	Quarter 3	3	4	4	156	1,222
	Quarter 4	1	1	1	31	27
	Total 2010	12	14	14	511	6,602

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 Industrial Relations Section, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Innovation (www.entemp.ie/employment/industrial-relations) 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 classified by NACE Rev. 2. An Industrial Disputes series by NACE Rev. 2, starting from Q1 2008, is available on www.cso.ie.