

TABLE 1.—Work stoppages in the

Year	Work stoppages	
	Number	Average duration (calendar days) ³
1927	707	26.5
1928	604	27.6
1929	921	22.6
1930	637	22.3
1931	810	18.8
1932	841	19.6
1933	1,695	16.9
1934	1,856	19.5
1935	2,014	23.8
1936	2,172	23.3
1937	4,740	20.3
1938	2,772	23.6
1939	2,613	23.4
1940	2,508	20.9
1941	4,288	18.3
1942	2,968	11.7
1943	3,752	5.0
1944	4,956	5.6
1945	4,750	9.9
1946	4,985	24.2
1947	3,693	25.6
1948	3,419	21.8
1949	3,606	22.5
1950	4,843	19.2
1951	4,737	17.4
1952	5,117	19.6
1953	5,091	20.3
1954	3,468	22.5
1955	4,320	18.5
1956	3,825	18.9
1957		
1958		
1959		
1960		

¹ The number of stoppages and workers relate to ending in the year. Man-days of idleness include all stoppages. Available information for earlier periods appears in E-2. For a discussion of the procedures involved in the see BLS Bull. 1168, Techniques of Preparing Major BLS Statistics.

² In this and subsequent tables, workers are counted in more than 1 stoppage during the year.

³ Figures are simple averages; each stoppage is given

Workers involved ²		Man-days idle during year		
Number (thousands)	Percent of total employed	Number (thousands)	Percent of estimated working time of all workers	Per worker involved
330	1.4	26,200	0.37	79.5
314	1.3	12,600	.17	40.2
289	1.2	5,350	.07	18.5
183	.8	3,320	.05	18.1
342	1.6	6,890	.11	20.2
324	1.8	10,500	.23	32.4
1,170	6.3	16,900	.36	14.4
1,470	7.2	19,600	.38	13.4
1,120	5.2	15,500	.29	13.8
789	3.1	13,900	.21	17.6
1,860	7.2	28,400	.43	15.3
688	2.8	9,150	.15	13.3
1,170	4.7	17,800	.28	15.2
577	2.3	6,700	.10	11.6
2,360	8.4	23,000	.32	9.8
840	2.8	4,180	.05	5.0
1,980	6.9	13,500	.15	6.8
2,120	7.0	8,720	.09	4.1
3,470	12.2	38,000	.47	11.0
4,600	14.5	116,000	1.43	25.2
2,170	6.5	34,600	.41	15.9
1,960	5.5	34,100	.37	17.4
3,030	9.0	50,500	.59	16.7
2,410	6.9	38,800	.44	16.1
2,220	5.5	22,900	.23	10.3
3,540	8.8	59,100	.57	16.7
2,400	5.6	28,300	.26	11.8
1,530	3.7	22,600	.21	14.7
2,650	6.2	28,200	.26	10.7
1,900	4.3	33,100	.29	17.4

those beginning in the year; average duration to those ages in effect.

in BLS Bull. 1016, Handbook of Labor Statistics, table collection and compilation of work stoppage statistics, Statistical Series, Chapter 12.

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TABLE 2.—Work stoppages involving 10

Period	Stopp	
	Number	Percent total for period
1935-39 average -----	11	0.4
1947-49 average -----	18	.5
1945 -----	42	.9
1946 -----	31	.6
1947 -----	15	.4
1948 -----	20	.6
1949 -----	18	.5
1950 -----	22	.5
1951 -----	19	.4
1952 -----	35	.7
1953 -----	28	.5
1954 -----	18	.5
1955 -----	26	.6
1956 -----	12	.3

Includes idleness in any stoppages beginning in ea

TABLE 3.—Monthly trends

Month	Number of stoppages	
	Beginning in month	In effect during month
1955		
January -----	229	322
February -----	255	347
March -----	310	435
April -----	352	497
May -----	432	616
June -----	506	734
July -----	464	718
August -----	496	740
September -----	453	717
October -----	431	654
November -----	242	451
December -----	150	303
1956		
January -----	260	357
February -----	270	390
March -----	264	394
April -----	382	516
May -----	478	648
June -----	372	576
July -----	377	570
August -----	398	625
September -----	336	541
October -----	332	524
November -----	242	403
December -----	114	240

