

Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

Monthly statistics



March 2005 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	2005 (31/03)	Total
Applications						
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10316	11598	7483	4265	1256	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*9	36	417	501	3	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10325	11634	7900	4766	1259	
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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	1259	37016
Decisions returned for processing	244	51	22	0	0	317
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No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	21,102	11,661	7,827	3,772	414	44,776
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<i>Unprocessable</i>	18	5	4	0	0	27
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No. of applications outstanding	8	19	91	994	845	1,957

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 534 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 82% 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 2005**

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	486
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	3
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	489
Total Cases Completed	595
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	31
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	205
> Where Section 13(5) applies	208
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	27
- Deemed Withdrawn	78
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	1
> 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	45
Unprocessable	0

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

Table 3

	2002	2003	2004	2005 (31/03)
Positive recommendations	893	345	430	94
Negative recommendations following Interview	5966	5461	4906	1215
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	1562	293
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	84
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	0
Total	15,201	8,641	7,121	1,686

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.

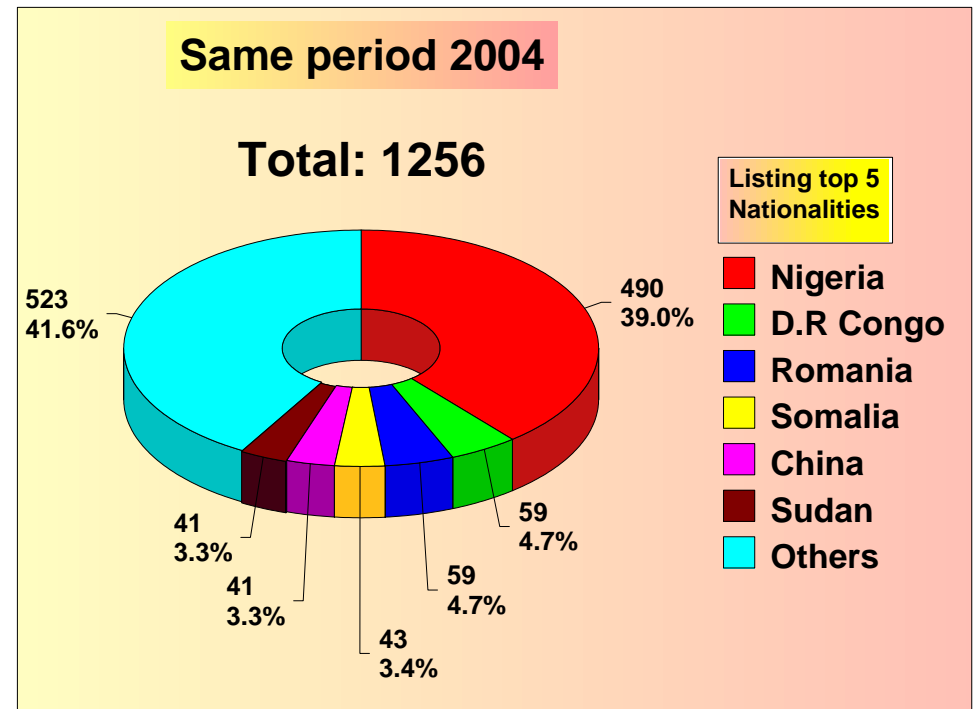
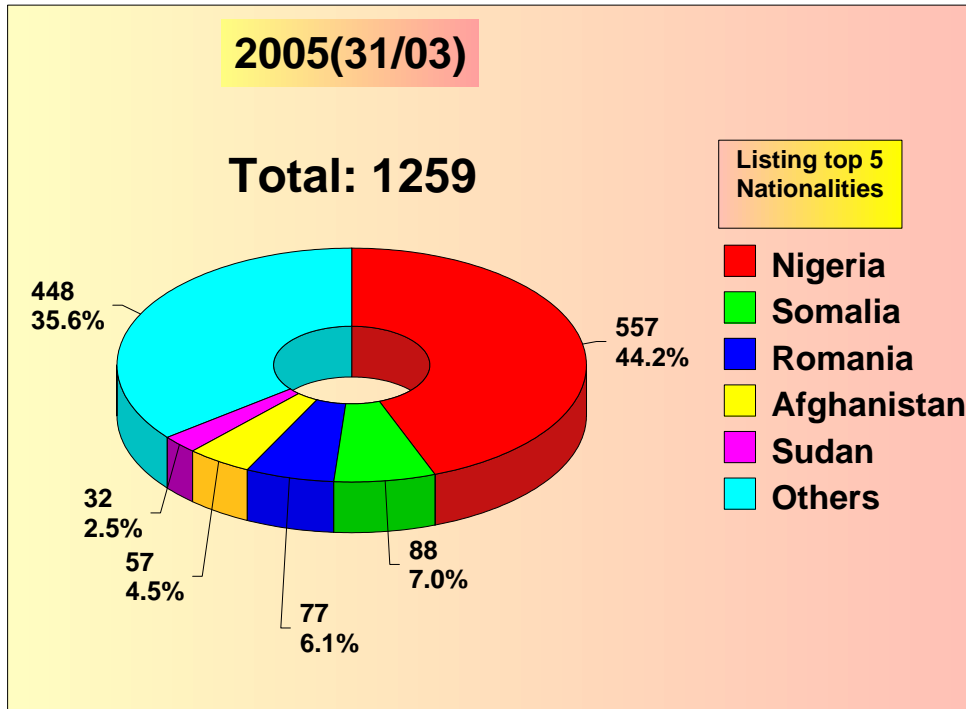
Table 4

