

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	2007 (31/08)	Total
Applications							
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11598	7483	4265	4304	4241	2591	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	37	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11634	7900	4766	4323	4314	2628	
Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00	9,427						9427
Applications received from 20/11/00	23091	7900	4766	4323	4314	2628	47022
Decisions returned for processing	293	36	140	157	3	0	629
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,808	7,933	4,900	4,467	4,277	1,498	55,883
<i>Unprocessable</i>	3	0	0	1	1	0	5
No. of applications outstanding	0	3	6	12	39	1,130	1,190

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 August 325 interviews were scheduled.
Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 82.5% 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
August 2007**

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	293
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	1
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	294
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Total Cases Completed	363
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	34
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	214
> Where Section 13(5) applies	17
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	3
- Deemed Withdrawn	59
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	36
Unprocessable	0
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Cases returned for processing	26
Decisions withdrawn/reviewed	8
*Total additional cases for processing	34

**Cases Processed to
Completion for 2002/2003/2004/2005/2006/2007**

Table 3

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007 (31/08)
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	397	245
Negative recommendations following Interview	5965	5461	4906	3952	3249	1737
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	1562	835	598	550
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	265
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	0	-23
Total	15,201	8,641	7,121	5,682	4,784	2,774

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

	August
Applications for a declaration as a refugee	89
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	78
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	69
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	4
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	0
- Deemed withdrawn	4
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee following interview - S13:	0
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	1
Unprocessable	0

Applications for a declaration to be a refugee as at (31/08)

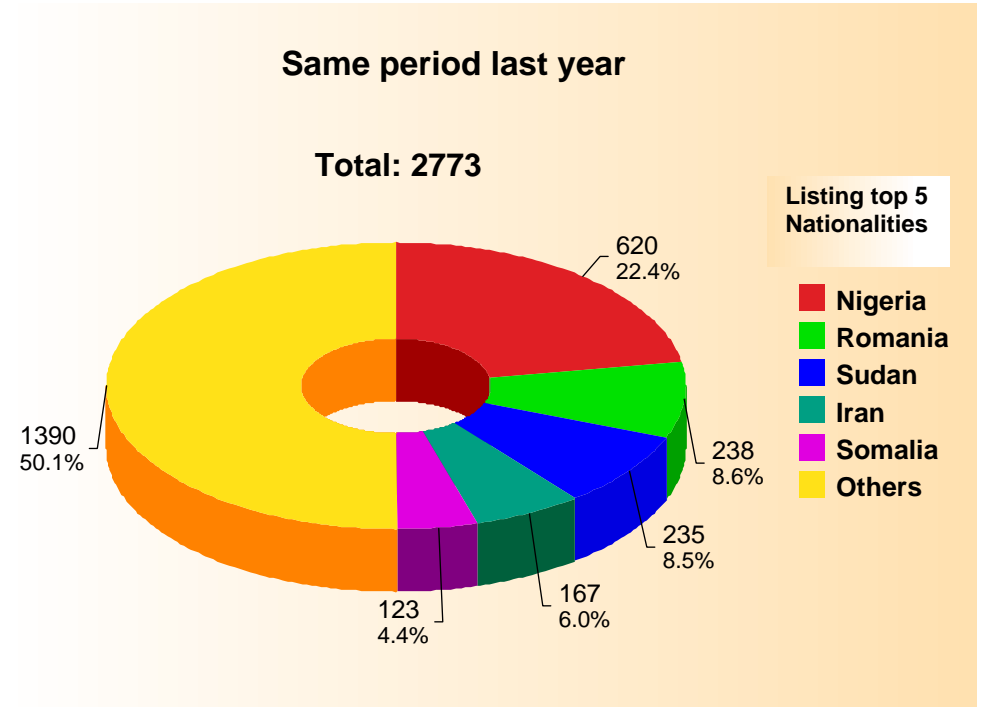
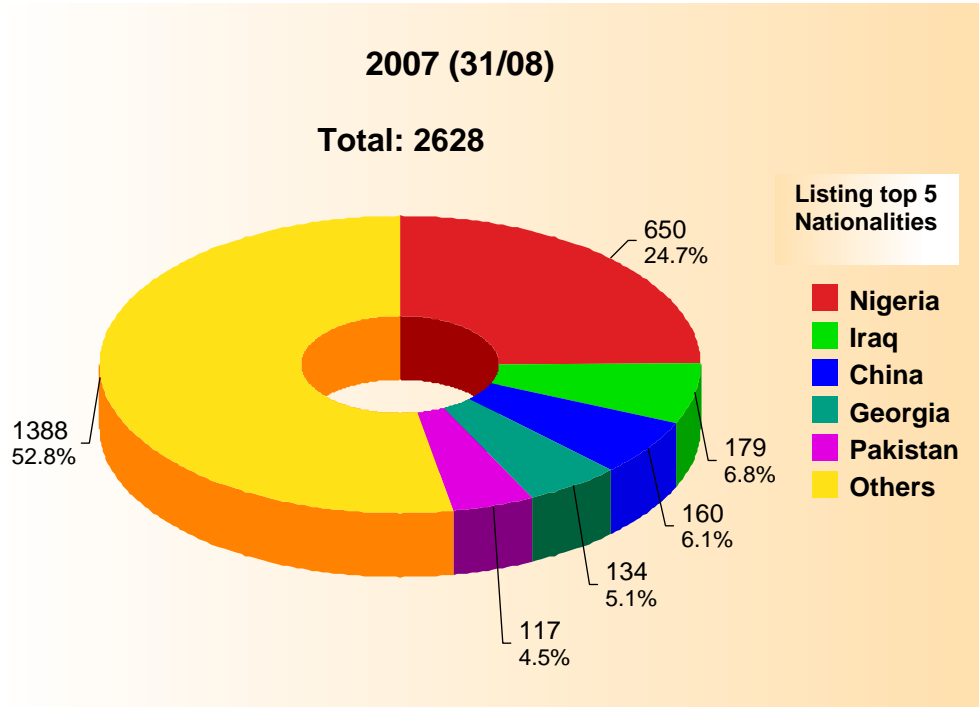


