

Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

Monthly statistics



August 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 (31/08)	Total
Applications						
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10316	11598	7483	4265	2879	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*9	36	417	501	10	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10325	11634	7900	4766	2889	
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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	2889	38646
Decisions returned for processing	244	51	22	0	0	317
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No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	21,099	11,664	7,890	4,651	1,849	47,153
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<i>Unprocessable</i>	18	6	4	0	0	28
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No. of applications outstanding	11	15	28	115	1,040	1,209

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 August 475 interviews were scheduled.
Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 89% 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
August 2005**

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	348
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	0
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	348
Total Cases Completed	443
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	36
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	217
> Where Section 13(5) applies	75
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	19
- Deemed Withdrawn	69
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	3
> 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	24
Unprocessable	0

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

Table 3

	2002	2003	2004	2005 (31/08)
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	300
Negative recommendations following Interview	5965	5461	4906	2974
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	1562	615
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	252
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1
Total	15,201	8,641	7,121	4,142

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

	August
Applications for a declaration as a refugee	105
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	149
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	66
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	42
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	8
- Deemed withdrawn	32
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee following interview - S13:	1
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	4
Unprocessable	0

Applications for a declaration to be a refugee as at (31/08)

Table 5

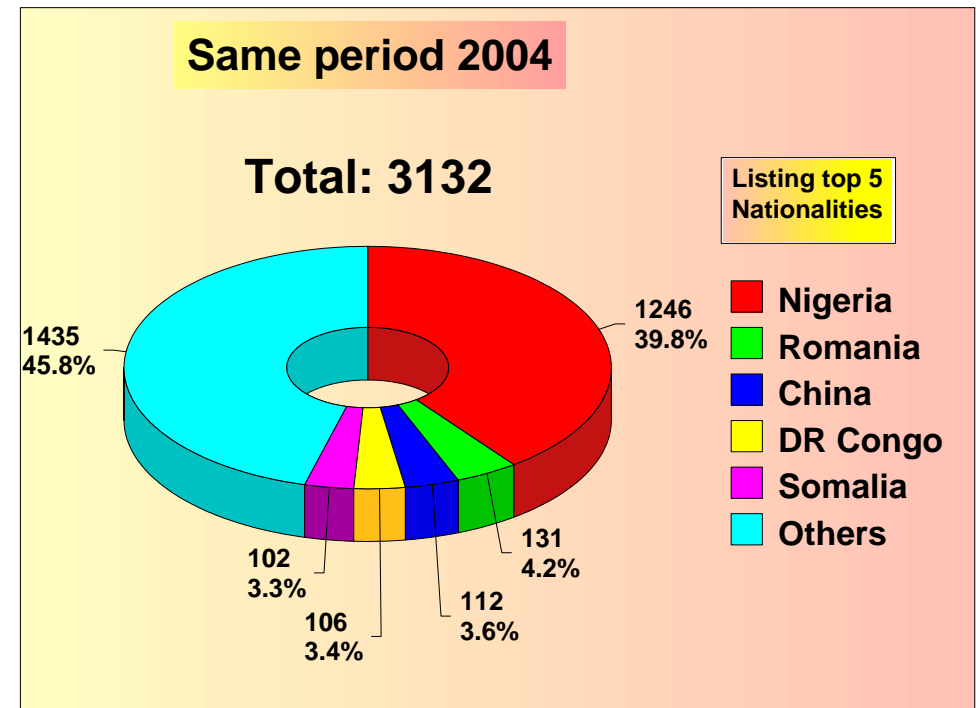
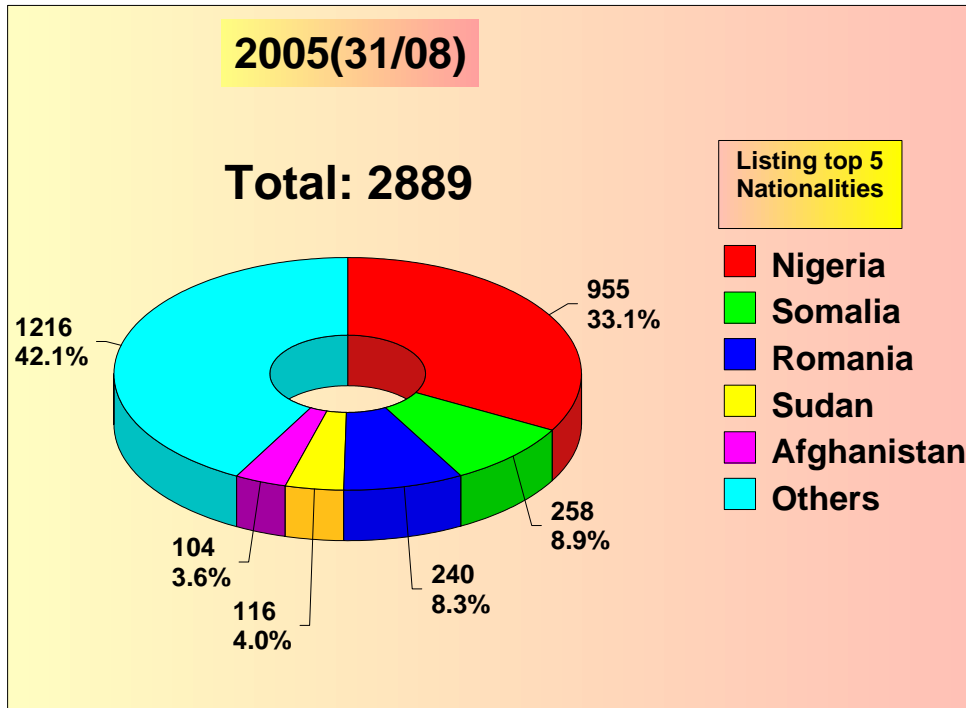


Table 6**Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.**

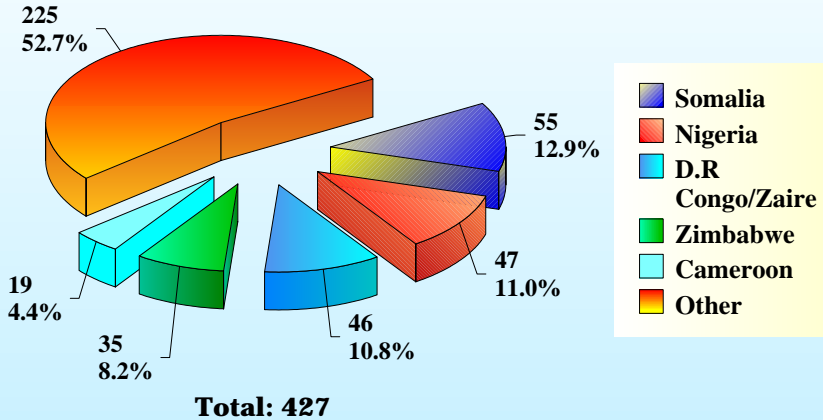
	August		2005 (31/08)	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	37	64	427	1068
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	51	97	436	1087
Number of cases processed to completion (report to Minister)	11	22	259	549

Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2005 (31/08)	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	1760	3960
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	1405	3074
Number of cases outstanding	355	886

Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

Top 5 Nationalities (31/08) 2005



Top 5 Nationalities Same Period 2004

