

Synoptic Table
Strikes and Lockouts Statistics: coverage and methodology

Country	Legal obligation to report the occurrence of a strike or a lockout	Minimum criteria for inclusion in statistics	Industries covered	Are political stoppages included?	Are indirectly affected included?
Albania	Yes, obligation to give 15 days notice of a strike.	None	Essential Services are excluded such as the supply of bread, electric power, health services, etc.	No	Yes
Algeria	Yes, the group of workers involved is required to give notice of a strike to the employer and to the Inspection du Travail of the area.	Duration of at least 1 day with a total of at least 10 days not worked.	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	No
Antigua and Barbuda	Yes, the dispute should be reported to the Labour Commissioner by the party concerned.	None	Essential Services are excluded.	No	No information available.
Argentina	None	Duration of at least 2 hours.	Federal and provincial police are not covered.	No	No
Australia	None	A total of ten or more days not worked at the establishments where the stoppages occur.	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	Yes
Austria	None	None	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	No
Bahamas	None	None	No particular branches are excluded.	No	No
Bangladesh	Yes, the report, giving a charter of demands, should be made to the Department of Labour.	None	The statistics cover manufacturing only.	Yes	Yes

Barbados	None	None	No particular branches are excluded.	No	Yes
Belarus	Prior to 1999, legal obligation for the enterprise in which strike occurs to report the strike to the Ministry of Statistics and Analysis. Beginning 1999, strikes statistics are no longer collected.	Minimum of one day (raised in 1997).	No particular branches are excluded.	No	Yes
Belgium	None	None	Public sector excluded.	Yes	Yes
Bolivia	Yes, standard form exists for collecting information concerning strikes or lockouts.	Duration of at least one hour.	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	No
Botswana	Yes, obligation, applying to the party that has a grievance, to report to the Labour Commissioner for mediation.	None	No particular branches are excluded.	No	No
Brazil	None	None	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	No
Burkina Faso	Yes, standard form exists for collecting information concerning strikes or lockouts.	None	No particular branches are excluded.	No	Yes
Cameroon	Yes, legal obligation to report the occurrence of a strike to the Ministère du Travail et de la Prévoyance sociale.		Agricultural sector excluded.	No	Yes
Canada	None	At least half a day with at least 500 workers plus 10 days not worked.	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	No
Central African Rep.	Yes, legal obligation to report the occurrence of a strike to the Département du Travail.	Duration of at least 48 hours.	National Defence (army) excluded.	Yes	Yes
Chile	None	Duration of at least two hours.	No particular branches are excluded.	No	No
Colombia	None	None	Public sector excluded.	Yes	Yes
Costa Rica	Yes, legal obligation to both parties to report the occurrence of a strike to the police authorities.	Duration of at least two hours and at least three workers involved.	No particular branches are excluded.	No	Yes

Cyprus	None	Duration of at least three quarters of a day.	No particular branches are excluded.	No	Yes
Czech Republic	Yes, legal obligation to report the occurrence of a strike or lockout to the district agencies of the statistical office, a standard form is used for that purpose.	None	Armed forces are excluded.	Yes	Yes
Denmark	None	A total of at least 100 workdays not worked.	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	Yes
Dominica	Yes, legal obligation to report: matter of dispute, methods of attempted settlement, name of the economic unit, number of economics units involved, number of workers involved, number of days or hours not worked.	Duration of at least one hour.	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	No
Ecuador	Yes, legal obligation to report the occurrence of a strike or lockout which applies to the enterprise committees, special committees or trade unions.	Duration of at least eight hours.	No particular branches are excluded.	No	Yes
Egypt	Yes, legal obligation for the Manpower Directorates to report the occurrence of a strike to the Ministry of Manpower and Training.	None	No particular branches are excluded.	No	No
El Salvador	Yes, legal obligation applying to the trade union to report the occurrence of a strike to the Dirección General de Trabajo of the Ministerio de Trabajo y Previsión Social.	Duration of at least two hours.	No particular branches are excluded.	No	Yes
Equatorial Guinea	None	None	Public administration is excluded.	No	No
Fiji	Yes, legal obligation for essential services for the trade union concerned to report planned strike action.	None	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	No

