

Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

Monthly statistics



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**Asylum Applications. The Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner.
Activity from 20/11/2000**

Table 1

	Pre 2001	2001	2002	2003 (31/10/03)	Total
Applications					
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10912	10316	11598	6758	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*26	9	36	400	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10938	10325	11634	7158	
Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00	9,427				9427
Applications received from 20/11/00	1,132	10325	11634	7158	30249
Decisions returned for processing	203	23	16	7	249
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	10,538	9,996	10,952	2,291	33,777
<i>Unprocessable</i>	219	342	429	191	1,181
No. of applications outstanding	5	10	269	4,683	4,967

It should be noted that the above figures refer to the year in which the application was lodged and NOT to the year in which it was processed. These statistics reflect activity since the implementation of the Refugee Act 1996 (as amended) on 17/11/2000

Processing of Outstanding Applications

All adult applicants are scheduled for interview. In October 612 interviews were scheduled.
Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 79% of cases.

Decisions Returned for Processing

These are manifestly unfounded cases overturned at appeal and cases which were overturned following Judicial Review and which have therefore been returned to ORAC for further processing.

*2000 only

Applications and Cases Processed to Completion for October

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	478
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	18
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	496
Total Cases Completed	692
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	28
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	144
> Where Section 13(5) applies	143
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	61
- Deemed Withdrawn	142
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	
> Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee following interview - S13	141
> Recommendation that an application is Manifestly Unfounded following interview - S12(1)	0
> Recommendation to Refuse following failure to attend for second interview - S11(9)	0
> Applications to withdraw processed	2
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	36
Unprocessable	-5

**Applications and Cases Processed to
Completion for 2001/2002/2003**

Table 3

	2001	2002	2003 (31/10)
Positive recommendations	458	893	304
Negative recommendations following Interview	4575	5966	4727
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	6551	7565	1996
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	232	191	215
Unprocessable	372	586	223
Total	12,188	15,201	7,465

It should be noted that these recommendations refer to the year in which the recommendations were made and NOT to the year in which the applications were lodged.

Table 4

Applications received and cases processed to completion which are subject to a Ministerial prioritisation directive under Section 12 of the Refugee Act

	October
Applications for a declaration as a refugee	47
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	166
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	1
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	106
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	15
- Deemed withdrawn	44
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	0
Unprocessable	0

