

TABLE 4.—Major issues involved in work stoppages, 1953

Major issues	Work stoppages beginning in 1953				Man-days idle during 1953 (all stoppages)	
	Number	Percent of total ¹	Workers involved		Number ¹	Percent of total ¹
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All issues -----	5,091	100.0	2,400,000	100.0	28,300,000	100.0
Wages, hours, and fringe benefits ² ----	2,825	55.5	1,460,000	60.8	21,800,000	77.1
Wage increase -----	1,798	35.3	836,000	34.8	14,500,000	51.5
Wage decrease -----	23	.5	9,250	.4	133,000	.5
Wage increase, hour decrease -----	89	1.7	78,200	3.3	1,060,000	3.7
Wage increase, pension and/or social insurance benefits -----	277	5.4	177,000	7.4	2,540,000	9.0
Pension and/or social insurance benefits -----	48	.9	52,600	2.2	234,000	.8
Other ³ -----	590	11.6	307,000	12.8	3,280,000	11.6
Union organization wages, hours, and fringe benefits ² -----	202	4.0	45,200	1.9	1,250,000	4.4
Recognition, wages and/or hours -----	119	2.3	12,000	.5	317,000	1.1
Strengthening bargaining position, wages and/or hours -----	26	.5	17,100	.7	505,000	1.8
Closed or union shop, wages and/or hours -----	57	1.1	16,100	.7	424,000	1.5
Union organization -----	543	10.7	117,000	4.9	935,000	3.3
Recognition -----	361	7.1	30,500	1.3	520,000	1.8
Strengthening bargaining position -----	38	.7	6,500	.3	90,100	.3
Closed or union shop -----	89	1.7	16,700	.7	195,000	.7
Discrimination -----	10	.2	920	(⁴)	10,800	(⁴)
Other -----	45	.9	62,500	2.6	120,000	.4
Other working conditions -----	1,135	22.3	638,000	26.6	3,560,000	12.6
Job security -----	502	9.9	235,000	9.8	1,730,000	6.1
Shop conditions and policies -----	540	10.6	326,000	13.6	1,300,000	4.6
Workload -----	77	1.5	53,500	2.2	493,000	1.7
Other ⁵ -----	16	.3	23,600	1.0	35,800	.1
Interunion or intraunion matters -----	275	5.4	130,000	5.4	684,000	2.4
Sympathy -----	64	1.3	19,700	.8	107,000	.4
Union rivalry or factionalism ⁶ -----	49	1.0	50,800	2.1	234,000	.8
Jurisdiction -----	158	3.1	56,600	2.4	327,000	1.2
Union regulations -----	3	.1	900	(⁴)	11,000	(⁴)
Other -----	1	(⁴)	1,500	.1	4,500	(⁴)
Not reported -----	111	2.2	13,200	.6	45,900	.2

¹ The sum of the individual items may not equal the totals for the group because of rounding the individual figures in this and subsequent tables.

² "Fringe benefits" has been added to the title only to indicate inclusion of nonwage benefits. There has been no change from previous years in definition or content of these groups.

³ Includes stoppages in which the major issue was retroactivity, holidays, vacations, job classification, piece-work rates, and related matters.

⁴ Less than a tenth of 1 percent.

⁵ This group includes protest strikes against action, or lack of action, by Government agencies.

TABLE 5.—Work stoppages by industry group, 1953

Industry group	Stoppages beginning in 1953 ¹		Man-days idle during 1953 (all stoppages)	
	Number	Workers involved ¹	Number	Percent of estimated working time of all workers ²
All industries	5,091	2,400,000	28,300,000	0.26
MANUFACTURING	3,2612	1,320,000	15,600,000	0.36
Primary metal industries	312	202,000	1,510,000	.45
Fabricated metal products (except ordnance, machinery, and transportation equipment)	291	102,000	1,690,000	.57
Ordnance and accessories	23	21,400	164,000	.32
Electrical machinery, equipment, and supplies	137	76,600	1,620,000	.53
Machinery (except electrical)	286	126,000	2,150,000	.50
Transportation equipment	179	300,000	2,730,000	.55
Lumber and wood products (except furniture)	125	19,800	512,000	.26
Furniture and fixtures	134	25,100	269,000	.28
Stone, clay, and glass products	128	19,400	316,000	.23
Textile mill products	88	26,600	593,000	.19
Apparel and other finished products made from fabrics and similar materials	193	35,600	296,000	.09
Leather and leather products	48	11,900	99,100	.10
Food and kindred products	213	98,400	1,210,000	.30
Tobacco manufactures	4	480	20,800	.08
Paper and allied products	45	15,400	222,000	.16
Printing, publishing, and allied industries	44	21,300	245,000	.12
Chemicals and allied products	107	36,500	825,000	.43
Products of petroleum and coal	19	2,610	105,000	.16
Rubber products	102	141,000	493,000	.71
Professional, scientific, and controlling instruments; photographic and optical goods; watches and clocks	41	11,400	246,000	.29
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	105	21,000	280,000	.22
NONMANUFACTURING	3,2479	1,090,000	12,700,000	.19
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing	14	8,140	113,000	(4)
Mining	460	156,000	846,000	.40
Construction	1,039	574,000	8,000,000	1.22
Trade	408	71,200	1,050,000	.04
Finance, insurance, and real estate	13	950	21,600	(4)
Transportation, communication, and other public utilities	372	256,000	2,380,000	.22
Services—personal, business, and other	145	14,400	202,000	(4)
Government—administration, protection, and sanitation ³	30	6,280	53,400	(4)

¹ See footnote 3, table 1.² See footnotes 4 and 5, table 1.³ The sum of the figures in this column exceeds 5,091 because a few stoppages extending into two or more industry groups have been counted in this column in each industry group affected; workers involved and man-days idle were divided among the respective groups.⁴ Not available.⁵ Municipally operated utilities are included under "Transportation, communication, and other public utilities".