Finland	None	Duration of at least one hour.	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	Yes
France	None	Only workday not worked.	Agriculture and the Civil service are excluded.	Yes	Yes
Gabon	None	None	Civil Service is excluded.	Yes	Yes
Germany	Yes, legal obligation for the employer to report the occurrence of a strike to the competent local employment office.	Ten workers involved and of one day duration unless 100 workdays not worked. From 1993 data cover the entire FRG; earlier data represented West Germany only.	Public administration is excluded.	Yes	No
Ghana	Yes, legal obligation to report strike action to the Labour Department.	None	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	No
Greece	None. Beginning 1999, strikes and lockouts statistics are no longer collected.	Duration of at least one hour.	Public administration is excluded.	Yes	Yes
Guatemala	Yes, legal obligation to report the occurrence of a strike to the labour authorities.	No information available	No particular branches are excluded.	No	Not Applicable
Guinea	Yes, legal obligation on the part of the workers' organisation concerned to give the Labour Inspectorate notice of a strike.	None	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	Yes
Haiti	Yes, legal obligation to report the occurrence of a strike or lockout to the Service de conciliation et d'arbitrage of the Ministère des Affaires sociales.	Duration of at least 48 hours.	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	No
Honduras	None	Duration of at least one hour.	No particular branches are excluded.	No	Yes

Hong Kong, prior to the reunification with China	None	At least 10 workers involved or duration of at least one day, unless the aggregate number of working days not worked exceeds 100.	Public sector excluded.	No	No
Hungary	Yes, legal obligation for the Hungarian Telegraphic Agency to report the occurrence of a strike to the Hungarian Central Statistical Office.	Minimum of 10 workers involved.	No particular branches are excluded.	No	No
India	None	At least 10 workers involved.	Industries performing services relating to sovereign functions are excluded.	No	Yes
Iraq	Yes, legal obligation to report work stoppages due to labour disputes to the Minister of Labour and Social Affairs.	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Ireland	None	Duration of at least one day or aggregate time not worked of at least 10 workdays.	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	Yes
Isle of Man	Yes, legal obligation to both the employer and the trade union to report the holding of a ballot in respect of proposed industrial action, and the result of such a ballot to the industrial Relations Service.	Duration of at least two hours.	No particular branches are excluded.	No	No
Israel	Yes, legal obligation to report the occurrence of a strike or lockout, employers, trade unions, and any others involved are required to report general information to the Division of Labour Relations of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.	Total of at least 10 days not worked for total strikes and lockouts, and lasting at least two hours for both total and partial strikes.	Non-military security forces and the army are excluded.	No	No

Italy	None	None	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	No
Japan	Yes, legal obligation applying to employers and trade unions to report the occurrence of a strike or lockout to Labour Relations Commission.	Half a day duration. Excluding unofficial disputes.	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	No
Jordan	None	Information not available.	No particular branches are excluded.	No	No
Korea, Republic of	Yes, legal obligation to both employers and workers to report the occurrence of an act of labour dispute to the authorities concerned.	None	No particular branches are excluded.	No	No
Madagascar	Yes, legal obligation applying to employers to report the occurrence of a strike or lockout to the Inspection du Travail of the Direction du Travail.	None	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	Yes
Malaysia	Yes, legal obligation to report to the Industrial Relations Department and the Department of Trade Union Affairs.	Duration of at least one day.	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	Yes
Malta	None	None	No particular branches are excluded.	No	No
Mauritius	None	Duration of at least 30 minutes.	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	No
Mexico	Directly compiled from the administrative records that the Labour Tribunal maintains for each strike notice.	Duration of at least two hours.	No particular branches are excluded.	No	No
Moldova, Rep of	Not available	Not available	No particular branches are excluded.	Not available	Not available

Namibia	None	None	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	Yes
Nepal	Yes, legal obligation for workers to notify the Department of Labour, the local labour office and the local administration office before they go on strike.	None	Construction workers are excluded.	No	No
Netherlands	None	None	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	Yes
New Zealand	None	For complete stoppages and lockouts: at least 10 days not worked; For partial stoppages: the number of workers involved multiplied by the duration should be more than 10 days not worked.	No particular branches are excluded. Before 1988, excluding public sector stoppages.	Yes	Yes
Nigeria	Yes, legal obligation to both employers and trade unions to report the occurrence of a strike to the Ministry of Employment.	None	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	No
Norway	None	Duration of at least one day.	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	No
Pakistan	Yes, legal obligation for employers to report the occurrence of a strike or lockout to the Labour Department of the provinces.	None	No particular branches are excluded.	No	Yes

