

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 (31/05)	Total
Applications							
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11598	7483	4265	4304	4241	1633	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	27	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11634	7900	4766	4323	4314	1660	
Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00	9,427						9427
Applications received from 20/11/00	23091	7900	4766	4323	4314	1660	46054
Decisions returned for processing	293	36	139	111	2	0	581
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,803	7,933	4,899	4,418	4,197	654	54,904
<i>Unprocessable</i>	5	0	0	2	1	0	8
No. of applications outstanding	3	3	6	14	118	1,006	1,150

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 May 389 interviews were scheduled.
Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 75.4% 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.

**Activity breakdown for
May 2007**

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	310
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	8
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	318
Total Cases Completed	369
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	27
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	191
> Where Section 13(5) applies	19
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	14
- Deemed Withdrawn	86
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	29
Unprocessable	3

**Cases Processed to
Completion for 2002/2003/2004/2005/2006/2007**

Table 3

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007 (31/05)
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	397	164
Negative recommendations following Interview	5965	5461	4906	3952	3249	1084
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	1562	835	598	377
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	130
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	0	-20
Total	15,201	8,641	7,121	5,682	4,784	1,735

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

	May
Applications for a declaration as a refugee	92
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	104
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	78
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	9
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	4
- Deemed withdrawn	8
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee following interview - S13:	0
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	4
Unprocessable	0

Applications for a declaration to be a refugee as at (31/05)

Table 5

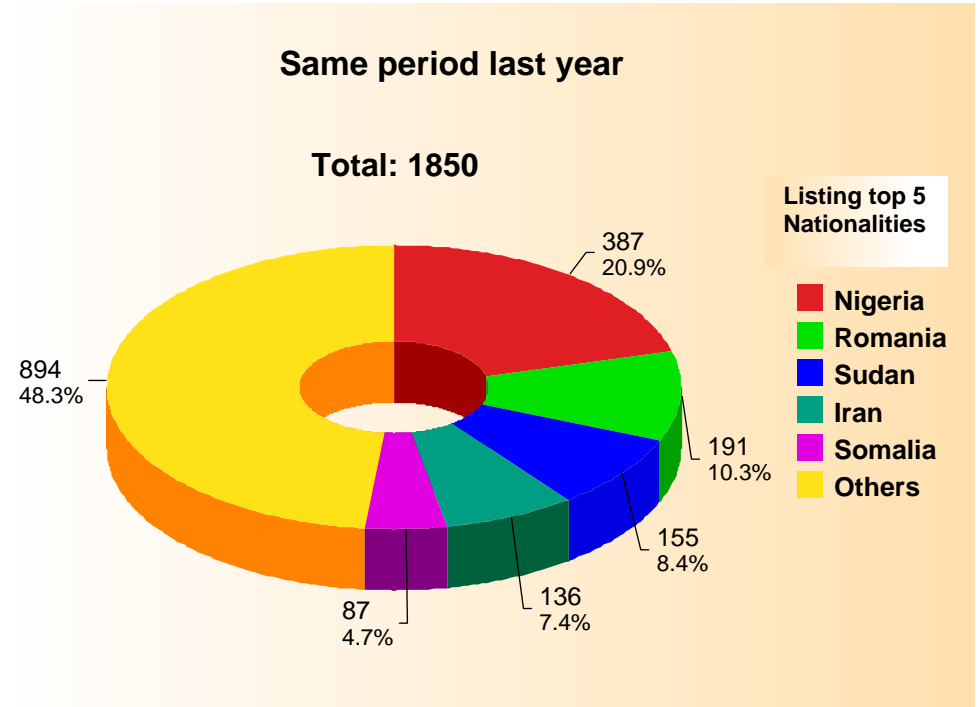
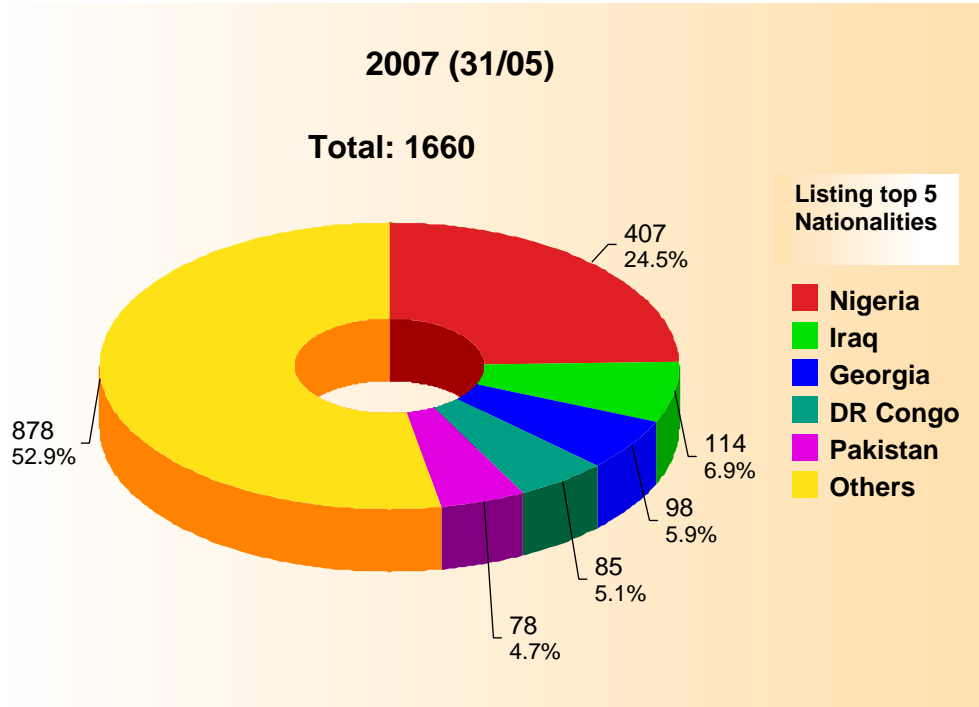