, 000 or more workers, selected periods

pages involving 10,000 or more workers

	Workers involved		Man-days idle	
	Number (thousands)	Percent of total for period	Number (thousands) ¹	Percent of total for period
	365	32.4	5,290	31.2
	1,270	53.4	23,800	59.9
	1,350	38.9	19,300	50.7
	2,920	63.6	66,400	57.2
	1,030	47.5	17,700	51.2
	870	44.5	18,900	55.3
	1,920	63.2	34,900	69.0
	738	30.7	21,700	56.0
	457	20.6	5,680	24.8
	1,690	47.8	36,900	62.6
	650	27.1	7,270	25.7
	437	28.5	7,520	33.3
	1,210	45.6	12,300	43.4
	758	39.9	19,600	59.1

earlier years.

in work stoppages, 1955-56

Workers involved in stoppages			Man-days idle 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		
49	69	0.17	386	0.04
92	122	.30	610	.07
164	212	.51	1,680	.18
211	308	.74	2,730	.31
177	324	.77	2,820	.32
487	593	1.39	3,380	.36
637	776	1.82	3,320	.39
236	384	.89	3,060	.31
234	381	.88	2,770	.30
214	292	.67	2,470	.27
84	201	.46	2,630	.29
61	178	.40	2,340	.25
88	192	.44	2,150	.24
82	196	.45	2,270	.25
69	193	.44	2,020	.21
141	199	.46	1,540	.17
202	287	.65	2,910	.30
115	230	.52	2,010	.21
591	669	1.52	12,500	1.35
137	699	1.56	2,960	.29
156	209	.46	1,630	.19
133	178	.40	1,180	.11
158	204	.45	1,460	.15
29	53	.12	472	.05

TABLE 4.—Major issues

Major issues	Number	S
All issues -----	3,825	
Wages, hours, and supplementary benefits -----	1,821	
Wage increase -----	1,094	
Wage decrease -----	10	
Wage increase, hour decrease -----	45	
Wage increase, pension and/or social insurance benefits -----	258	
Pension and/or social insurance benefits -----	23	
Other ³ -----	391	
Union organization, wages, hours, and supplementary benefits -----	329	
Recognition, wages, and/or hours -----	202	
Strengthening bargaining position, wages, and/or hours -----	32	
Closed or union shop, wages, and/or hours -----	95	
Union organization -----	445	
Recognition -----	301	
Strengthening bargaining position -----	42	
Closed or union shop -----	77	
Discrimination -----	13	
Other -----	12	
Other working conditions -----	862	
Job security -----	416	
Shop conditions and policies -----	387	
Workload -----	55	
Other -----	4	
Interunion or intraunion matters -----	317	
Sympathy -----	68	
Union rivalry ⁴ -----	27	
Jurisdiction ⁵ -----	214	
Union administration ⁶ -----	8	
Not reported -----	51	

¹ In this and subsequent tables the sum of the cause the individual figures have been rounded.

² Less than 0.05 percent.

³ Issues such as retroactivity, holidays, vacation or other related matters unaccompanied by proposals in this category. Slightly more than a third of the stoppages are in this category.

⁴ Includes disputes between unions of different types, AFL-CIO and nonaffiliates.

⁵ Includes disputes between unions of the same type and local in scope and frequently are not reported elsewhere. These figures do not include all such stoppages that may have occurred.

⁶ Includes disputes within a union over the administration of its affairs.

ues involved in work stoppages, 1956

Stoppages beginning in 1956			Man-days idle during 1956 (all stoppages)	
Percent of total ¹	Workers involved			
	Number ¹	Percent of total ¹	Number ¹	Percent of total ¹
100.0	1,900,000	100.0	33,100,000	100.0
47.6	1,270,000	66.8	24,300,000	73.5
28.6	924,000	48.6	19,300,000	58.2
.3	600	(²)	660,000	2.0
1.2	7,680	.4	66,600	.2
6.7	105,000	5.5	2,210,000	6.7
.6	9,120	.5	41,800	.1
10.2	224,000	11.8	2,100,000	6.3
8.6	81,200	4.3	5,070,000	15.3
5.3	21,200	1.1	494,000	1.5
.8	6,020	.3	3,730,000	11.3
2.5	54,000	2.8	841,000	2.5
11.6	102,000	5.4	1,100,000	3.3
7.9	22,700	1.2	420,000	1.3
1.1	66,600	3.5	494,000	1.5
2.0	11,300	.6	149,000	.5
.3	480	(²)	6,060	(²)
.3	1,370	.1	29,800	.1
22.5	375,000	19.7	2,160,000	6.5
10.9	184,000	9.7	1,270,000	3.9
10.1	149,000	7.8	562,000	1.7
1.4	38,300	2.0	199,000	.6
.1	4,190	.2	124,000	.4
8.3	67,600	3.6	423,000	1.3
1.8	25,600	1.3	179,000	.5
.7	2,330	.1	23,200	.1
5.6	37,100	2.0	212,000	.6
.2	2,550	.1	8,760	(²)
1.3	4,630	.2	22,800	.1

