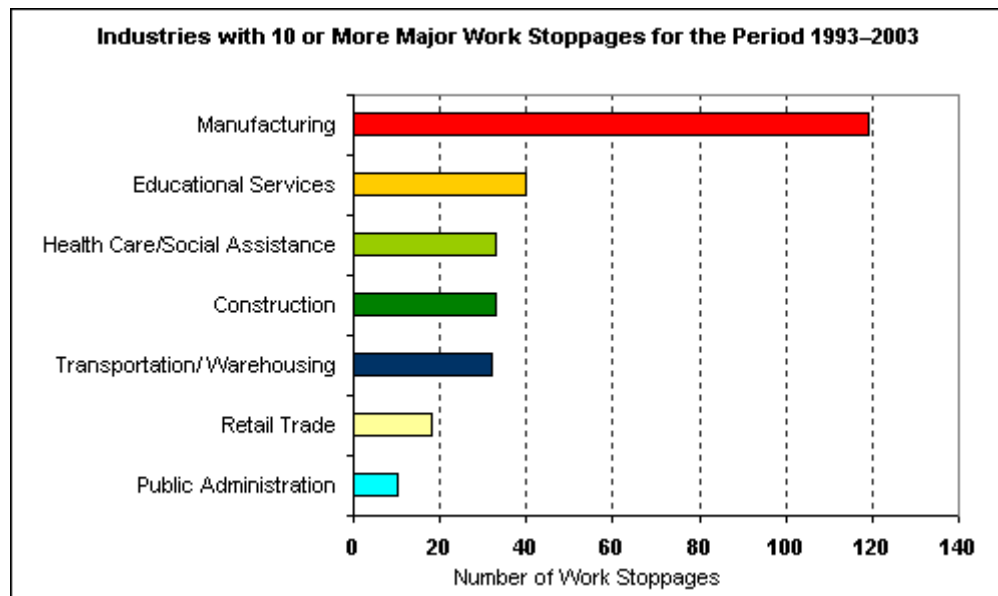


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Industries with 10 or More Major Work Stoppages for the Period 1993-2003

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- There were 330 major work stoppages in effect in the United States from 1993 to 2003.¹
- During this period, an average of roughly 30 work stoppages occurred per year, including a high of 45 in 1994 and a low of 14 in 2003.
- The manufacturing industry experienced the most major work stoppages, with 119 over the period.
- Within manufacturing, there were 46 major work stoppages in transportation equipment manufacturing and 17 in machinery manufacturing.²

The major work stoppages series, which dates back to 1947, covers both worker-initiated strikes and employer-initiated lockouts involving 1,000 or more workers and lasting for at least one shift.

Notes

1 The total of 330 work stoppages *in effect* is reached by starting with the 329 major work stoppages that *began* during the 1993-2003 period and adding 1 major work stoppage that was carried over from 1992 into 1993.

2 Industry classifications used in the chart are based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). For more information, see *North American Industry Classification System: United States, 2002* (Office of Management and Budget, 2002); or visit the BLS NAICS page at <http://www.bls.gov/bls/naics.htm>.

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	Public Administration	Retail Trade	Transportation/Warehousing	Construction	Health Care/Social Assistance	Educational Services	Manufacturing
Number of work stoppages	10	18	32	33	33	40	119

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics