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Updated on a weekly basis, the 2012 Major work stoppages in Canada listing contains all major strikes and lockouts involving 500 or more employees. The first table includes all [work stoppages in effect](#), while the second one includes all [work stoppages that are terminated](#). The [Chronological perspective](#) on work stoppages interactive database provides the number of strikes and lockouts which have occurred in Canada since 1976.

Data included in this report are preliminary.

Please note that work stoppages identified by a  appear for the first time in the listing.

Major work stoppages in effect

Employer, location, union, number of employees, and bargaining unit	Issue(s)	Starting
 Commission de la construction du Québec Province-wide, Quebec Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union 600 employees ➤ office employees	Pension plan	Strike (May 17, 2012)
Regional Municipality of Peel Brampton, Ontario Canadian Union of Public Employees 532 employees ➤ human services department employees	Wages	Strike (May 3, 2012)
Rio Tinto Alcan Alma, Quebec United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union 755 employees ➤ production and maintenance employees	Sub-contracting	Lockout (January 1, 2012)

Major work stoppages terminated

Employer, location, union, number of employees, and bargaining unit	Issue(s)	Starting	Ending
Direct Energy Essential Home Services Province-wide, Ontario Communications, Energy and Paperworkers 510 employees ➤ office employees and technicians	Wages, Benefits, Work schedule, Working conditions	Strike (April 18, 2012)	Strike (May 4, 2012)

Major work stoppages terminated (continued)

Employer, location, union, number of employees, and bargaining unit	Issue(s)	Starting	Ending
Toronto Public Library Board Toronto, Ontario Canadian Union of Public Employees 2,400 employees ➤ librarians, office employees and service and maintenance employees	Working conditions, Job security	Strike (March 18, 2012)	Strike (March 30, 2012)
Halifax Regional Municipality (Metro Transit) Halifax, Nova Scotia Amalgamated Transit Union 763 employees ➤ bus drivers, service and maintenance employees	Work schedule	Strike (February 2, 2012)	Strike (March 14, 2012)
British Columbia Public School Employers' Association Province-wide, British Columbia British Columbia Teachers' Federation 42,450 employees ➤ elementary and secondary teachers	Wages, Benefits	Strike (March 5, 2012)	Strike (March 7, 2012)
Electro-Motive Canada Co. London, Ontario National Automobile, Aerospace, Transportation and General Workers Union of Canada 600 employees ➤ plant and maintenance employees	Wages, Benefits	Lockout (January 1, 2012)	Lockout (February 23, 2012)
L'Association patronale des centres de la petite enfance Montérégie, Estrie, Outaouais, Laurentides, Lanaudière, Abitibi, Saguenay, Côte Nord, Bas-Saint-Laurent, Gaspésie, and Centre-du-Québec, Quebec Fédération de la santé et des services sociaux Undetermined employees ➤ daycare workers	Wages, Benefits	Rotating strike (February 15, 2012)	Rotating strike (February 15, 2012)
L'Association patronale des centres de la petite enfance Outaouais, Quebec Fédération de la santé et des services sociaux 393 employees ➤ daycare workers	Wages, Benefits	Rotating strike (February 13, 2012)	Rotating strike (February 13, 2012)

Major work stoppages terminated (continued)

Employer, location, union, number of employees, and bargaining unit	Issue(s)	Starting	Ending
L'Association patronale des centres de la petite enfance Province-wide, Quebec Fédération de la santé et des services sociaux 8,649 employees ➤ daycare workers	Wages, Benefits	Rotating strike (February 10, 2012)	Rotating strike (February 10, 2012)
L'Association patronale des centres de la petite enfance Bas-Saint-Laurent, Quebec Fédération de la santé et des services sociaux 206 employees ➤ daycare workers	Wages, Benefits	Rotating strike (February 9, 2012)	Rotating strike (February 9, 2012)
L'Association patronale des centres de la petite enfance Montréal, Montérégie, Mauricie, and Québec, Quebec Fédération de la santé et des services sociaux 2,404 employees ➤ daycare workers	Wages, Benefits	Strike (February 6, 2012)	Strike (February 6, 2012)