

TABLE 2.—Work stoppages involving 10,000 or more workers, selected periods

| Period | Stoppages involving 10,000 or more workers | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Number | Percent of total for period | Workers involved | | Man-days idle | |
| | | | Number (thousands) | Percent of total for period | Number (thousands) | Percent of total for period |
| 1935-39 average ----- | 11 | 0.4 | 365 | 32.4 | 5,290 | 31.2 |
| 1947-49 average ----- | 18 | .5 | 1,270 | 53.4 | 23,800 | 59.9 |
| 1945 ----- | 42 | .9 | 1,350 | 38.9 | 19,300 | 50.7 |
| 1946 ----- | 31 | .6 | 2,920 | 63.6 | 66,400 | 57.2 |
| 1947 ----- | 15 | .4 | 1,030 | 47.5 | 17,700 | 51.2 |
| 1948 ----- | 20 | .6 | 870 | 44.5 | 18,900 | 55.3 |
| 1949 ----- | 18 | .5 | 1,920 | 63.2 | 34,900 | 69.0 |
| 1950 ----- | 22 | .5 | 738 | 30.7 | 21,700 | 56.0 |
| 1951 ----- | 19 | .4 | 457 | 20.6 | 5,680 | 24.8 |
| 1952 ----- | 35 | .7 | 1,690 | 47.8 | 36,900 | 62.6 |
| 1953 ----- | 28 | .5 | 650 | 27.1 | 7,270 | 25.7 |
| 1954 ----- | 18 | .5 | 437 | 28.5 | 7,520 | 33.3 |
| 1955 ----- | 26 | .6 | 1,210 | 45.6 | 12,300 | 43.4 |
| 1956 ----- | | | | | | |

TABLE 3.—Monthly trends in work stoppages, 1954-55

| Month | Number of stoppages | | Workers involved in stoppages | | | Man-days idle during month | |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| | Beginning in month | In effect during month | Beginning in month (thousands) | In effect during month | | Number (thousands) | Percent of estimated working time of all workers |
| | | | | Number (thousands) | Percent of total employed | | |
| 1954 | | | | | | | |
| January ----- | 208 | 341 | 71 | 127 | 0.31 | 1,020 | 0.12 |
| February ----- | 249 | 400 | 59 | 104 | .25 | 886 | .11 |
| March ----- | 268 | 420 | 113 | 160 | .39 | 1,490 | .16 |
| April ----- | 330 | 501 | 113 | 187 | .45 | 1,220 | .13 |
| May ----- | 384 | 559 | 208 | 244 | .59 | 2,010 | .24 |
| June ----- | 358 | 577 | 196 | 281 | .68 | 2,390 | .26 |
| July ----- | 370 | 580 | 238 | 376 | .91 | 3,800 | .44 |
| August ----- | 328 | 525 | 143 | 300 | .72 | 3,740 | .41 |
| September ----- | 315 | 526 | 126 | 304 | .73 | 2,410 | .27 |
| October ----- | 285 | 488 | 164 | 259 | .62 | 1,820 | .21 |
| November ----- | 220 | 387 | 71 | 129 | .31 | 1,310 | .15 |
| December ----- | 153 | 293 | 29 | 78 | .18 | 486 | .05 |
| 1955 | | | | | | | |
| January ----- | 229 | 322 | 49 | 69 | .17 | 386 | .04 |
| February ----- | 255 | 347 | 92 | 122 | .30 | 610 | .07 |
| March ----- | 310 | 435 | 164 | 212 | .51 | 1,680 | .18 |
| April ----- | 352 | 497 | 211 | 308 | .74 | 2,730 | .31 |
| May ----- | 432 | 616 | 177 | 324 | .77 | 2,820 | .32 |
| June ----- | 506 | 734 | 487 | 593 | 1.39 | 3,380 | .36 |
| July ----- | 464 | 718 | 637 | 776 | 1.82 | 3,320 | .39 |
| August ----- | 496 | 740 | 236 | 384 | .89 | 3,060 | .31 |
| September ----- | 453 | 717 | 234 | 381 | .88 | 2,770 | .30 |
| October ----- | 431 | 654 | 214 | 292 | .67 | 2,470 | .27 |
| November ----- | 242 | 451 | 84 | 201 | .46 | 2,630 | .29 |
| December ----- | 150 | 303 | 61 | 178 | .40 | 2,340 | .25 |

