

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 2003	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007 (31/03)	Total
Applications							
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11598	7483	4265	4304	4241	1047	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	17	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11634	7900	4766	4323	4314	1064	
Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00	9,427						9427
Applications received from 20/11/00	23091	7900	4766	4323	4314	1064	45458
Decisions returned for processing	293	31	62	11	1	0	398
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,797	7,929	4,818	4,323	4,063	258	54,188
<i>Unprocessable</i>	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
No. of applications outstanding	6	2	10	11	252	806	1,087

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 484 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 57.9% 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.

*2002 only

**Activity breakdown for
March 2007**

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	346
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	1
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	347
Total Cases Completed	431
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	29
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	216
> Where Section 13(5) applies	15
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	6
- Deemed Withdrawn	156
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	0
> 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	10
Unprocessable	-1

Cases Processed to Completion for 2002/2003/2004/2005/2006/2007						Table 3
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007 (31/03)
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	397	101
Negative recommendations following Interview	5965	5461	4906	3952	3249	686
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	1562	835	598	242
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	88
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	0	-20
Total	15,201	8,641	7,121	5,682	4,784	1,097

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	80
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	113
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	2
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(4) B applies	91
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	7
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	1
- Deemed withdrawn	10
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee following interview - S13:	0
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	2
Unprocessable	0

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

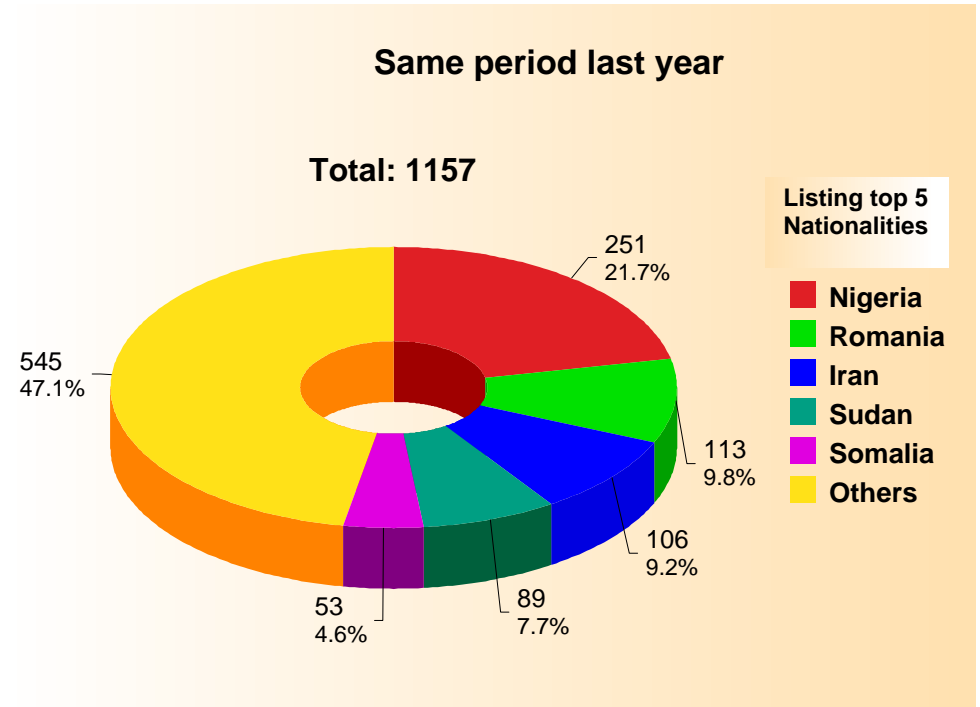
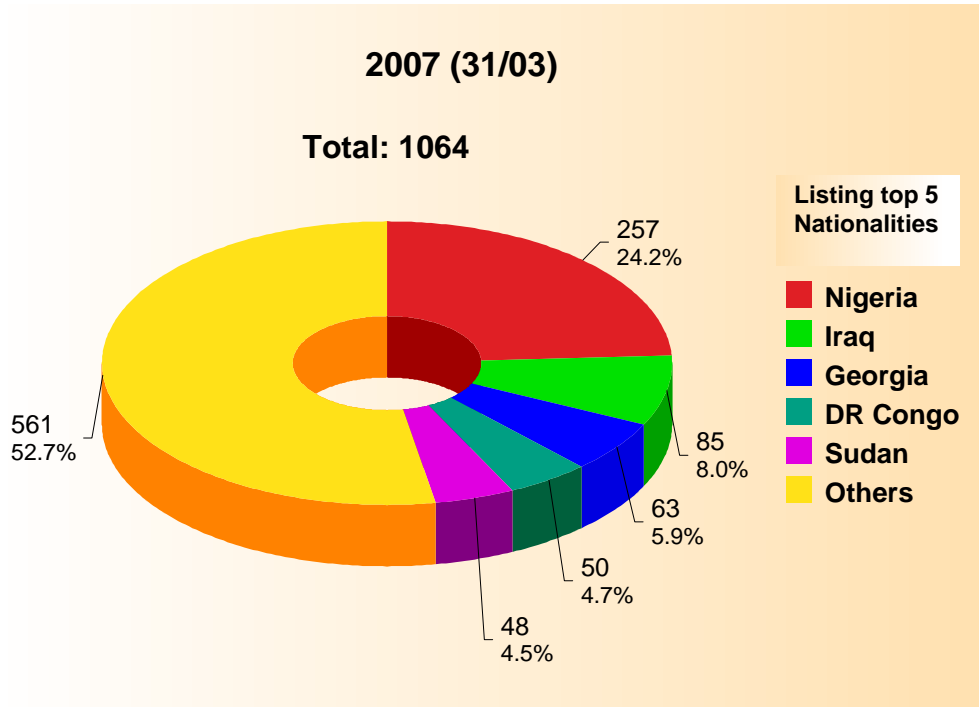


Table 6

Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	March		2007 (31/03)	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	37	74	131	265
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	37	74	141	296
Number of cases processed to completion (report to Minister)	45	82	161	363

Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2007 (31/03)	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	2505	5684
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	2369	5407
Number of cases outstanding	136	277

Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

The top five nationalities graph is not available as only Somalia (19), Iraq (14) and Sudan (11) exceed 10 in 2007 as at 31/03.

Please note we do not release individual figures where there are less than 10.