

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 30/09	Total
Applications						
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11598	7483	4265	4304	3139	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	57	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11634	7900	4766	4323	3196	
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Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00	9,427					9427
Applications received from 20/11/00	23091	7900	4766	4323	3196	43276
Decisions returned for processing	293	31	62	11	2	399
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No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,781	7,924	4,818	4,315	2,341	52,179
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<i>Unprocessable</i>	24	4	0	1	0	29
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No. of applications outstanding	6	3	10	18	857	894

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 September 389 interviews were scheduled.
Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 92% 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.

*2002 only

Activity breakdown for September 2006

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	418
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	4
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	422
Total Cases Completed	385
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	31
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	233
> Where Section 13(5) applies	38
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	7
- Deemed Withdrawn	23
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	0
> 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	53
Unprocessable	0

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

Table 3

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 30/09
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	310
Negative recommendations following Interview	5965	5461	4906	3952	2487
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	1562	835	451
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	439	421
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	1
Total	15,201	8,641	7,121	5,682	3,670

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**

	September
Applications for a declaration as a refugee	126
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	125
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	87
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	15
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	6
- Deemed withdrawn	8
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee following interview - S13:	0
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	9
Unprocessable	0

Applications for a declaration to be a refugee as at (30/09)

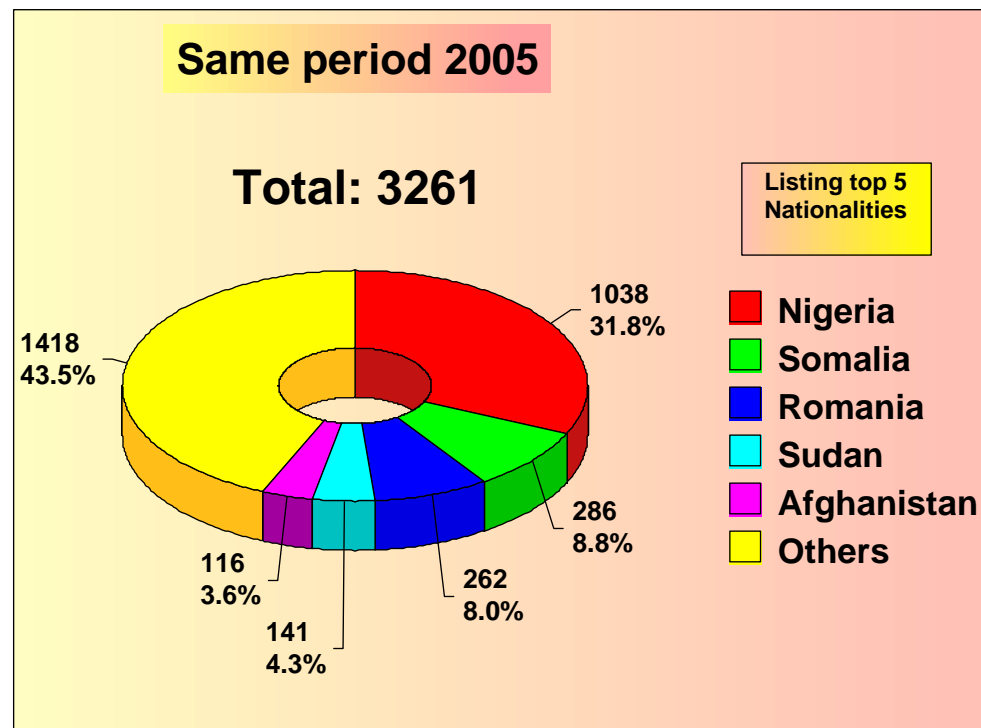
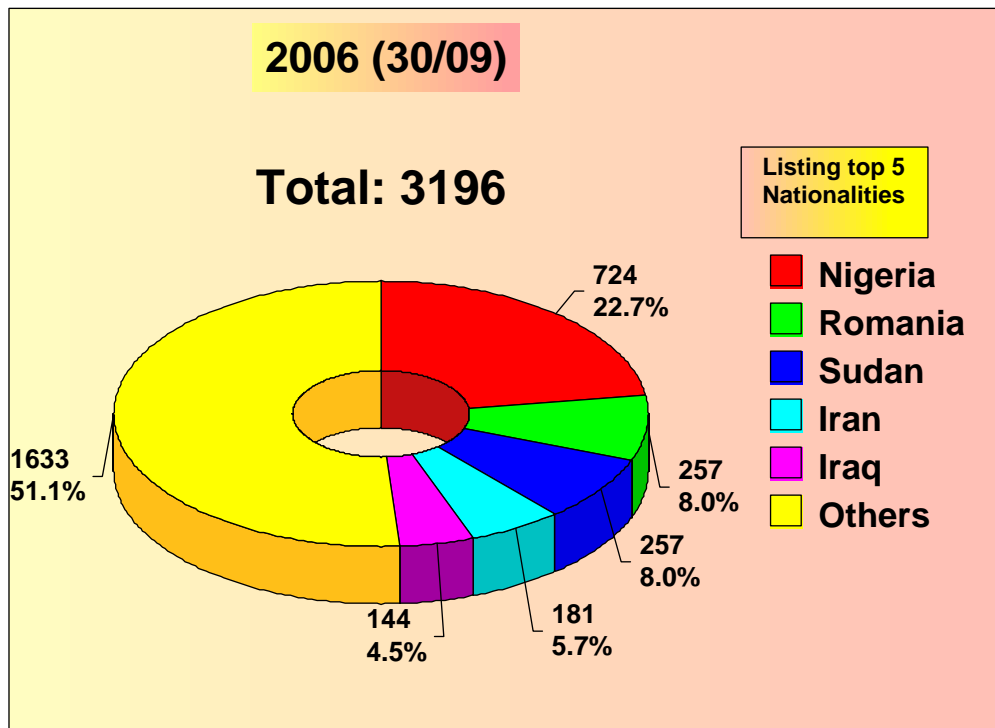