Table 6

Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	May		2007 (31/05)	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	24	58	182	395
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	24	58	192	426
Number of cases processed to completion (report to Minister)	51	110	257	544

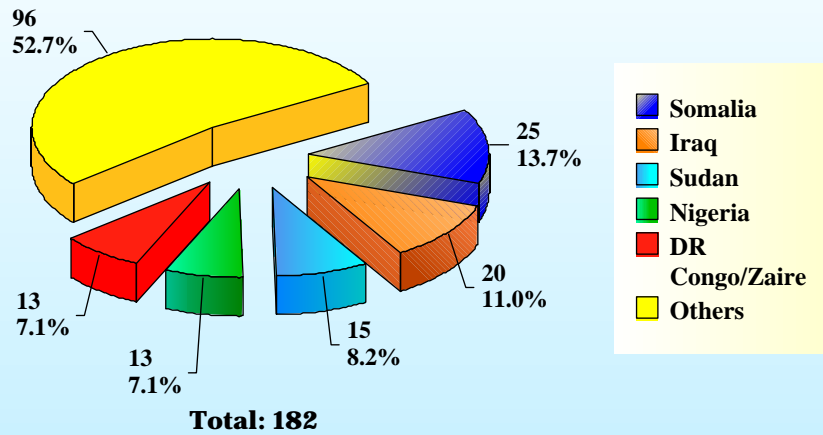
Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2007 (31/05)	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	2557	5826
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	2465	5600
Number of cases outstanding	92	226

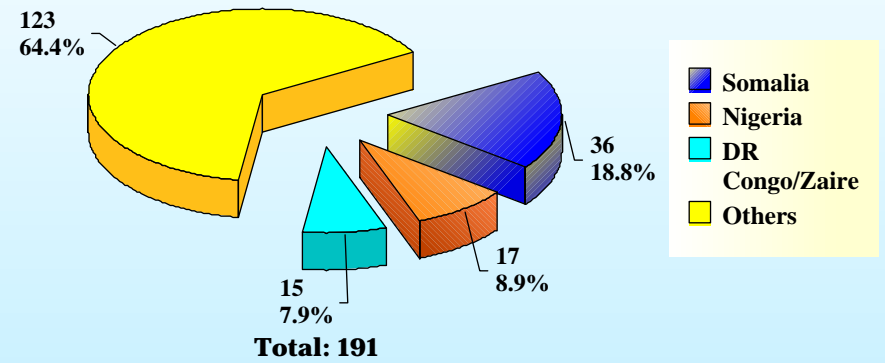
Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

Table 7

Top 5 Nationalities 2007 (31/05)



Same period 2006



Please note that only the top 3 nationalities can be shown in 2006 for this period as figures less than 10 cannot be released due to confidentiality reasons.