

Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

Monthly statistics



December 2005 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	2005	Total
Applications						
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10316	11598	7483	4265	4304	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*9	36	417	501	19	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10325	11634	7900	4766	4323	
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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	4323	40080
Decisions returned for processing	246	51	22	0	3	322
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No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	21,106	11,674	7,913	4,752	3,187	48,632
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<i>Unprocessable</i>	18	6	4	0	0	28
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No. of applications outstanding	6	5	5	14	1,139	1,169

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 268 interviews were scheduled.
Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 90% 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 2005**

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	396
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	0
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	396
Total Cases Completed	261
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	23
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	136
> Where Section 13(5) applies	17
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	7
- Deemed Withdrawn	44
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	3
> 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	31
Unprocessable	0

**Cases Processed to
Completion for 2002/2003/2004/2005**

Table 3

	2002	2003	2004	2005
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455
Negative recommendations following Interview	5965	5461	4906	3952
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	1562	835
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	439
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1
Total	15,201	8,641	7,121	5,682

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.

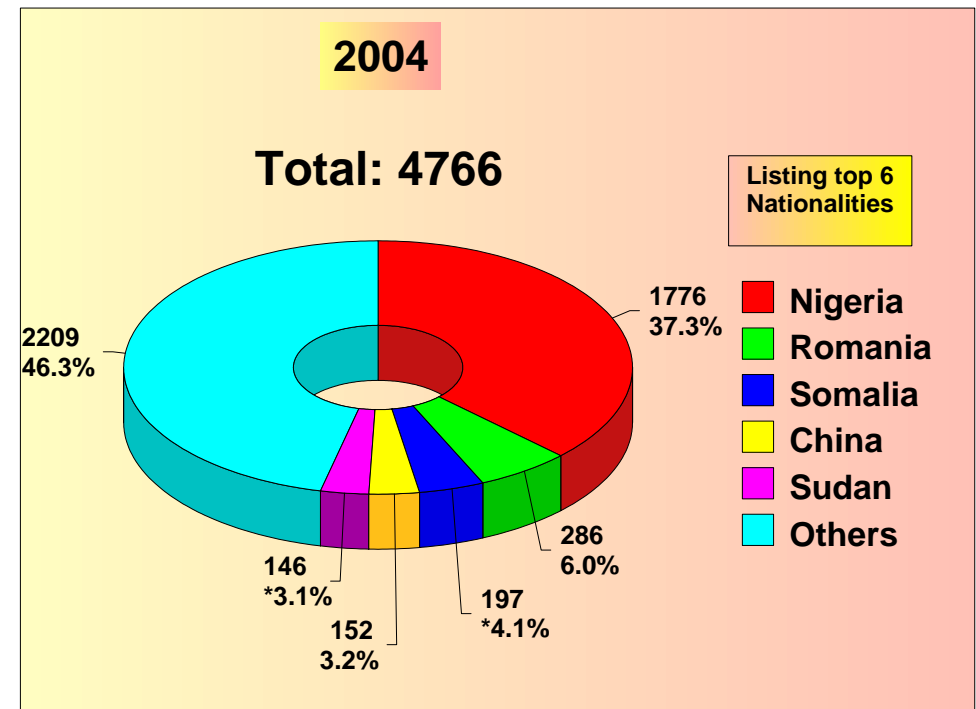
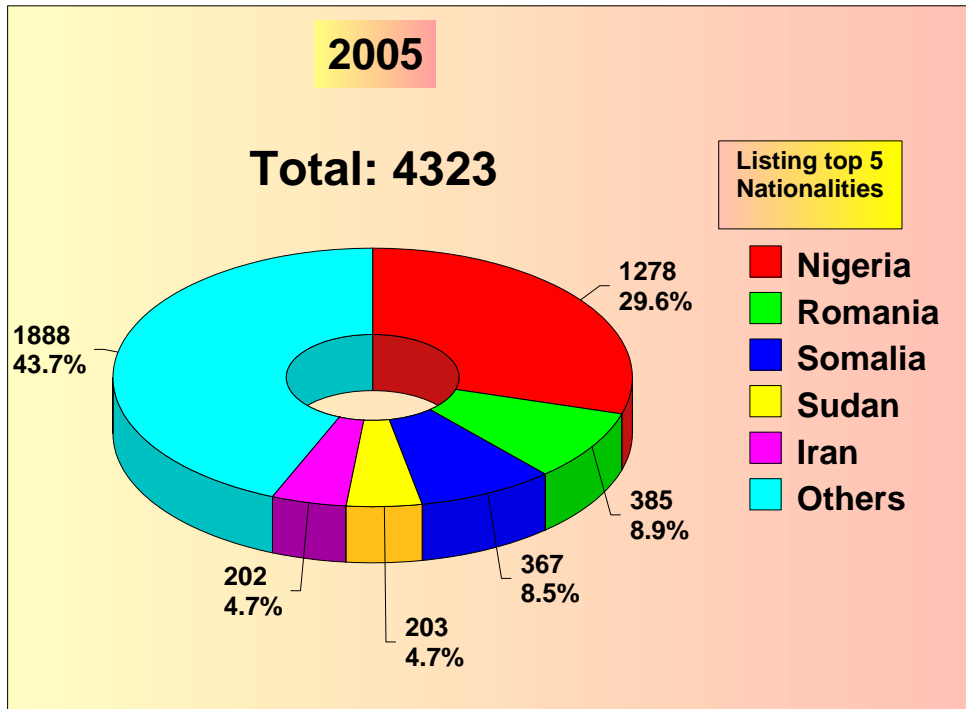
Table 4

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	131
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	79
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	2
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(4) B applies	44
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	7
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	1
- Deemed withdrawn	21
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee following interview - S13:	1
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	3
Unprocessable	

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

Table 5



* the percentages shown here differ slightly from the 2004 annual report due to an applicant's nationality being amended during 2005.

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

	December		2005	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	10	12	556	1338
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	17	32	565	1352
Number of cases processed to completion (report to Minister)	35	96	384	893

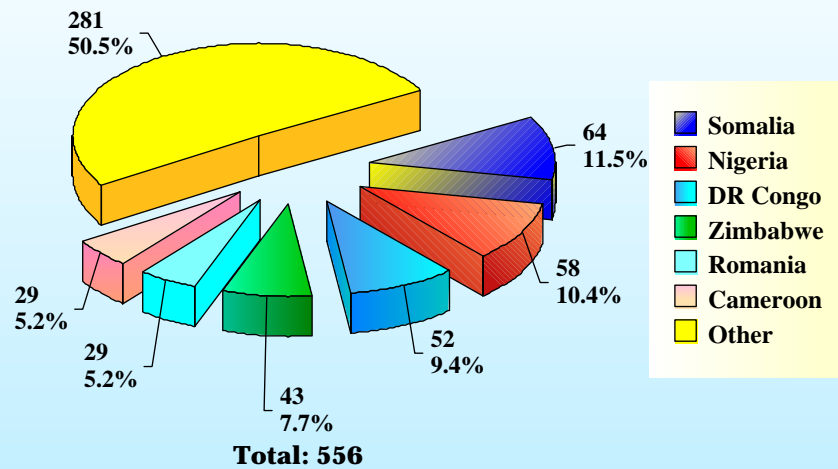
Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2005	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	1889	4225
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	1535	3432
Number of cases outstanding	354	793

Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

Table 7

Top 6 Nationalities 2005



Top 5 Nationalities 2004

