

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	2005 (31/01)	Total
Applications						
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10316	11598	7483	4265	393	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*9	36	417	501		
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10325	11634	7900	4766	393	
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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	393	36150
Decisions returned for processing	244	51	20	0	0	315
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No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	21,102	11,656	7,730	3,077	9	43,574
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<i>Unprocessable</i>	18	5	4	1	0	28
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No. of applications outstanding	8	24	186	1,688	384	2,290

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 526 interviews were scheduled.
Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 84 % 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

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	393
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	0
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	393
Total Cases Completed	467
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	41
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	191
> Where Section 13(5) applies	133
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	20
- Deemed Withdrawn	64
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	2
> 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	15
Unprocessable	1

Cases Processed to Completion for 2002/2003/2004/2005	Table 3			
	2002	2003	2004	2005 (31/01)
Positive recommendations	893	345	430	41
Negative recommendations following Interview	5966	5461	4906	326
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	1562	84
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	15
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1
Total	15,201	8,641	7,121	467

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	183
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	157
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	1
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(4) B applies	35
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	89
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	5
- Deemed withdrawn	27
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	0
Unprocessable	0

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

Table 5

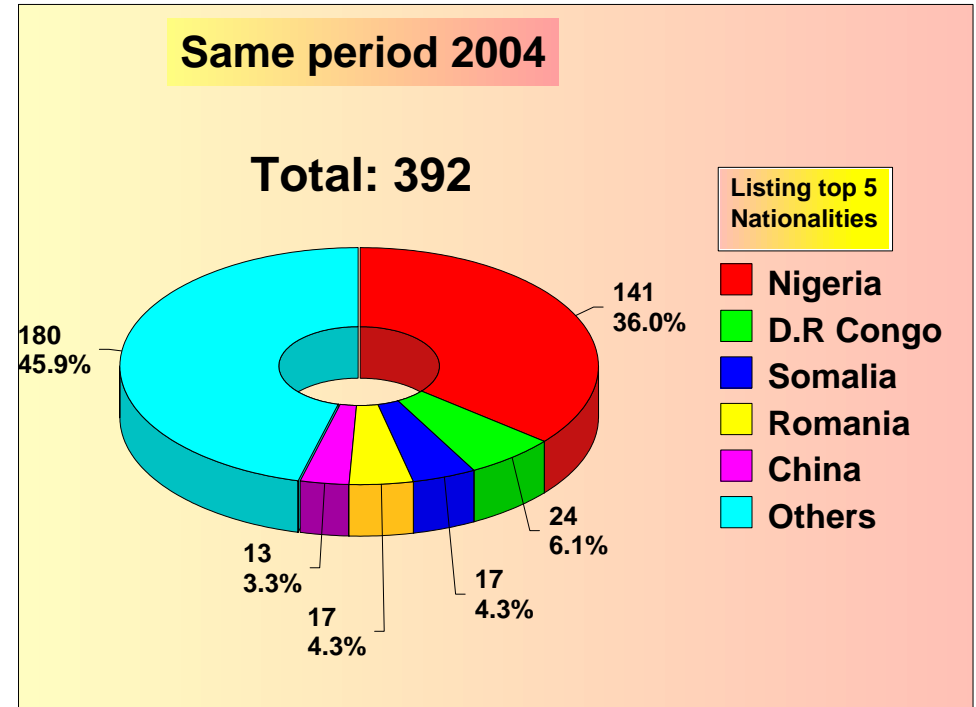
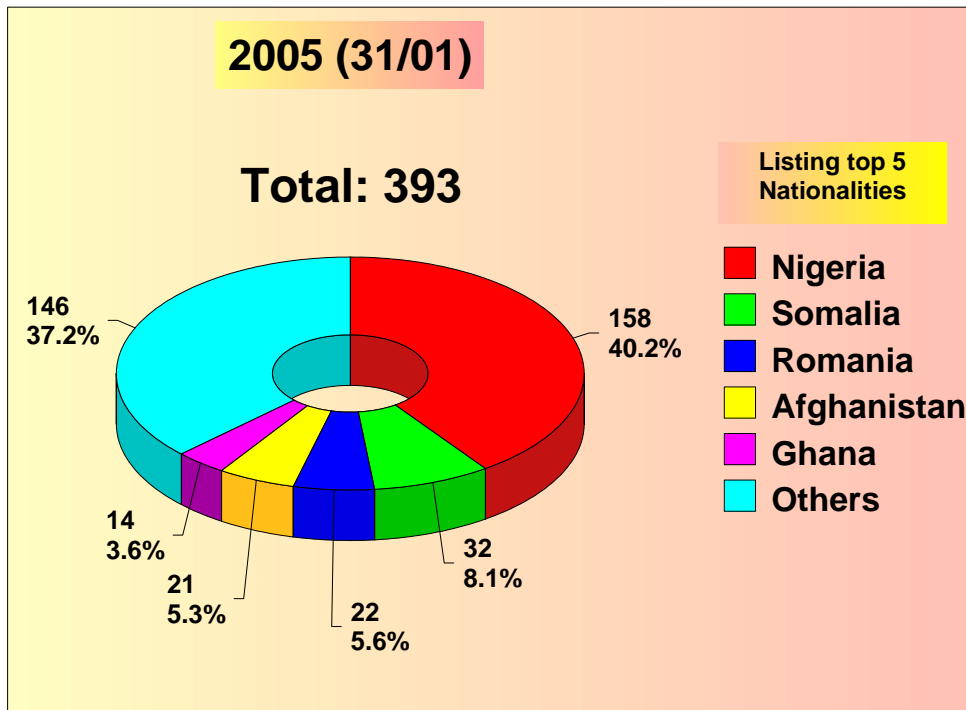


Table 6

Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	January		2005 (31/01)	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	53	121	53	121
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	14	39	14	39
Number of cases processed to completion (report to minister)	30	53	30	53

Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2005 (31/01)	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	1388	3004
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	1195	2604
Number of cases outstanding	193	400

Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

The top five nationalities graph is not available as none of the nationalities are greater than 10 in 2005

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