TABLE 4.—Major issues involved in work stoppages, 1955

| Major issues | Stoppages beginning in 1955 | | | | Man-days idle during 1955 (all stoppages) | |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| | Number | Percent of total ¹ | Workers involved | | Number ¹ | Percent of total ¹ |
| | | | Number ¹ | Percent of total ¹ | | |
| All issues ----- | 4,320 | 100.0 | 2,650,000 | 100.0 | 28,200,000 | 100.0 |
| Wages, hours, and supplementary benefits ² ----- | 2,154 | 49.9 | 1,780,000 | 67.2 | 17,900,000 | 63.3 |
| Wage increase ----- | 1,291 | 29.9 | 854,000 | 32.3 | 7,500,000 | 26.6 |
| Wage decrease ----- | 25 | .6 | 29,400 | 1.1 | 980,000 | 3.5 |
| Wage increase, hour decrease ----- | 55 | 1.3 | 25,200 | 1.0 | 320,000 | 1.1 |
| Hour increase ----- | 2 | (³) | 3,850 | .1 | 7,700 | (³) |
| Wage increase, pension and/or social insurance benefits ----- | 284 | 6.6 | 207,000 | 7.8 | 4,280,000 | 15.2 |
| Pension and/or social insurance benefits ----- | 32 | .7 | 29,600 | 1.1 | 1,050,000 | 3.7 |
| Other ⁴ ----- | 465 | 10.8 | 627,000 | 23.7 | 3,720,000 | 13.2 |
| Union organization, wages, hours, and supplementary benefits ² ----- | 305 | 7.1 | 143,000 | 5.4 | 4,590,000 | 16.3 |
| Recognition, wages, and/or hours ----- | 210 | 4.9 | 22,800 | .9 | 371,000 | 1.3 |
| Strengthening bargaining position, wages, and/or hours ----- | 26 | .6 | 76,100 | 2.9 | 3,440,000 | 12.2 |
| Closed or union shop, wages, and/or hours ----- | 69 | 1.6 | 44,200 | 1.7 | 784,000 | 2.8 |
| Discrimination, wages, and/or hours ----- | - | - | - | - | 680 | (³) |
| Union organization ----- | 539 | 12.5 | 101,000 | 3.8 | 2,840,000 | 10.1 |
| Recognition ----- | 385 | 8.9 | 23,200 | .9 | 682,000 | 2.4 |
| Strengthening bargaining position ----- | 51 | 1.2 | 67,200 | 2.5 | 2,090,000 | 7.4 |
| Closed or union shop ----- | 69 | 1.6 | 6,350 | .2 | 48,300 | .2 |
| Discrimination ----- | 11 | .3 | 640 | (³) | 10,900 | (³) |
| Other ----- | 23 | .5 | 3,610 | .1 | 11,800 | (³) |
| Other working conditions ----- | 964 | 22.3 | 550,000 | 20.8 | 2,590,000 | 9.2 |
| Job security ----- | 452 | 10.5 | 201,000 | 7.6 | 1,160,000 | 4.1 |
| Shop conditions and policies ----- | 438 | 10.1 | 260,000 | 9.8 | 942,000 | 3.3 |
| Workload ----- | 54 | 1.2 | 31,700 | 1.2 | 288,000 | 1.0 |
| Other ⁵ ----- | 20 | .5 | 58,000 | 2.2 | 200,000 | .7 |
| Interunion or intraunion matters ----- | 299 | 6.9 | 65,700 | 2.5 | 295,000 | 1.0 |
| Sympathy ----- | 69 | 1.6 | 36,000 | 1.4 | 128,000 | .5 |
| Union rivalry or factionalism ----- | 55 | 1.3 | 6,540 | .2 | 62,200 | .2 |
| Jurisdiction ⁶ ----- | 171 | 4.0 | 23,000 | .9 | 105,000 | .4 |
| Union regulations ----- | 4 | .1 | 150 | (³) | 180 | (³) |
| Other ----- | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Not reported ----- | 59 | 1.4 | 9,240 | .3 | 26,200 | .1 |

¹ In this and subsequent tables, the sum of the individual items may not equal the totals for the group, because the individual figures have been rounded.

² "Supplementary benefits" has been added to the title only for purposes of clarification. There has been no change from previous years in definition or content of these groups.

