

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						
1956						

TABLE 3.—Monthly trends in work stoppages, 1953-54

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		
1953							
January	341	492	189	223	0.53	1,360	0.16
February	327	489	131	193	.46	1,100	.13
March	457	639	196	237	.59	1,260	.14
April	560	798	312	413	.98	2,690	.29
May	596	869	313	406	.96	3,770	.42
June	567	875	258	448	1.05	4,530	.48
July	534	841	293	491	1.19	3,880	.39
August	484	763	238	393	.91	2,880	.32
September	420	721	119	211	.49	1,700	.19
October	379	658	175	240	.56	1,650	.17
November	281	502	100	175	.41	1,570	.18
December	145	354	76	173	.41	1,880	.20
1954							
January	208	341	71	127	.31	1,020	.12
February	249	400	59	104	.25	886	.11
March	268	420	113	160	.39	1,490	.16

TABLE 4.—Major issues involved in work stoppages, 1954

Major issues	Stoppages beginning in 1954				Man-days idle during 1954 (all stoppages)	
	Number	Percent of total ¹	Workers involved		Number ¹	Percent of total ¹
			Number ¹	Percent of total ¹		
All issues -----	3,468	100.0	1,530,000	100.0	22,600,000	100.0
Wages, hours, and supplementary benefits ² -----	1,726	49.8	886,000	57.8	16,700,000	73.9
Wage increase -----	1,118	32.2	577,000	37.6	12,500,000	55.5
Wage decrease -----	43	1.2	15,500	1.0	268,000	1.2
Wage increase, hour decrease -----	50	1.4	20,600	1.3	201,000	.9
Hour increase -----	2	.1	10	(³)	630	(³)
Wage increase, pension and/or social insurance benefits -----	197	5.7	146,000	9.5	2,510,000	11.1
Pension and/or social insurance benefits -----	25	.7	4,540	.3	68,500	.3
Other ⁴ -----	291	8.4	123,000	8.1	1,110,000	4.9
Union organization, wages, hours and supplementary benefits ² -----	159	4.6	15,400	1.0	1,590,000	7.0
Recognition, wages and/or hours -----	104	3.0	7,810	.5	252,000	1.1
Strengthening bargaining position, wages and/or hours -----	14	.4	3,370	.2	1,200,000	5.3
Closed or union shop, wages and/or hours -----	39	1.1	4,120	.3	138,000	.6
Discrimination, wages and/or hours -----	2	.1	130	(³)	3,600	(³)
Union organization -----	429	12.4	39,300	2.6	618,000	2.7
Recognition -----	298	8.6	13,200	.9	408,000	1.8
Strengthening bargaining position -----	11	.3	780	.1	8,470	(³)
Closed or union shop -----	88	2.5	15,600	1.0	148,000	.7
Discrimination -----	17	.5	8,370	.5	44,500	.2
Other -----	15	.4	1,400	.1	10,200	(³)
Other working conditions -----	836	24.1	451,000	29.4	3,110,000	13.8
Job security -----	396	11.4	175,000	11.4	1,150,000	5.1
Shop conditions and policies -----	364	10.5	163,000	10.6	829,000	3.7
Workload -----	60	1.7	78,900	5.1	489,000	2.2
Other ⁵ -----	16	.5	34,900	2.3	641,000	2.8
Interunion or intraunion matters -----	254	7.3	135,000	8.8	529,000	2.3
Sympathy -----	39	1.1	34,000	2.2	117,000	.5
Union rivalry or factionalism -----	60	1.7	19,400	1.3	123,000	.5
Jurisdiction -----	152	4.4	77,700	5.1	282,000	1.2
Union regulations -----	1	(³)	1,600	.1	3,270	(³)
Other -----	2	.1	2,400	.2	3,400	(³)
Not reported -----	64	1.8	5,130	.3	37,700	.2

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

² "Wages, hours, and supplementary benefits" includes "wages and hours" and "supplementary benefits".

TABLE 5.—Work stoppages by industry group, 1954

Industry group	Stoppages beginning in 1954		Man-days idle during 1954 (all stoppages)	
	Number	Workers involved	Number	Percent of estimated working time of all workers
All industries -----	1 ³ , 468	1, 530, 000	22, 600, 000	0. 21
MANUFACTURING -----	1, 703	772, 000	13, 700, 000	0. 33
Primary metal industries -----	156	80, 400	952, 000	. 31
Fabricated metal products (except ordnance, machinery, and transportation equipment) -----	175	42, 400	1, 200, 000	. 45
Ordnance and accessories -----	11	4, 260	57, 800	. 13
Electrical machinery, equipment, and supplies -----	116	57, 100	1, 010, 000	. 35
Machinery (except electrical) -----	175	64, 000	1, 350, 000	. 34
Transportation equipment -----	84	107, 000	656, 000	. 15
Lumber and wood products (except furniture) -----	70	87, 300	4, 200, 000	2. 25
Furniture and fixtures -----	70	10, 900	139, 000	. 16
Stone, clay, and glass products -----	106	20, 700	300, 000	. 23
Textile mill products -----	65	28, 400	573, 000	. 21
Apparel and other finished products made from fabrics and similar materials -----	135	12, 200	145, 000	. 05
Leather and leather products -----	36	5, 560	53, 300	. 06
Food and kindred products -----	157	73, 800	694, 000	. 18
Tobacco manufactures -----	2	100	140	(²)
Paper and allied products -----	37	9, 970	77, 000	. 06
Printing, publishing, and allied industries -----	30	5, 950	103, 000	. 05
Chemicals and allied products -----	77	18, 200	159, 000	. 08
Products of petroleum and coal -----	16	2, 230	50, 600	. 08
Rubber products -----	83	108, 000	1, 620, 000	2. 49
Professional, scientific, and controlling instruments; photographic and optical goods; watches and clocks -----	24	18, 700	145, 000	. 18
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries -----	85	14, 200	186, 000	. 15
NONMANUFACTURING -----	1, 765	761, 000	8, 900, 000	. 14
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing -----	11	2, 930	59, 900	(³)
Mining -----	249	111, 000	845, 000	. 44
Construction -----	804	437, 000	4, 800, 000	. 71
Trade -----	298	53, 400	1, 690, 000	. 06
Finance, insurance, and real estate -----	10	600	13, 900	(³)
Transportation, communication, and other public utilities -----	282	146, 000	1, 410, 000	. 14
Services—personal, business, and other -----	104	8, 040	82, 900	(³)
Government—administration, protection, and sanitation ⁴ -----	10	1, 810	10, 400	(³)

¹ The sum of the figures in this column exceeds 3,468 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.

² Less than 0.05 percent.

³ Not available.

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