

Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

Monthly statistics



December 2004 issue,

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

Table 1

	Pre 2002	2002	2003	2004	Total
Applications					
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10316	11598	7483	4265	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*9	36	417	501	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10325	11634	7900	4766	
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Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00	9,427				9427
Applications received from 20/11/00	11,457	11634	7900	4766	35757
Decisions returned for processing	239	48	20	0	307
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No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	21,102	11,655	7,657	2,700	43,114
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<i>Unprocessable</i>	18	5	4	0	27
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No. of applications outstanding	3	22	259	2,066	2,350

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 December 439 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 84 % 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.

*2001 only

Activity breakdown for December

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	418
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	12
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	430
Total Cases Completed	385
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	42
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	149
> Where Section 13(5) applies	96
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	29
- Deemed Withdrawn	53
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	5
> 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	0
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	12
Unprocessable	-1

Cases Processed to Completion for 2002/2003/2004		Table 3		
	2002	2003	2004	
Positive recommendations	893	345	430	
Negative recommendations following Interview	5966	5461	4906	
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	1562	
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	
Total	15,201	8,641	7,121	

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

	December
Applications for a declaration as a refugee	219
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	128
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	0
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(4) B applies	26
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	63
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	12
- Deemed withdrawn	26
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	1
Unprocessable	0

Applications for a declaration to be a refugee as at (31/12)

Table 5

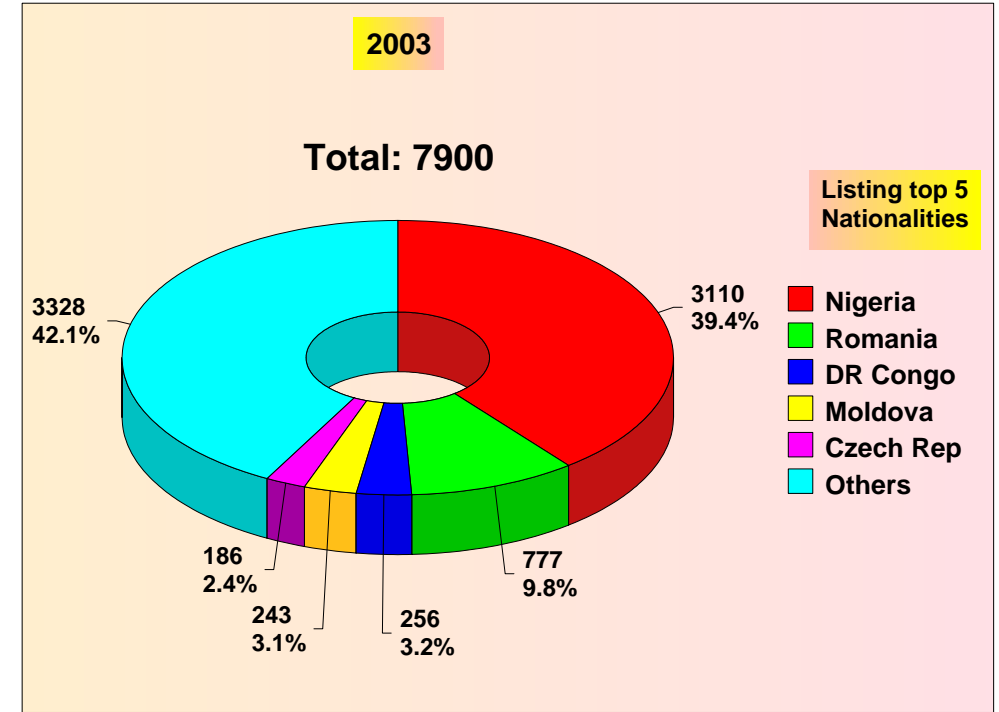
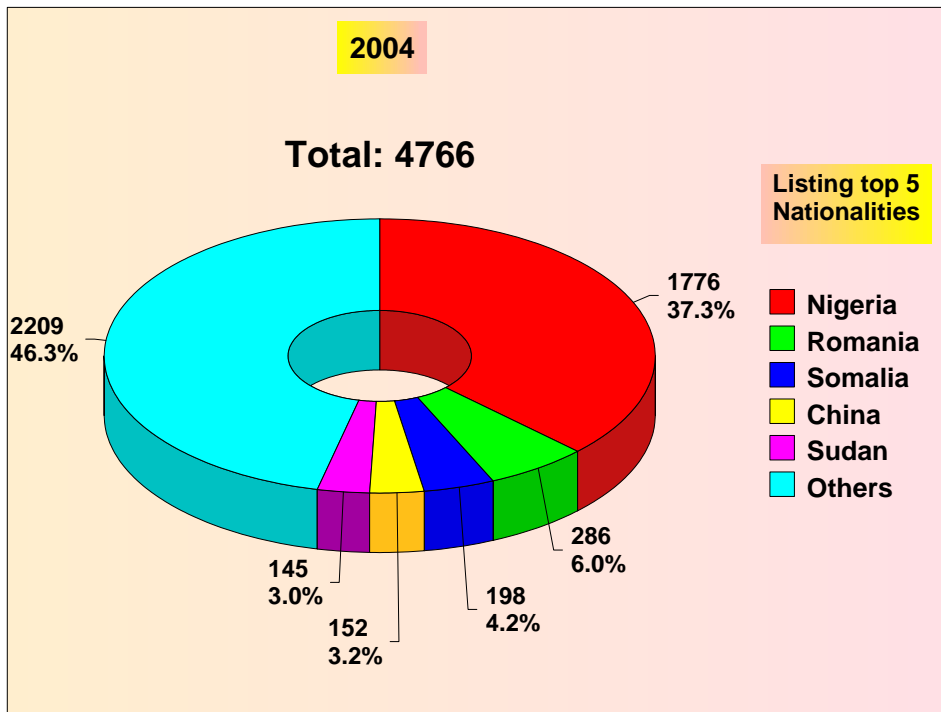


Table 6**Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.**

	December		2004	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	7	11	317	576
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	8	14	347	647
Number of cases processed to completion (report to minister)	25	45	476	977

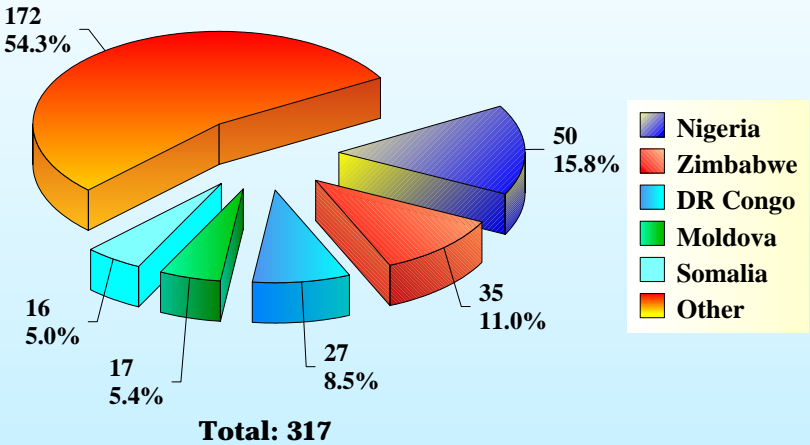
Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2004	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	1328	2865
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	1137	2520
Number of cases outstanding	191	345

Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

Table 7

Top 5 Nationalities 2004



Top 5 Nationalities 2003