Panama	Yes, legal obligation for the trade unions involved to notify the Ministerio de Trabajo y Bienestar Social of the occurrence of a strike.	None	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	No
Papua New Guinea	Yes, legal obligation to both parties to report the occurrence of a strike to the Department of Labour and Employment.	Duration of at least one hour.	The public service and discipline forces (police, defences force and prison warders) are excluded.	Yes	No
Peru	Yes, legal obligation for trade unions and employers to supply information to the Dirección General de Trabajo del Ministerio de Trabajo y Promoción Social.	None	Public administration, armed forces and the police are excluded.	Yes	Yes
Philippines	None	Duration of at least one full workday or shift.	Public administration is excluded.	No	Yes
Poland	Yes, legal obligation for employers to report the occurrence of a strike via a standard form.	Duration of at least one hour.	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	Yes
Portugal	Yes, legal obligation on trade unions to report the occurrence of a strike to the Ministry of Labour and Social Security.	Strikes only. No restriction on size. Excluding general strikes at the national level.	Public administration is excluded.	Yes	No
Puerto Rico	Yes, legal obligation to report the occurrence of a strike for the trade union in advance.	None	No particular branches are excluded.	No	Yes
Romania	Yes, legal obligation for trade unions or elected representatives of workers to give notice of any strike to the regional Directorate of Labour and Social Protection.	Duration of at least two hours, which constitutes a warning strike.	Workers in certain economic activities do not have the right to go on strike (e.g., national energy system, health and sanitation units).	No	No

Russian Federation	Yes, legal obligation for employers to report the occurrence of a strike to the Service for Settlement of Collective Labour Disputes.	Minimum duration of two hours.	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	Yes
San Marino	None	Duration of at least half an hour.	No particular branches are excluded.	No	Yes
Senegal	Yes, legal obligation on the part of the plaintiff to give notice of a strike or lockout to the Labour Inspectorate.	None	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	No
Singapore	None	None	No particular branches are excluded.	No	No
Slovak Republic	Yes, legal obligation for employers to report the occurrence of a strike or lockout to the district agencies of the statistical offices.	None	The armed forces are excluded.	Yes	Yes
South Africa	Yes, legal obligation for employers to report the occurrence of a dispute to the inspector defined by regulation.	At least two workers involved.	Public administration and defence; central authorities; provincial authorities and administration; farming operations; private household employees; unpaid workers in charitable institutions; or teachers, trainers and educators in educational institutions partly or wholly financed by public funds are excluded.	Yes	No
Spain	Yes, legal obligation on party initiating action to report the occurrence of a strike or lockout to the competent labour authority.	Duration of at least one hour.	Member of the armed forces are forbidden to strike.	Yes	No

Sri Lanka	None	At least five workers involved and lasting at least one day, unless the amount of time not worked is more than 50 workdays.	No particular branches are excluded.	No	No
Suriname	None	Duration of at least one hour.	Public administration and defence are excluded.	Yes	No
Swaziland	Yes, legal obligation applying to the employer or the employees to report the occurrence of a strike to the Department of Labour.	None	No particular branches are excluded.	N	No
Sweden	None	Total time not worked of at least 8 working hours, even if only 8 persons stop work for one hour each.	No particular branches are excluded.	Yes	No
Switzerland	None	Duration of at least 24 hours.	International organizations and embassies are excluded.	Yes	Yes
Tanzania, United Rep. of	Yes, legal obligation applying to the employer and the trade unions to report the occurrence of a strike or lockout to the Department of Labour of the Ministry of Labour and Manpower Development.	Duration of at least five hours.	No particular branches are excluded.	No	Yes
Thailand	None	None	No particular branches are excluded.	No	No
Trinidad and Tobago	None	None	No particular branches are excluded.	No	No
Tunisia	Yes, legal obligation for both parties to report all difficulties to the Bureau régional de conciliation.	Duration of at least one hour.	The civil service is excluded.	No	No

Turkey	Yes, legal obligation on the part of trade unions to report the occurrence of a strike to the Regional Directorates of Labour.	None	Energy services and most public services are excluded (e.g., rescue services; intracity transportation; hospitals and clinics, sanatoriums; schools, crèches; and establishments run by the armed forces). General strikes are also excluded.	No	Yes
Ukraine	None	Minimum of one working day regardless of the number of employees who participate to the strike.	Private sector is excluded.	No	No
United Kingdom	None	At least 10 workers involved and of at least one day duration, unless the aggregate number of days not worked is greater than 100.	The armed forces are excluded.	No	Yes
United States	None	A minimum of 1000 workers simultaneously involved, with the stoppage lasting at least one day or one full shift.	No particular branches are excluded.	No	Yes
Uruguay	None	None	Primary service sectors are excluded.	Yes	No
Venezuela	Yes, legal obligation for trade unions to notify the Ministerio de Trabajo of the occurrence of a strike.	None	No particular branches are excluded.	No	Yes
Virgin Islands (US)	None	None	Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing are excluded.	Yes	No

