

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 2003	2003	2004	2005	2006 31/01	Total
Applications						
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11598	7483	4265	4304	400	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	5	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11634	7900	4766	4323	405	
Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00	9,427					9427
Applications received from 20/11/00	23091	7900	4766	4323	405	40485
Decisions returned for processing	^299	^32	^51	^7	0	^389
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,785	7,922	4,791	3,561	26	49,085
<i>Unprocessable</i>	24	4	0	1	0	29
No. of applications outstanding	8	6	26	768	379	1,187

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 January 421 interviews were scheduled.
Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 86% 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.

^These figures have been amended to capture Dublin Convention/Dublin 11 Regulation cases returned to ORAC for further processing which had not been previously reflected.

*2002 only

Activity breakdown for January 2006

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	400
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	5
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	405
Total Cases Completed	469
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	48
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	267
> Where Section 13(5) applies	61
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	16
- Deemed Withdrawn	58
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	13
Unprocessable	1

**Cases Processed to
Completion for 2002/2003/2004/2005/2006**

Table 3

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 31/01
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	48
Negative recommendations following Interview	5965	5461	4906	3952	333
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	1562	835	74
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	439	13
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	1
Total	15,201	8,641	7,121	5,682	469

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

	January
Applications for a declaration as a refugee	138
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	141
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	61
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	33
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	6
- Deemed withdrawn	37
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee following interview - S13:	2
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	2
Unprocessable	

Applications for a declaration to be a refugee as at (31/01)

Table 5

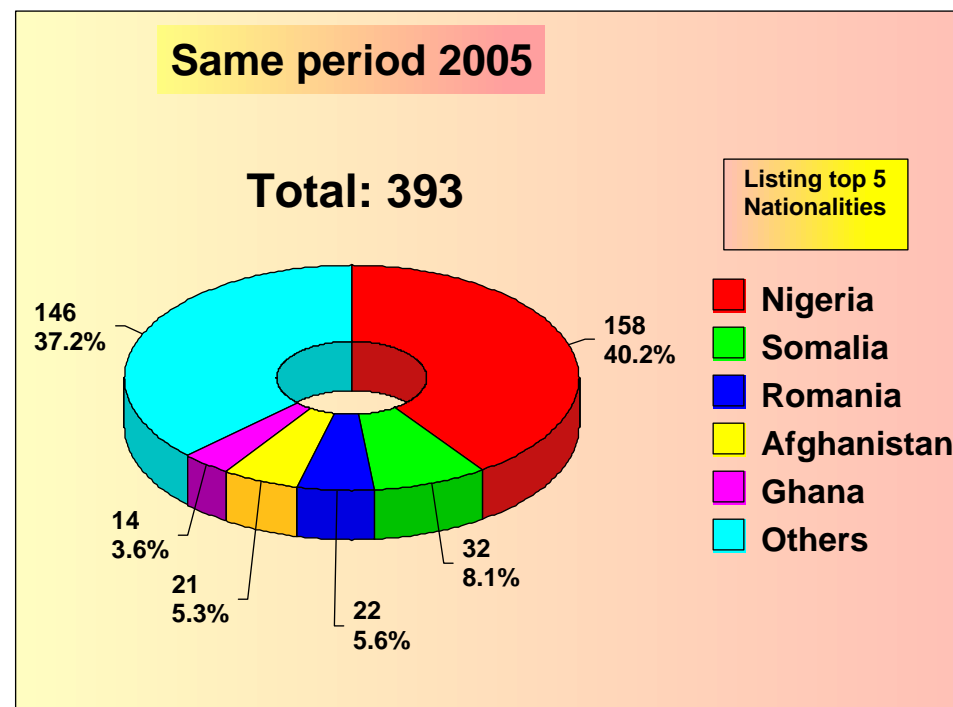
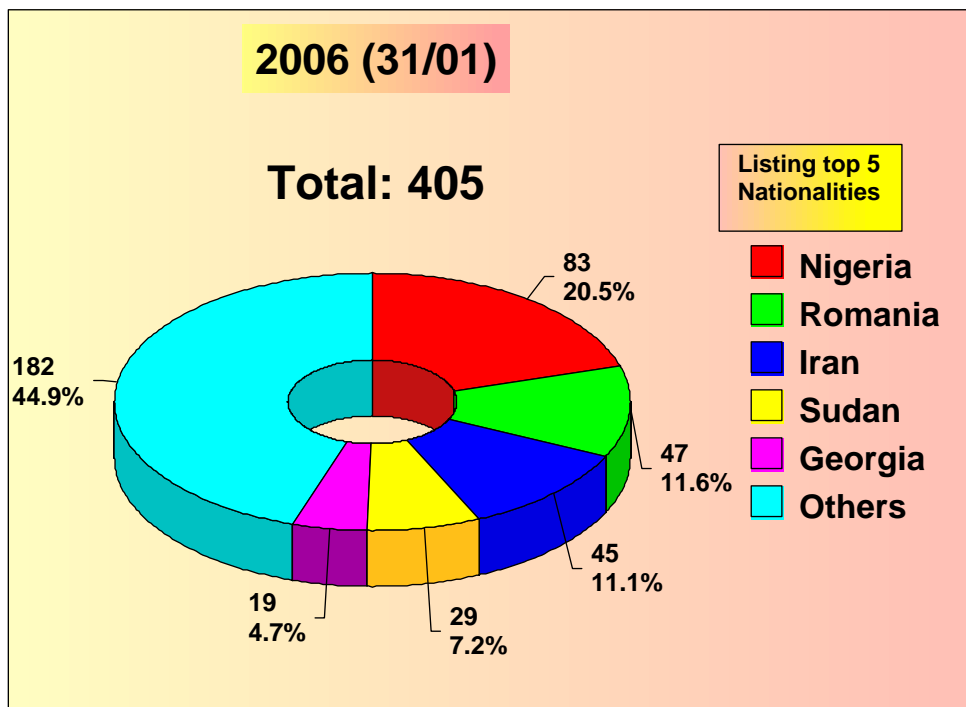


Table 6**Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.**

	January		2006 (31/01)	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	25	47	25	47
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	24	46	24	46
Number of cases processed to completion (report to Minister)	41	94	41	94

Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2006 (31/01)	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	1914	4285
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	1570	3512
Number of cases outstanding	344	773

Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

The top five nationalities graph is not available as none of the nationalities are greater than 10 in 2006

Please note that the nationalities that show applications to be less than 10 cannot be released due to confidentiality reasons.