

Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

Monthly statistics



April 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 (30/04)	Total
Applications					
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10316	11598	7483	1466	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*9	36	417	167	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10325	11634	7900	1633	
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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	1633	32624
Decisions returned for processing	235	34	19	0	288
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No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	21,091	11,598	5,520	462	38,671
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<i>Unprocessable</i>	18	9	4	0	31
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No. of applications outstanding	10	61	2,395	1,171	3,637

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 April 551 interviews were scheduled.
Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 77 % 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 April 2004

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	349
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	28
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	377
Total Cases Completed	594
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	35
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	246
> Where Section 13(5) applies	133
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	25
- Deemed Withdrawn	117
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	19
> Recommendation that an application is Manifestly Unfounded following interview - S12(1)	1
> Recommendation to Refuse following failure to attend for second interview - S11(9)	0
> Applications to withdraw processed	1
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	18
Unprocessable	-1

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

Table 3

	2002	2003	2004 (30/04)
Positive recommendations	893	345	142
Negative recommendations following Interview	5966	5461	1813
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	595
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	191	237	83
Unprocessable	586	-911	-16
Total	15,201	8,641	2,617

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

	April
Applications for a declaration as a refugee	185
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	165
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	88
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	53
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	7
- Deemed withdrawn	13
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	3
Unprocessable	0

Applications for a declaration to be a refugee as at (30/04)

Table 5

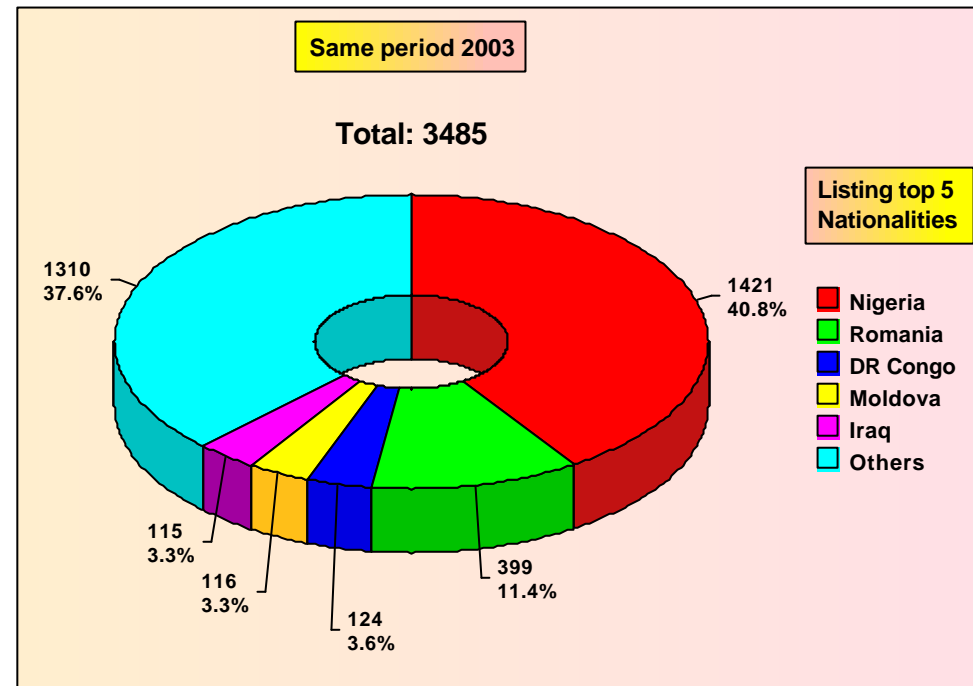
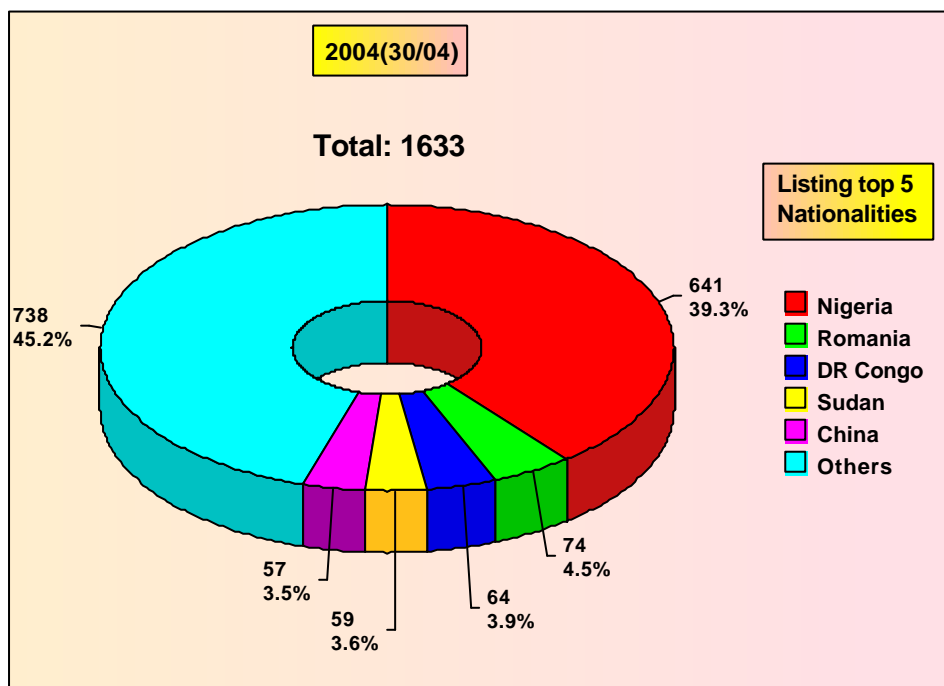