Zambia	None	None	Defence forces, police, judiciary, prison staff and Zambia security intelligence services are excluded.	Yes	Yes
Zimbabwe	Yes, legal obligation for the aggrieved party to report the occurrence of a strike to the Ministry of Labour.	None	No particular branches are excluded.	No	Yes

Annex 1

Organisation responsible for data collection, compiling and publication of the statistics

Reports are collected by enterprises and sent, through relevant ministries, for publication to the Institute of Statistics.

The statistics are collected and published by the Inspection générale du Travail and the Ministère du Travail et des affaires sociales.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Ministry of Labour.

Collected, compiled and published by the Departamento de Estudios Laborales, Dirección Nacional de Recursos Humanos y Empleo, of the Ministerio de Trabajo y Seguridad Social. Information gathered from Industrial Relations Department, employers, unions and press, and published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Trade unions provide information published by Österreichischer Gewerkschaftsbund.

The statistics are collected and published by the Labour Department.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published the Department of Labour.

Collected, compiled and published by the Labour Department.

Collected, compiled and published by the Ministry of Statistic and Analysis of the Republic of Belarus.

Questionnaires to employers following police or media coverage. Statistics are published by the Institut national de statistique.

Statistics are collected and published by the Departamento de Estadísticas, Ministerio de Trabajo.

Collected, compiled and published by the Department of Labour and Social Security.

The statistics are collected by the regional offices of the Ministério de Trabalho.

Statistics are collected and published by the Direction générale du Travail de la Sécurité sociale of the Ministère de l'emploi.

The statistics are collected and published by the Service des relations professionnelles of the Ministère du Travail et de la Prévoyance sociale.

Reports from Canada Manpower Centres, provincial labour departments, conciliation services and press. Reports are published by Labour Canada.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Département du Travail.

The statistics are collected and published by the Dirección del Trabajo.

Reports by the labour inspector and compiled and published by the Sección de Estudios.

The statistics are collected and published by the Departamento de Relaciones de Trabajo, Registro Diario.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Department of Labour.

The statistics are collected by the district statistical offices, and compiled and published by the Czech Statistical Office.

Voluntary reports submitted annually by employers' organisations, and published by Denmark Statistics.

The Labour Division, Ministry of Legal Affairs, Immigration and Labour is responsible for the collection of statistics. The information is published by the Central Statistical Division, Ministry of Finance.

The statistics are collected and published by the Departamento de Estadísticas of the Dirección de Planificación, Ministerio de Trabajo y Recursos Humanos.

The statistics are collected and compiled by the Ministry of Manpower and Training.

The statistics are collected by the Dirección General de Trabajo, Ministerio de Trabajo y Previsión Social, and published by the Sección Estadística, Departamento de Planificación, Ministerio de Trabajo y Previsión Social.

The statistics are published by the Dirección General of the Ministerio de Trabajo.

The statistics are collected and published by the Ministry of Employment and Industrial Relations.

Returns from employers (more than 90%), some reports from employees and press collected and published by Statistics Finland.

The statistics are collected by the Sections de l'Inspection du Travail, and published by the Ministère du Travail.

The statistics are collected by the Inspection du Travail and published by the Ministère du Travail.

The statistics are collected by the local employment offices and published by the Federal Statistical Office (Statistisches Bundesamt).

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Labour Department.

Prior to 1999, the statistics were collected and published by the Labour Inspection of the Ministry of Labour.

The statistics are collected by the Inspección General de Trabajo and published by the Ministerio de Trabajo y Previsión Social.

The statistics are collected and compiled by the Inspection du Travail, Direction général du Travail et des Lois sociales, Ministère des Affaires sociales et de l'Emploi.

The statistics are collected by the Service de conciliation et d'arbitrage, and are compiled and published by the Service statistique of the Ministère des Affaires sociales.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Ministerio de Trabajo y Previsión Social, Planificación Sectorial.

