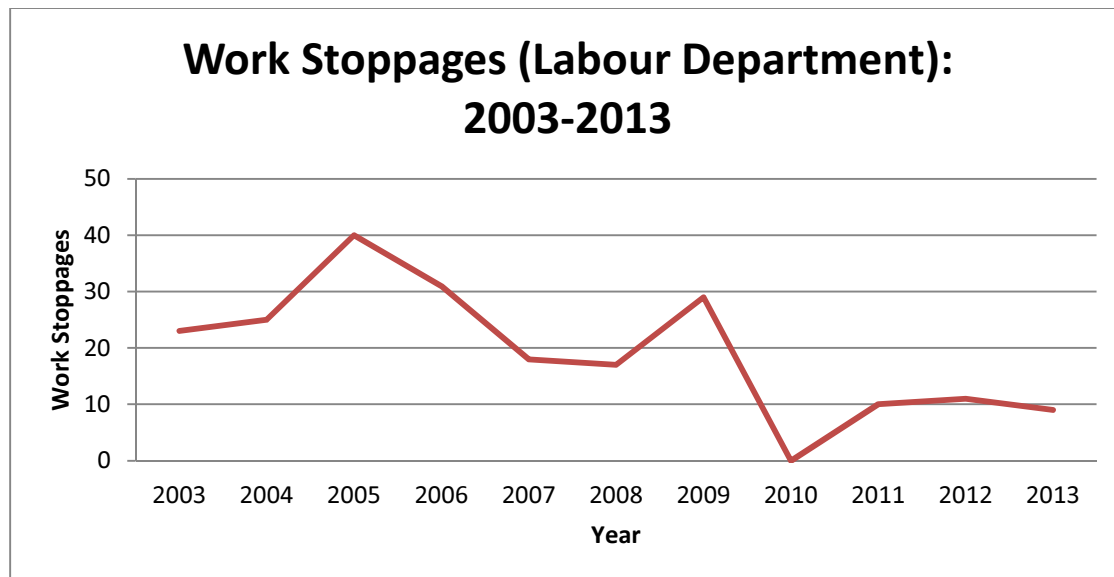


Work Stoppages (Labour Department): 2003-2013



Source: Labour Department

Work Stoppages by Economic Activity 2003-2013

Economic Activity	No. of Work Stoppages											TOTAL
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	6
Mining and Quarrying	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Electricity, Gas and Water	1	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	11
Construction	3	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Manufacturing	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	10
Wholesale and Retail Trade	1	0	3	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	12
Transport, Storage and Communications	0	0	1	1	1	4	4	0	2	0	0	13
Finance, Insurance and Business Services	5	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	13
Community, Social and Personal Services	10	20	28	21	13	10	20	0	5	8	4	139
Total	23	25	40	31	18	17	29	0	10	11	9	213

This section seeks to highlight the number of work stoppages per annum recorded by the Labour Department over the review period. A work stoppage can be described as a cessation of work or withholding of labour by employees, usually conducted to protest some work-related grievance such as unsatisfactory working conditions, payment of wages, unfair dismissal, etc. It can be regarded as a key indicator as to the state of Industrial Relations in Barbados.

Fluctuations were reported throughout the review period, reaching a high of 40 in 2005. In contrast, there were no work stoppages recorded in 2010. The category "*Community, Social and Personal Services*⁷" constituted the majority of these stoppages, accounting for some 65% of the total statistics provided throughout the entire review period.

⁷ This category primarily comprises Government Departments and Statutory Corporations that provide services to the society e.g. schools, health institutions and other social services