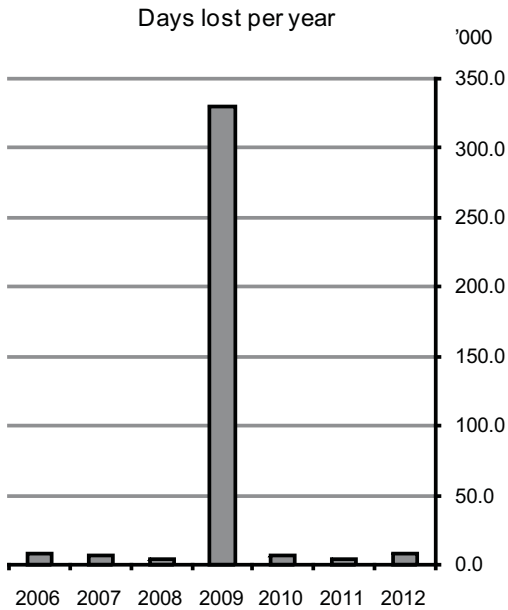




## Industrial Disputes

Quarter 4 2012



### Disputes in Progress

	Disputes	Workers	Days lost
<i>Quarter</i>			
<b>Q4 2011</b>	2	580	579
<b>Q3 2012</b>	1	400	571
<b>Q4 2012</b>	0	0	0
<i>Year</i>			
<b>2011</b>	8	1,384	3,695
<b>2012</b>	5	1,920	8,486

### 8,486 days lost to industrial disputes in 2012

During 2012 there were 8,486 days lost to industrial disputes. This compares with 3,695 days lost in 2011. *See table 2 and graph opposite.*

There were a total of five industrial disputes in 2012 compared with eight in 2011. The five disputes in progress in 2012 involved 1,920 workers and five firms, whereas 1,384 workers and eight firms were involved in industrial disputes in 2011. *See table 2.*

- Two disputes in the *Industry sector* accounted for 72% of the days lost in 2012, with 6,114 of the 8,486 total days lost. *See table 1.*
- During the fourth quarter of 2012 there were no days lost to industrial disputes. This is the first quarter since Quarter 3 2007 that no days were lost to industrial disputes in a quarter. *See table 2.*

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**Table 1 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in 2012**

Economic sector (NACE Rev. 2)	Disputes in progress during 2012				Total days lost
	Disputes which began in 2012	Number of disputes	Number of firms	Number of workers	
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	–	–	–	–	–
B-E Industry	2	2	2	1,310	6,114
F Construction	–	–	–	–	–
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1	1	1	135	1,640
H Transportation and storage	2	2	2	475	732
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>All NACE Economic Sectors 2012</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,920</b>	<b>8,486</b>

**Table 2 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in each quarter, 2004-2012**

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>	
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	1,001	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	695
	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>4,147</b>
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
	<b>Total 2009</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>278,228</b>	<b>329,593</b>
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
	<b>Total 2010</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>6,602</b>
2011	Quarter 1	3	3	3	335	2,451
	Quarter 2	2	3	3	462	572
	Quarter 3	1	1	1	17	93
	Quarter 4	2	2	2	580	579
	<b>Total 2011</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,384</b>	<b>3,695</b>
2012	Quarter 1	1	1	1	75	161
	Quarter 2	3	3	3	1,445	7,754
	Quarter 3	1	1	1	400	571
	Quarter 4	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total 2012</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,920</b>	<b>8,486</b>

<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 Industrial Relations Section, Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation ([www.djei.ie/employment/industrial-relations](http://www.djei.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.