

## AFD 268 Stop and Shop Strike

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- *Nationwide, the number of “major work stoppages,” which are defined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics as a strike involving at least 1,000 workers, has been in freefall since 1981. That year the nation recorded 145 major work stoppages affecting 729,000 workers. The next highest number was 96 in 1982 affecting 656,000 workers. Starting in 1947, when the BLS started keeping records on strikes, there were at least 100 major strikes every year through 1981. And it was rare in those years that there were less than 200 major strikes a year. But since 1981 there have been 50 or more major strikes in a year only five times. And between 2000 and 2018 there have been only 330 major strikes, an average of 17 a year. Since the start of “The Great Recession” which crippled the nation’s economy for years, there were never more than 20 major strikes in a year. In 2009, when the recession was ramping up, strikes practically disappeared. Just five were recorded by the BLS. That’s changed a little since the economy has begun to get better. In February the BLS said there were 20 major work stoppages in 2018 that affected 487,000 workers. It was the greatest number of strikes since 2007, just before the recession, when there were 21. The strikes last year affected the most workers since 1986 when 69 strikes involved 533,000 workers. Some speculate that strikes bumped up last year because of an economy on the rise. Workers may have started to feel left out as companies began to increase profits.*

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- The deal would keep employee health care and retirement benefits intact, provide wage increases instead of bonuses, and keep time-and-a-half pay for current employees who work on Sunday.
- Cashiers and deli workers walked off the job on April 11 at 240 stores, protesting the company’s effort to slash their pay by hiking health insurance premiums and lowering pension benefits for new employees.
- Stop & Shop is the only major supermarket chain in the northeastern US with a largely unionized workforce. It’s owned by the [Dutch]-based company Ahold Delhaize, which also runs the Giant and Food Lion supermarket brands.

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- Inspiring other labor action around the New England region  
*Last week's tax deadline brought a national realization for millions that, wait a minute, there was no real tax cut for me in the 2017 tax "reform."*  
*And the U.S. Supreme Court's Janus decision last June, cheered by Trump, allowing unionized public employees to stop paying dues if they so choose, may have backfired. State and municipal employees have not only stayed on the dues-paying rolls, they've [shown renewed vigor](#) for fighting in places such as Connecticut.*  
*Bucking the national trend, Connecticut union membership, public and private sector combined, rose by more than 25 percent to 268,000 between 2013 and 2018. And a Gallup poll last summer showed a 15-year high in [approval of unions, at 62 percent](#), holding steady for as second year.*