Table 6**Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.**

	April		2004 (30/04)	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	43	74	136	261
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	45	79	160	317
Number of cases processed to completion (report to minister)	26	39	213	424

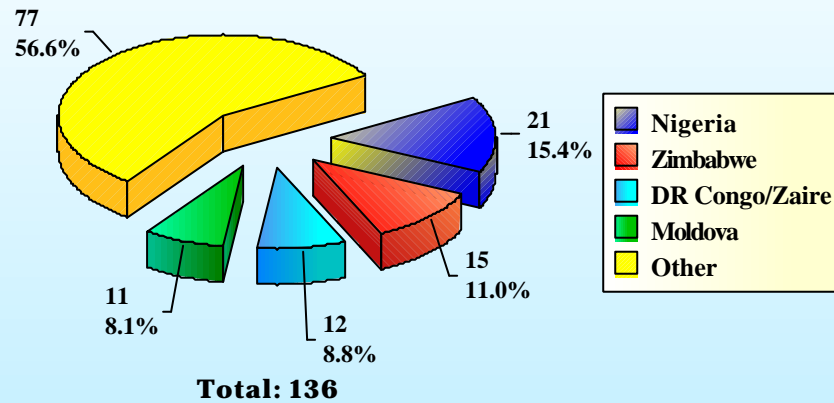
Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2004 (30/04)	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	1146	2526
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	879	1962
Number of cases outstanding	267	564

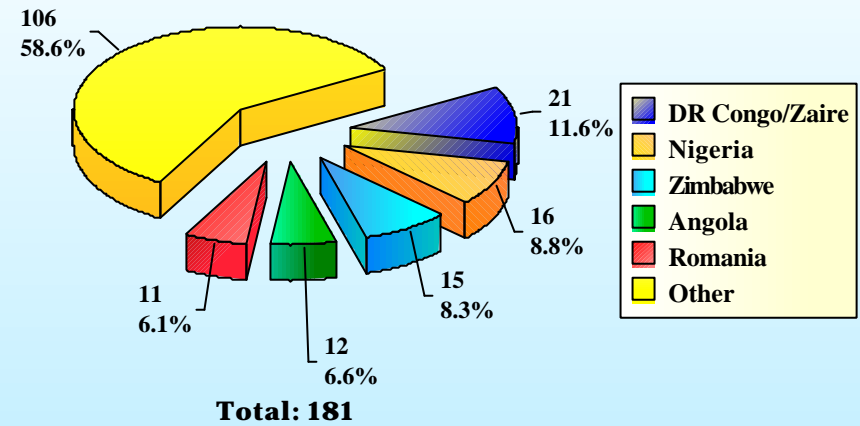
Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

Table 7

Top 4 Nationalities (30/04) 2004



Top 5 Nationalities Same Period 2003



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