

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 (28/02)	Total
Applications						
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10316	11598	7483	4265	770	
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	770	
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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	770	36527
Decisions returned for processing	244	51	22	0	0	317
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No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	21,102	11,655	7,784	3,442	210	44,193
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<i>Unprocessable</i>	18	5	4	0	0	27
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No. of applications outstanding	8	25	134	1,324	560	2,051

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 February 535 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 87% 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 February

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	377
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	0
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	377
Total Cases Completed	624
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	22
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	230
> Where Section 13(5) applies	242
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	33
- Deemed Withdrawn	71
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	3
> 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	24
Unprocessable	-1

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

Table 3

	2002	2003	2004	2005 (28/02)
Positive recommendations	893	345	430	63
Negative recommendations following Interview	5966	5461	4906	801
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	1562	188
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	39
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	0
Total	15,201	8,641	7,121	1,091

Table 4

Applications received and cases processed to completion which are subject to a Ministerial prioritisation directive under Section 12 of the Refugee Act

	February
Applications for a declaration as a refugee	198
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	334
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	89
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	183
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	19
- Deemed withdrawn	40
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	3
Unprocessable	0

Applications for a declaration to be a refugee as at (28/02)

Table 5

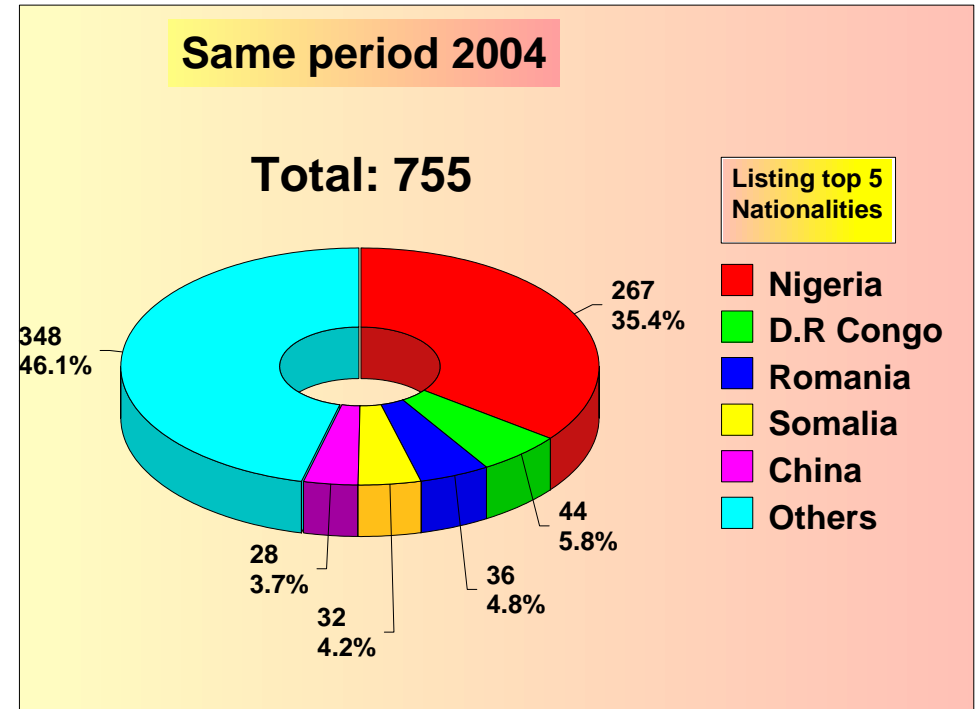
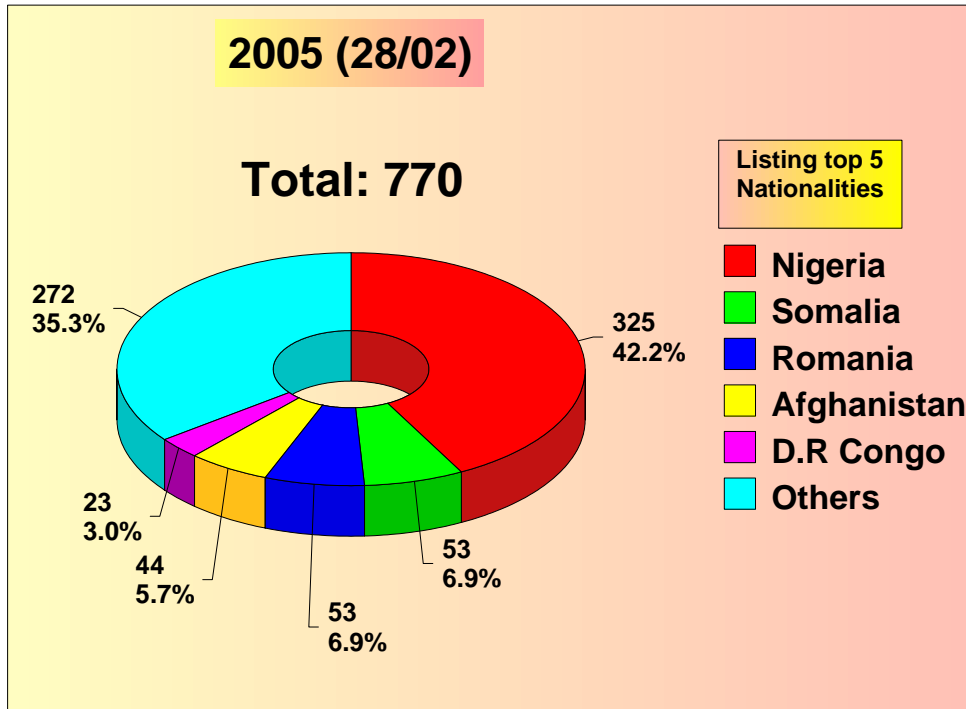