individual items may not equal the totals for the group, be-

ations, job classification, piece rates, incentive standards, als to effect general changes in wage rates are included in ppages in this group occurred over piece rates or incentive

t affiliation such as those between unions affiliated with the

e affiliation. Some jurisdictional stoppages are small, brief, ither by cooperating agencies or by newspapers; hence, these occurred during the year.

nistration of union affairs or regulations.

TABLE 5.—Work stoppag

Industry group	
All industries -----	1
<p>MANUFACTURING -----</p> <p>Primary metal industries -----</p> <p>Fabricated metal products (except ordnance, machinery, and transportation equipment) -----</p> <p>Ordnance and accessories -----</p> <p>Electrical machinery, equipment, and supplies -----</p> <p>Machinery (except electrical) -----</p> <p>Transportation equipment -----</p> <p>Lumber and wood products (except furniture) -----</p> <p>Furniture and fixtures -----</p> <p>Stone, clay, and glass products -----</p> <p>Textile mill products -----</p> <p>Apparel and other finished products made from fabrics and similar materials -----</p> <p>Leather and leather products -----</p> <p>Food and kindred products -----</p> <p>Tobacco manufactures -----</p> <p>Paper and allied products -----</p> <p>Printing, publishing, and allied industries -----</p> <p>Chemicals and allied products -----</p> <p>Products of petroleum and coal -----</p> <p>Rubber products -----</p> <p>Professional, scientific, and controlling instruments; photographic and optical goods; watches and clocks -----</p> <p>Miscellaneous manufacturing industries -----</p> <p>NONMANUFACTURING -----</p> <p>Agriculture, forestry, and fishing -----</p> <p>Mining -----</p> <p>Construction -----</p> <p>Trade -----</p> <p>Finance, insurance, and real estate -----</p> <p>Transportation, communication, and other public utilities -----</p> <p>Services—personal, business, and other -----</p> <p>Government—administration, protection, and sanitation³ -----</p>	1
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¹ This figure is less than the sum of the figures for industry groups have been counted in this column in each of the years 1917-1918. The figures for 1917 and 1918 were divided among the respective groups.

² Not available.

³ Municipally operated utilities are included in "trade and transportation."

es by industry group, 1956

Stoppages beginning in 1956		Man-days idle during 1956 (all stoppages)	
Number	Workers involved	Number	Percent of estimated working time of all workers
3,825	1,900,000	33,100,000	0.29
1,986	1,360,000	27,100,000	0.63
238	573,000	12,700,000	3.81
229	87,700	1,420,000	.50
15	11,200	90,700	.27
106	62,700	3,050,000	.99
211	113,000	3,630,000	.83
145	123,000	1,800,000	.40
47	4,920	82,400	.04
96	21,100	245,000	.26
113	76,400	994,000	.69
70	18,200	426,000	.16
129	13,800	173,000	.06
54	8,940	74,000	.08
160	71,300	513,000	.13
4	790	20,600	.08
51	15,200	233,000	.16
31	5,900	105,000	.05
92	37,500	399,000	.19
19	8,450	174,000	.27
55	81,300	580,000	.83
33	7,030	134,000	.16
89	16,200	295,000	.23
,856	544,000	6,020,000	.09
6	2,030	10,400	(^a)
321	129,000	1,320,000	.65
784	231,000	2,680,000	.35
336	37,100	558,000	.02
15	840	38,400	(^a)
243	130,000	1,170,000	.11
126	10,700	227,000	(^a)
27	3,460	11,100	(^a)

below because a few stoppages extending into 2 or more industry group affected; workers involved and man-days

transportation, communication, and other public utilities."