

Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

Monthly statistics



March 2004 issue,

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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 (31/03)	Total
Applications					
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10316	11598	7483	1117	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*9	36	417	139	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10325	11634	7900	1256	
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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	1256	32247
Decisions returned for processing	227	20	16	0	263
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No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	21,084	11,578	5,171	264	38,097
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<i>Unprocessable</i>	18	9	5	0	32
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No. of applications outstanding	9	67	2,740	992	3,808

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 March 693 interviews were scheduled.
Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 68 % 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 March 2004

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	403
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	98
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	501
Total Cases Completed	743
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	36
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	250
> Where Section 13(5) applies	210
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	23
- Deemed Withdrawn	154
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	27
> 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	8
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	44
Unprocessable	-9

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

Table 3

	2002	2003	2004 (31/03)
Positive recommendations	893	345	107
Negative recommendations following Interview	5966	5461	1414
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	462
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	191	237	65
Unprocessable	586	-911	-15
Total	15,201	8,641	2,033

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

	March
Applications for a declaration as a refugee	250
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	144
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	47
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	65
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	4
- Deemed withdrawn	16
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	12
Unprocessable	0

Applications for a declaration to be a refugee as at (31/03)

Table 5

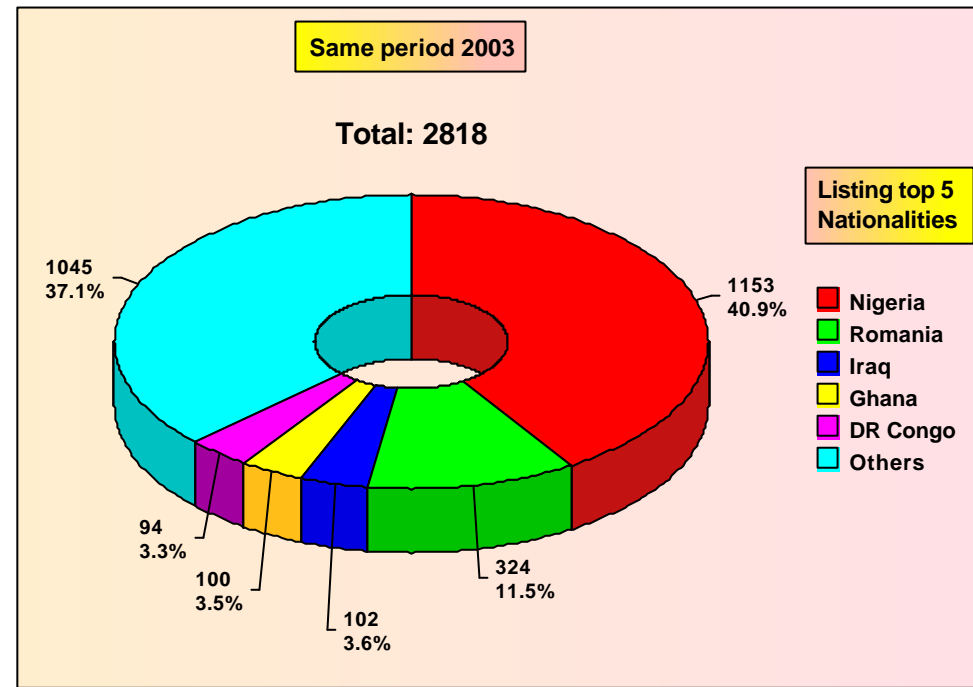
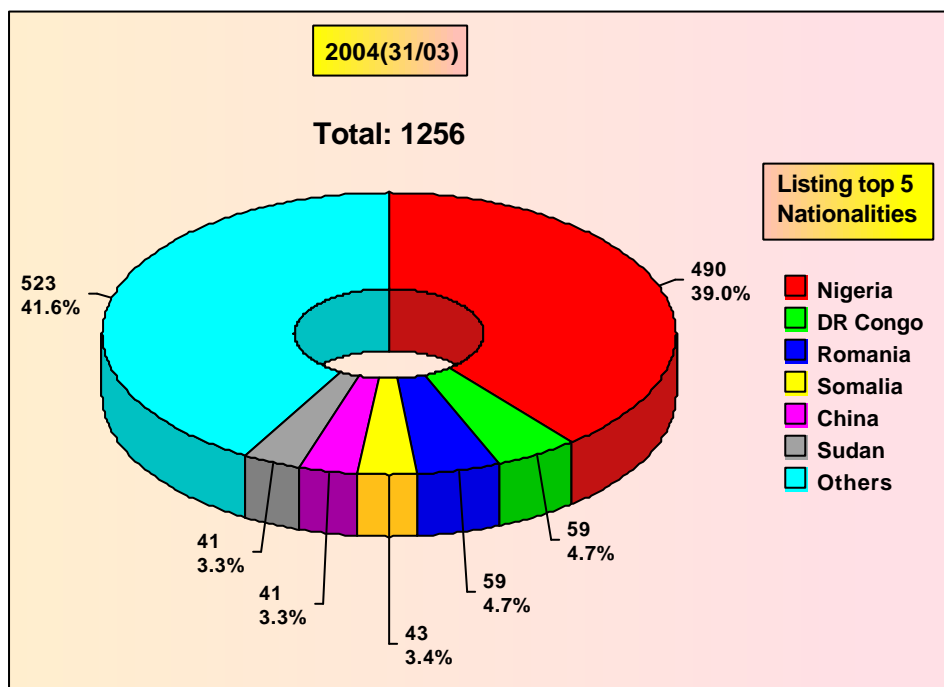


Table 6**Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.**

	March		2004 (31/03)	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	20	60	92	186
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	40	95	116	244
Number of cases processed to completion (report to minister)	48	79	176	359

Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2004 (31/03)	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	1102	2451
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	845	1902
Number of cases outstanding	257	549

Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

The top five nationalities graph is not available as only Nigeria (16) and Zimbabwe (10) are greater or equal to 10 in 2004.

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