Table 6

Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	August		2007 (31/08)	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	26	40	273	580
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	26	40	283	611
Number of cases processed to completion (report to Minister)	48	101	372	831

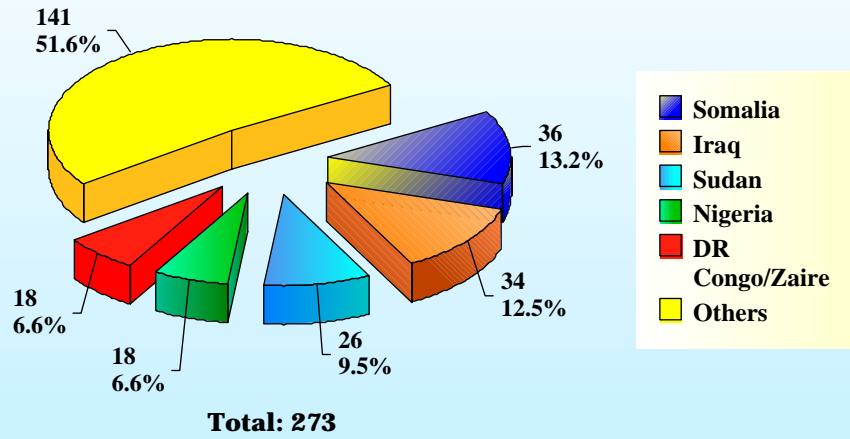
Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2007 (31/08)	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	2649	6012
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	2581	5888
Number of cases outstanding	68	124

Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

Table 7

Top 5 Nationalities 2007 (31/08)



Same period 2006

