

**Table 647. Work Stoppages: 1960 to 2008**

[896 represents 896,000. Excludes work stoppages involving fewer than 1,000 workers and lasting less than 1 day. Information is based on reports of labor disputes appearing in daily newspapers, trade journals, and other public sources. The parties to the disputes are contacted by telephone, when necessary, to clarify details of the stoppages]

Year	Number of stoppages <sup>1</sup>	Workers involved <sup>2</sup> (1,000)	Days idle		Year	Number of stoppages <sup>1</sup>	Workers involved <sup>2</sup> (1,000)	Days idle	
			Number <sup>3</sup> (1,000)	Percent estimated working time <sup>4</sup>				Number <sup>3</sup> (1,000)	Percent estimated working time <sup>4</sup>
1960 . . . . .	222	896	13,260	0.09	1991 . . . . .	40	392	4,584	0.02
1965 . . . . .	268	999	15,140	0.10	1992 . . . . .	35	364	3,989	0.01
1970 . . . . .	381	2,468	52,761	0.29	1993 . . . . .	35	182	3,981	0.01
1975 . . . . .	235	965	17,563	0.09	1994 . . . . .	45	322	5,021	0.02
1976 . . . . .	231	1,519	23,962	0.12	1995 . . . . .	31	192	5,771	0.02
1977 . . . . .	298	1,212	21,258	0.10	1996 . . . . .	37	273	4,889	0.02
1978 . . . . .	219	1,006	23,774	0.11	1997 . . . . .	29	339	4,497	0.01
1979 . . . . .	235	1,021	20,409	0.09	1998 . . . . .	34	387	5,116	0.02
1980 . . . . .	187	795	20,844	0.09	1999 . . . . .	17	73	1,996	0.01
1981 . . . . .	145	729	16,908	0.07	2000 . . . . .	39	394	20,419	0.06
1982 . . . . .	96	656	9,061	0.04	2001 . . . . .	29	99	1,151	(Z)
1983 . . . . .	81	909	17,461	0.08	2002 . . . . .	19	46	660	(Z)
1984 . . . . .	62	376	8,499	0.04	2003 . . . . .	14	129	4,091	0.01
1985 . . . . .	54	324	7,079	0.03	2004 . . . . .	17	171	3,344	0.01
1986 . . . . .	69	533	11,861	0.05	2005 . . . . .	22	100	1,736	0.01
1987 . . . . .	46	174	4,481	0.02	2006 . . . . .	20	70	2,688	0.01
1988 . . . . .	40	118	4,381	0.02	2007 . . . . .	21	189	1,265	(Z)
1989 . . . . .	51	452	16,996	0.07	2008 . . . . .	15	72	1,954	0.01
1990 . . . . .	44	185	5,926	0.02					

Z Less than 0.005 percent. <sup>1</sup> Beginning in year indicated. <sup>2</sup> Workers counted more than once if involved in more than one stoppage during the year. <sup>3</sup> Resulting from all stoppages in effect in a year, including those that began in an earlier year. <sup>4</sup> Agricultural and government employees are included in the total working time; private household and forestry and fishery employees are excluded.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Major Work Stoppages in 2008, News*, USDL 09-0150, February 11, 2009. See also <<http://www.bls.gov/wsp/>>.