Table 6**Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.**

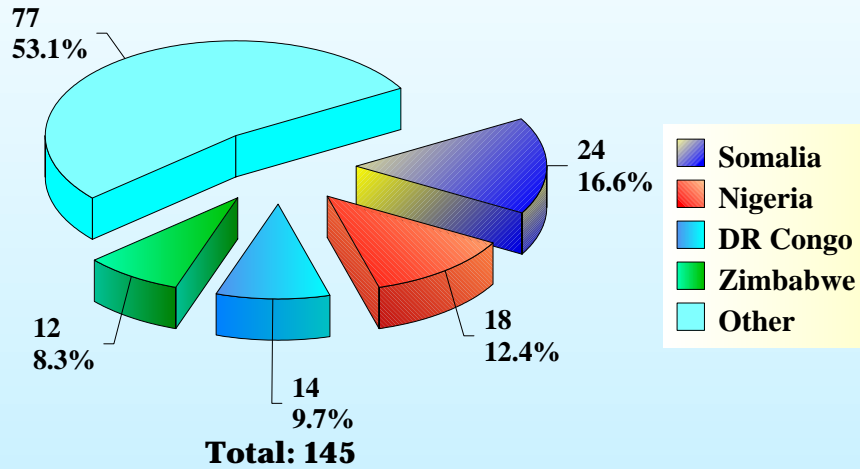
	February		2005 (28/02)	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	89	269	145	413
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	135	397	149	427
Number of cases processed to completion (report to minister)	52	97	83	151

Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2005 (28/02)	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	1479	3299
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	1227	2671
Number of cases outstanding	252	628

Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

Top 5 Nationalities (28/02) 2005



The top five nationalities graph for 2004 is not available as applications from only one country exceeded 10 in Feb 04.

Please note figures less than 10 cannot be released due to confidentiality reasons

Please note that only the top 4 nationalities are shown above as figures less than 10 can not be released due to confidentiality reasons