Top five countries of origin

Table 5

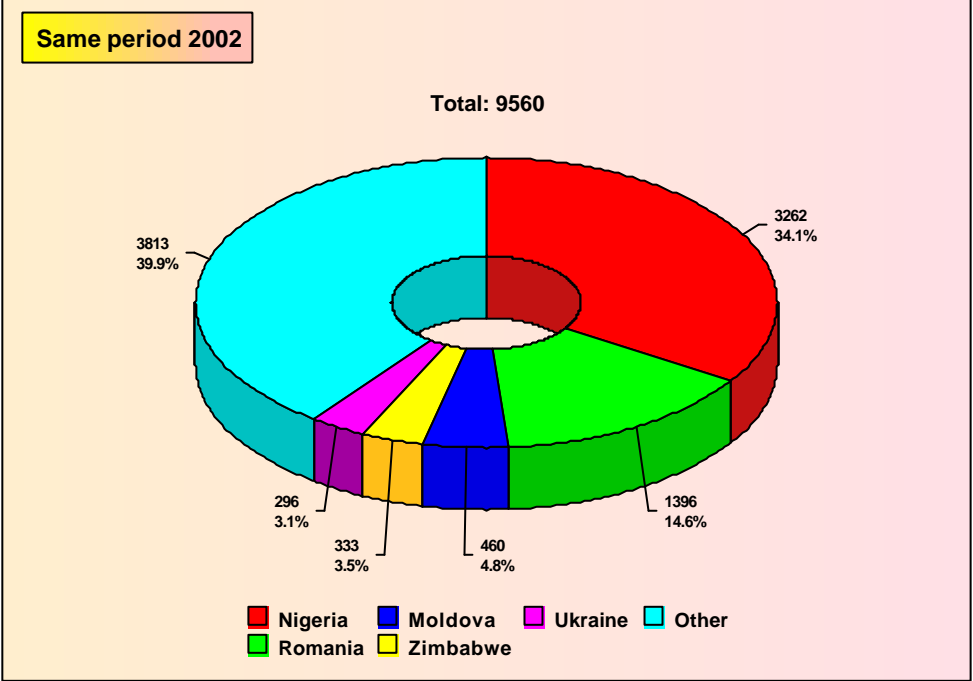
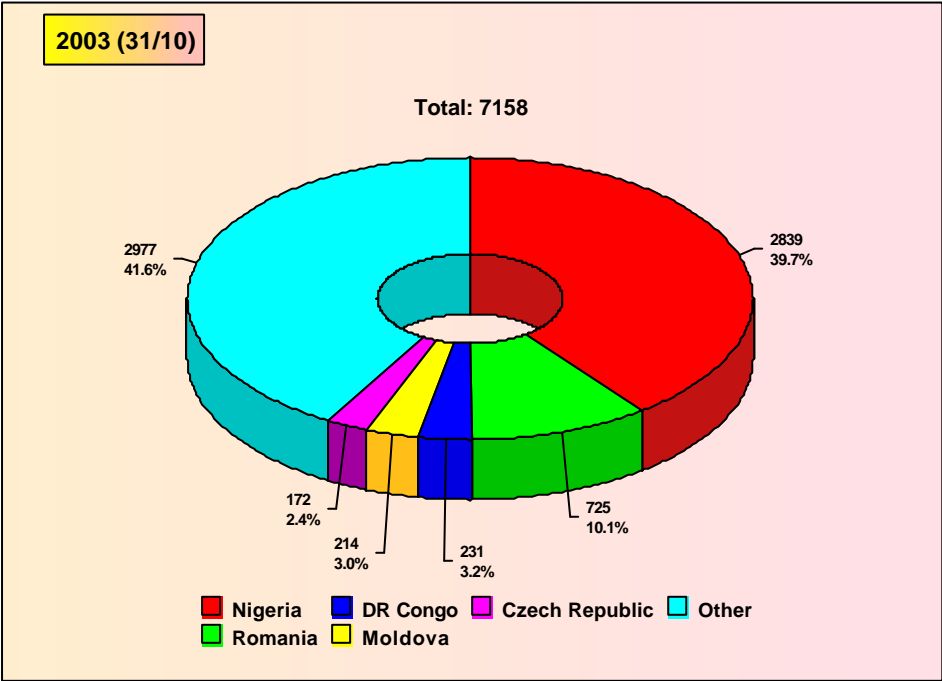


Table 6

Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	October		'2003 (31/10)	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	32	62	463	956
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	72	144	471	965
Number of cases processed to completion (report to minister)	77	162	258	586

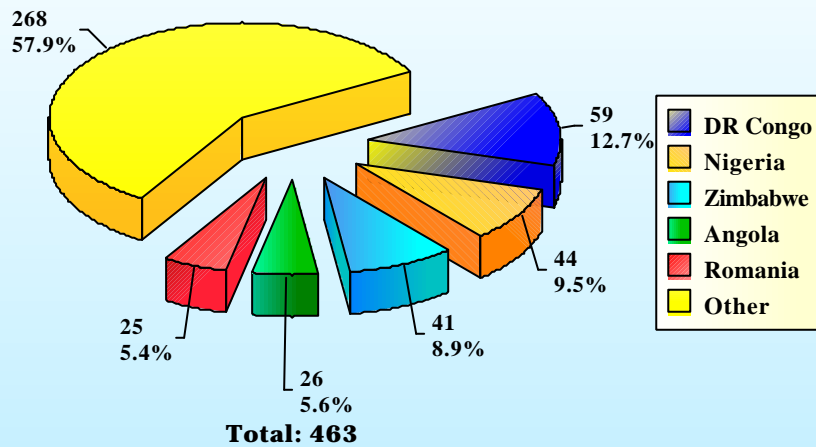
Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2003 (31/10)	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	943	2114
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	563	1332
Number of cases outstanding	380	782

Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

Table 7

Top 5 Nationalities 2003 (31/10)



Top 5 Nationalities same period last year