The statistics were collected, compiled and published by the Labour Relations Division of the Labour Department.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Hungarian Central Statistical Office.

The statistics are collected by the state governments and regional labour commissioners, and compiled and published by the Labour Bureau at All-India level.

The the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs is responsible for data collection and publication.

Reports from the Department of Enterprise and Employment, the Department of Social Welfare and press. The statistics are collected and published by the Central Statistics Office.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Industrial Relations Service.

The statistics are collected and compiled by the Labour Relations Division of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare. The data are published by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

The statistics are collected by the police at the provincial level, and are compiled and published by the Istituto centrale di statistica (ISTAT).

The statistics are collected by the Labour Administration Office, and compiled and published by the Ministry of Labour.

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The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Inspection du Travail of the Direction du Travail.

The statistics are collected and compiled by the Industrial Relations Department, and published by the Ministry of Human Resources.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Department of Labour and Emigration.

The statistics are collected and compiled by the Labour Relations Branch of the Ministry of Labour and Industrial Relations and published by the Ministry.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Unidad Coordinadora de Políticas, Estudios y Estadísticas del Trabajo, Secretaria del Trabajo y Previsión Social.

Statistics are collected by the Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family, and compiled and published by the Department for Statistics and Sociology.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Ministry of Labour and Manpower Development.

The statistics are collected and compiled by the Department of Labour but not published.

Questionnaires to employers following a strike. The National Dutch Press Bureau collects relevant news items on a contractual basis for the Statistics Netherlands, the latter publishes the relevant statistics.

Information initially from press reports, employee and employer organisations, labour inspections, and subsequently from employer report forms. The statistics are collected by the Department of Labour, and compiled and published by the Department of Statistics.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Federal Ministry of Employment, Labour and Productivity.

Employers' reports to the Ministry of Labour and Government Administration, and press. The statistics are compiled and published by Statistics Norway.

The statistics are collected and compiled by the Labour Department, and published by the Ministry of Labour, Manpower and Overseas Pakistanis.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Ministerio de Trabajo y Bienestar Social.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Department of Labour and Employment.

The statistics are collected by the Dirección General de Trabajo of the Ministerio de Trabajo y Promoción Social, compiled by the Dirección General de Planificación y Presupuesto and the Dirección de Estadística of the same ministry, and published by the Instituto Nacional de Estadística e Informática and the ministry.

The statistics are collected and compiled by the National Conciliation and Mediation Board (NCBM) and published by both NCMB and the Bureau of Labour and Employment Statistics.

The statistics are collected and compiled by the statistical offices of the Voivodias, and published by the Central Statistical Office.

The statistics are collected by the Ministério do Emprego e da Segurança Social (MESS), and compiled and published by the Departamento de Estatística.

The statistics are collected and compiled by the Police Department.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Directorate General for Labour and Social Protection, Department for Labour Legislation of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, and the Department for Informatics, Strategy and Reform of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the State Committee of the Russian Federation on Statistics.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Centro Elaborazione Dati e Statistica.

The information is collected by the Services des statistiques du Travail of the Ministère du Travail.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Ministry of Labour.

The statistics are collected by the district statistical offices, compiled and published by the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Department of Manpower.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Ministerio de Trabajo y Seguridad Social.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Department of Labour.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Arbeidsinspektie.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Department of Labour.

Information gathered following press reports by the National Conciliator's Office, and published by Statistics Sweden.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Département fédéral de l'Economique (DFE).

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Ministry of Labour and Manpower Development.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Department of Labour Protection and Welfare of the Ministry of the Interior.

The statistics are collected and compiled by the Ministry of Labour, and published by the Central Statistical Office.

The statistics are collected by the Inspection régionale du Travail and the Services centraux of the Ministère des Affaires sociales, compiled and published by the Direction générale de l'Inspection du Travail of the Ministère des Affaires sociales.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Ministry of Labour and Social Security.

The statistics are collected by the Regional Statistics Departments, and compiled and published by the State Statistics Committee.

The Office for National Statistics collects information initially from press reports, and then contacts employers and trade unions directly, it also publishes the statistics.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Ministerio de Trabajo y Seguridad Social (MTSS).

The statistics are collected by the relevant inspectors, compiled and published by the Ministerio de Trabajo.

The statistics are collected by the Virgin Islands Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The statistics are collected, compiled and published by the Department of Labour.

The statistics are collected and compiled by the Labour Relations Department of the Ministry of Labour.