

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 2002	2002	2003	2004 (31/01)	Total
Applications					
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10316	11598	7483	385	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*9	36	417	7	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10325	11634	7900	392	
Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00	9,427				9427
Applications received from 20/11/00	11,457	11634	7900	392	31383
Decisions returned for processing	227	19	13	0	259
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	21,074	11,509	4,102	5	36,690
<i>Unprocessable</i>	27	11	7	0	45
No. of applications outstanding	10	133	3,804	387	4,334

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 656 interviews were scheduled.

Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 74 % 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
January 2004**

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	385
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	7
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	392
Total Cases Completed	629
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	44
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	201
> Where Section 13(5) applies	218
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	20
- Deemed Withdrawn	99
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	42
> 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	4
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	3
Unprocessable	-2

Cases Processed to Completion for 2002/2003/2004		Table 3		
	2002	2003	2004	
Positive recommendations	893	345	44	
Negative recommendations following Interview	5966	5461	461	
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	123	
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	191	237	3	
Unprocessable	586	-911	-2	
Total	15,201	8,641	629	

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.

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	179
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	150
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	7
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(4) B applies	11
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	101
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	2
- Deemed withdrawn	29
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	0
Unprocessable	0

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

Table 5

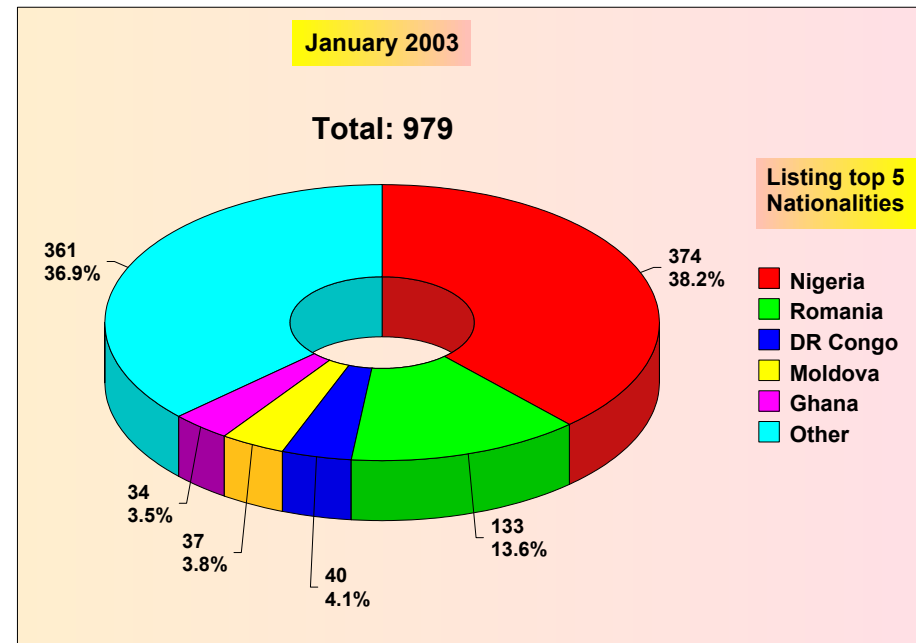
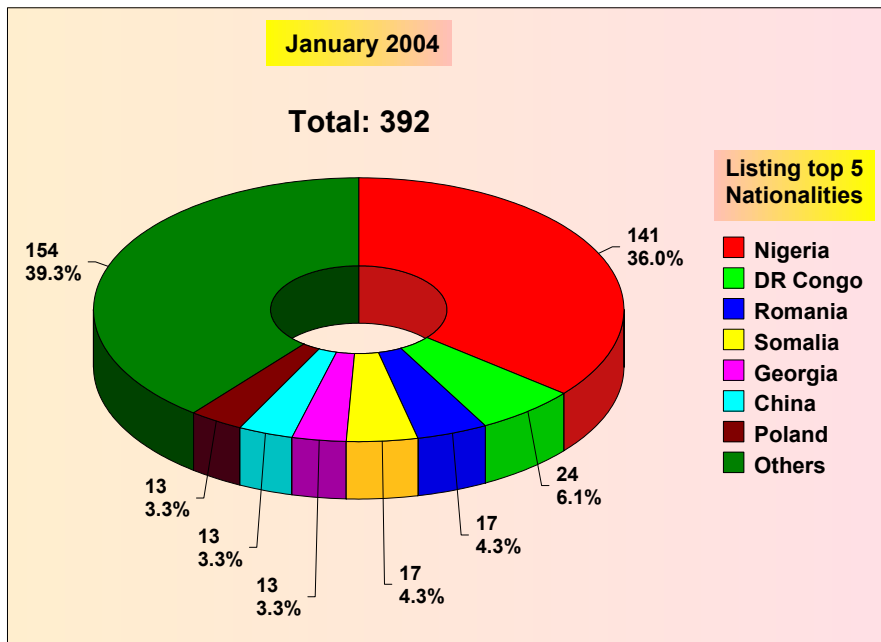


Table 6**Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.**

	January		2004 (31/01)	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	27	44	27	44
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	28	61	28	61
Number of cases processed to completion (report to minister)	34	85	34	85

Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2004 (31/01)	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	1036	2295
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	696	1612
Number of cases outstanding	340	683

Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

The top five nationalities graph is not available as applications from no one nationality exceeded 10 in January 2004.

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