



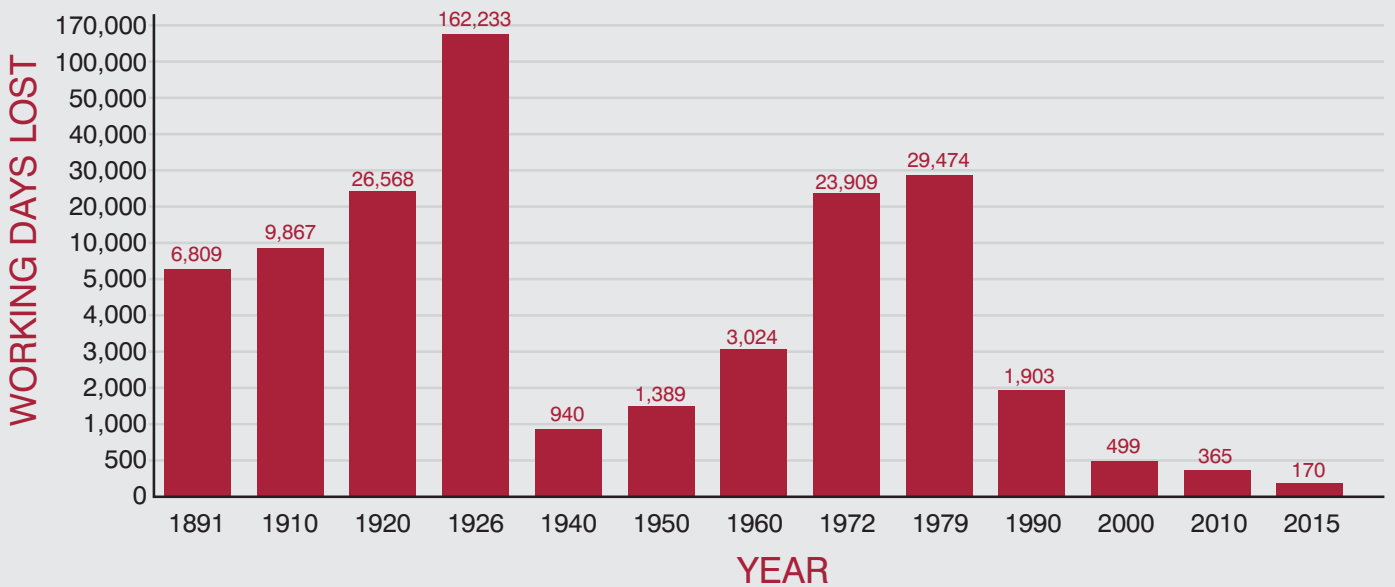
Trade Unions & Strike Action - The Facts

2015 saw the second-lowest days lost to strike action since records began in 1891.

This figure runs contrary to public perception of strike numbers and the fact that the Government still pushes on with the restrictive and complex changes to strike laws which are due to come in under the Trade Union Act 2016.

These changes will make it even harder for workers to take industrial action.

Working Days Lost to Strike Action in the Public Sector Per Year*



*SOURCE: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/timeseries/f8xz/lms>

Selected Statistics



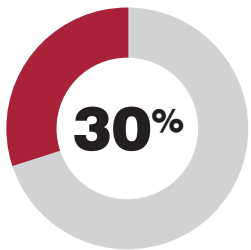
81,000

2015 saw 81,000 workers go on strike, this figure is the lowest since records began in 1893.



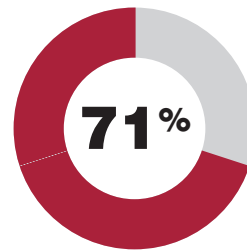
2014

had a higher figure than 2015 and this was mainly due to a number of large scale public sector strikes that were not repeated in the following year.



30%

Most disputes lasted no more than three days, with 30% being just one day.



71%

Perhaps unsurprisingly given the cuts across various industries, disputes over pay represented the biggest number of days lost last year at 71% of the total, followed by disputes over redundancies.



21/1000

Regionally, Northern Ireland had the highest rate of days lost at 21 per 1,000 employees, followed by London at 15, while the North East, Yorkshire and the Humber, the East Midlands, the West Midlands and the East all had rates of only one day.

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