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	274
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	251
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	53
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	154
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	10
- Deemed withdrawn	30
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	4
Unprocessable	0

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

Table 5



Top 6 nationalities shown on the basis that both China and Sudan show a total of 41

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

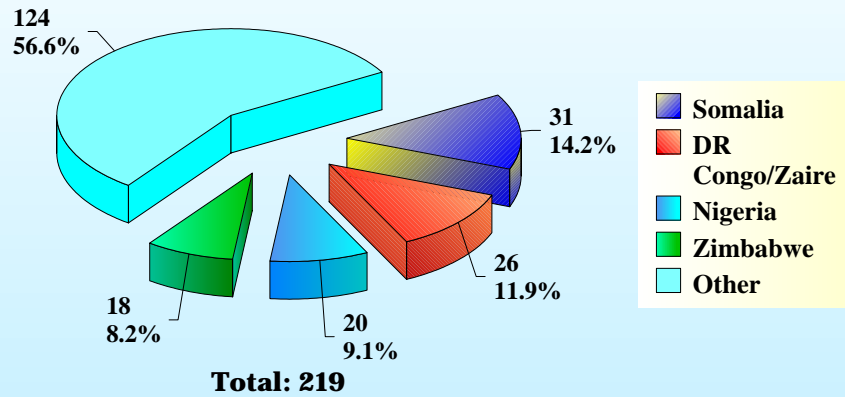
	March		2005 (31/03)	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	46	90	219	588
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	76	178	220	594
Number of cases processed to completion (report to minister)	36	76	121	233

Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2005 (31/03)	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	1552	3477
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	1269	2762
Number of cases outstanding	283	715

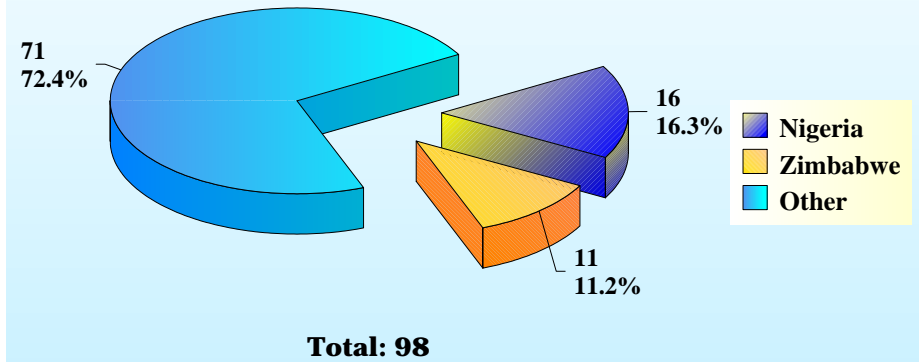
Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

Top 5 Nationalities (31/03) 2005



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

Top 5 Nationalities Same Period 2004



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