Table 6

Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	September		2006 (30/09)	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	31	99	355	903
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	31	99	348	894
Number of cases processed to completion (report to Minister)	60	161	479	1117

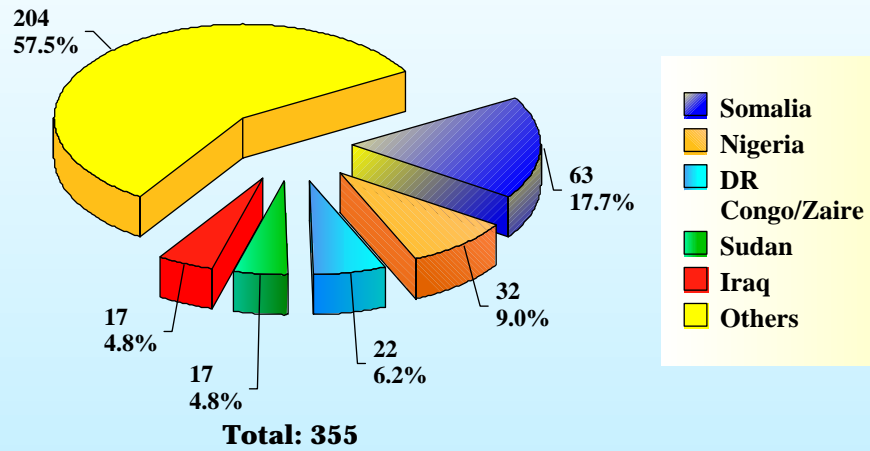
Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2006 (30/09)	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	2246	5160
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	2026	4593
Number of cases outstanding	220	567

Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

Table 7

Top 6 Nationalities 2006 (30/09)



Top 6 Nationalities same period last year