³ Less than 0.05 percent.

⁴ Includes stoppages in which the major issue was retroactivity, holidays, vacations, job classification, piece rates, incentive standards, or other related matters unaccompanied by efforts to change wage rates. More than a third of the stoppages in this group occurred over piece rates or incentive standards.

⁵ This group includes protest strikes against action or lack of action by Government agencies. The 2 major stoppages each involving more than 10,000 longshoremen are included in this group. (See table 11.)

⁶ Because many jurisdictional stoppages are small, brief, and local in scope, they frequently are not reported either by cooperating agencies or by newspapers; hence, it is probable that these figures do not include all such stoppages occurring during the year.

TABLE 5.—Work stoppages by industry group, 1955

| Industry group | Stoppages beginning in 1955 | | Man-days idle during 1955 (all stoppages) | |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------|---|--|
| | Number | Workers involved | Number | Percent of estimated working time of all workers |
| All industries ----- | ¹ 4,320 | 2,650,000 | 28,200,000 | 0.26 |
| MANUFACTURING ----- | ¹ 2,420 | 2,000,000 | 18,800,000 | 0.45 |
| Primary metal industries ----- | 279 | 535,000 | 1,570,000 | .47 |
| Fabricated metal products (except ordnance, machinery, and transportation equipment) ----- | 282 | 131,000 | 1,590,000 | .57 |
| Ordnance and accessories ----- | 13 | 10,800 | 140,000 | .42 |
| Electrical machinery, equipment, and supplies ----- | 147 | 202,000 | 3,300,000 | 1.15 |
| Machinery (except electrical) ----- | 306 | 230,000 | 3,800,000 | .95 |
| Transportation equipment ----- | 200 | 440,000 | 1,910,000 | .40 |
| Lumber and wood products (except furniture) ----- | 81 | 11,800 | 227,000 | .12 |
| Furniture and fixtures ----- | 121 | 26,000 | 287,000 | .31 |
| Stone, clay, and glass products ----- | 110 | 32,600 | 495,000 | .35 |
| Textile mill products ----- | 96 | 47,800 | 1,400,000 | .51 |
| Apparel and other finished products made from fabrics and similar materials ----- | 139 | 15,000 | 136,000 | .04 |
| Leather and leather products ----- | 50 | 40,400 | 542,000 | .56 |
| Food and kindred products ----- | 169 | 40,400 | 974,000 | .25 |
| Tobacco manufactures ----- | 3 | 340 | 1,220 | (²) |
| Paper and allied products ----- | 67 | 13,000 | 197,000 | .14 |
| Printing, publishing, and allied industries ----- | 29 | 7,660 | 176,000 | .08 |
| Chemicals and allied products ----- | 105 | 40,000 | 634,000 | .31 |
| Products of petroleum and coal ----- | 18 | 3,190 | 51,000 | .08 |
| Rubber products ----- | 105 | 124,000 | 490,000 | .69 |
| Professional, scientific, and controlling instruments; photographic and optical goods; watches and clocks ----- | 30 | 34,000 | 694,000 | .87 |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing industries ----- | 99 | 14,300 | 191,000 | .16 |
| NONMANUFACTURING ----- | ¹ 1,913 | 646,000 | 9,390,000 | .14 |
| Agriculture, forestry, and fishing ----- | 11 | 3,080 | 14,200 | (³) |
| Mining ----- | 343 | 114,000 | 1,080,000 | .57 |
| Construction ----- | 733 | 204,000 | 1,810,000 | .28 |
| Trade ----- | 409 | 52,300 | 1,090,000 | .04 |
| Finance, insurance, and real estate ----- | 8 | 550 | 27,300 | (³) |
| Transportation, communication, and other public utilities ----- | 275 | 253,000 | 4,860,000 | .47 |
| Services—personal, business, and other ----- | 121 | 17,800 | 488,000 | (³) |
| Government—administration, protection, and sanitation ⁴ ----- | 17 | 1,470 | 7,210 | (³) |

¹ This figure is less than the sum of the figures below, because a few stoppages extending into 2 or more industry groups have been counted in this column in each industry group affected; workers involved and man-days idle were allocated among the respective groups.

² Less than 0.05 percent.

³ Not available.

⁴ Municipally operated utilities are included under transportation, communication, and other public utilities.