

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 (30/06)	Total
Applications							
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11598	7483	4265	4304	4241	1943	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	33	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11634	7900	4766	4323	4314	1976	
Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00	9,427						9427
Applications received from 20/11/00	23091	7900	4766	4323	4314	1976	46370
Decisions returned for processing	293	36	140	134	2	0	605
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,804	7,930	4,898	4,441	4,227	877	55,177
<i>Unprocessable</i>	5	0	0	1	1	0	7
No. of applications outstanding	2	6	8	15	88	1,099	1,218

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 June 314 interviews were scheduled.
Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 83.8% 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
June 2007**

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	310
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	6
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	316
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Total Cases Completed	287
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	20
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	161
> Where Section 13(5) applies	9
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	15
- Deemed Withdrawn	38
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	45
Unprocessable	-1
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Cases returned for processing	24
Decisions withdrawn/reviewed	15
*Total additional cases for processing	39

*Please note that the category for additional cases is now being displayed in the monthly activity breakdown

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

Table 3

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007 (30/06)
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	397	184
Negative recommendations following Interview	5965	5461	4906	3952	3249	1254
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	1562	835	598	430
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	175
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	0	-21
Total	15,201	8,641	7,121	5,682	4,784	2,022

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

	June
Applications for a declaration as a refugee	75
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	89
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	69
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	6
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	4
- Deemed withdrawn	6
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 (30/06)

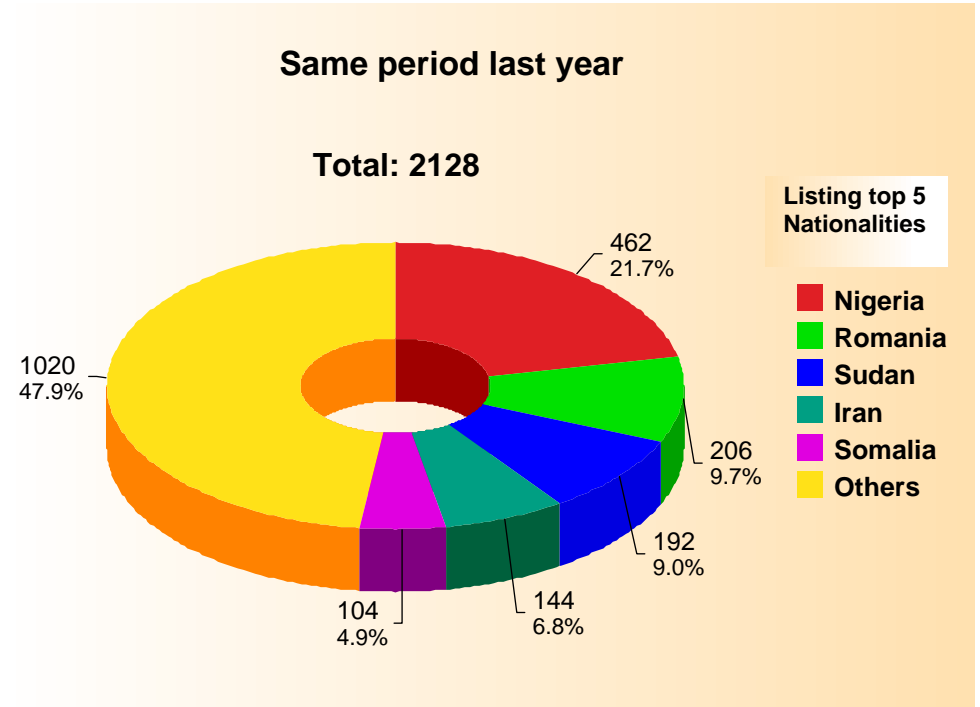
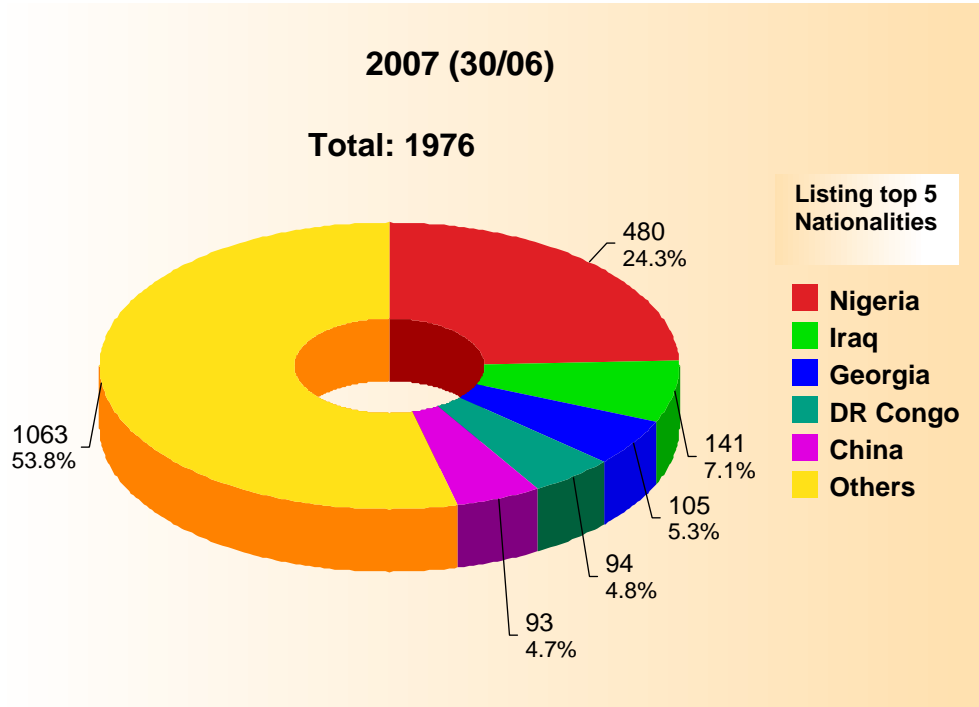


Table 6

Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	June		2007 (30/06)	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	33	83	215	478
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	33	83	225	509
Number of cases processed to completion (report to Minister)	23	70	282	622

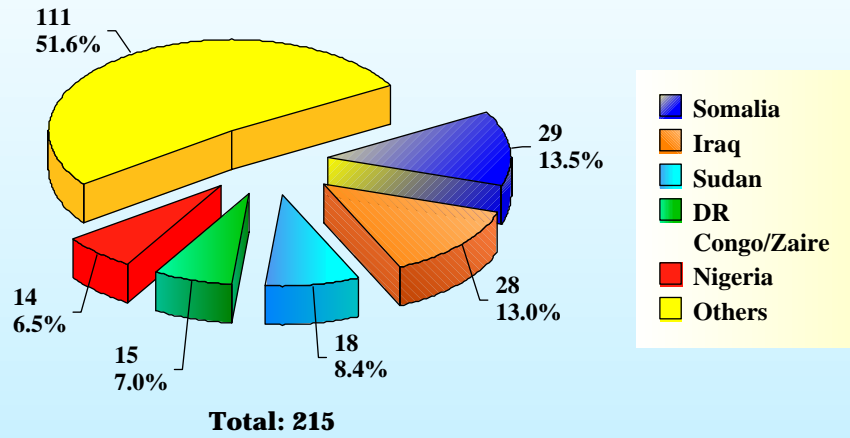
Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2007 (30/06)	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	2592	5910
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	2490	5678
Number of cases outstanding	102	232

Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

Table 7

Top 5 Nationalities 2007 (30/06)



Same period 2006

