

Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

Monthly statistics



October 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 (31/10)	Total
Applications					
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10316	11598	7483	3443	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*9	36	417	484	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10325	11634	7900	3927	
Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00	9,427				9427
Applications received from 20/11/00	11,457	11634	7900	3927	34918
Decisions returned for processing	238	44	20	0	302
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	21,097	11,646	7,411	2,045	42,199
<i>Unprocessable</i>	18	5	5	0	28
No. of applications outstanding	7	27	504	1,882	2,420

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 October 497 interviews were scheduled.

Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 87% 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 October 2004

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	306
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	23
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	329
Total Cases Completed	551
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	31
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	247
> Where Section 13(5) applies	174
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	12
- Deemed Withdrawn	51
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	8
> 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	27
Unprocessable	1

Cases Processed to Completion for 2002/2003/2004		Table 3		
	2002	2003	2004 (31/10)	
Positive recommendations	893	345	355	
Negative recommendations following Interview	5966	5461	4275	
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	1376	
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	191	237	207	
Unprocessable	586	-911	-19	
Total	15,201	8,641	6,194	

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

	October
Applications for a declaration as a refugee	110
Cases Completed	187
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	3
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(4) B applies	83
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	71
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	8
- Deemed withdrawn	20
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	2
Unprocessable	0

Applications for a declaration to be a refugee as at (31/10)

Table 5

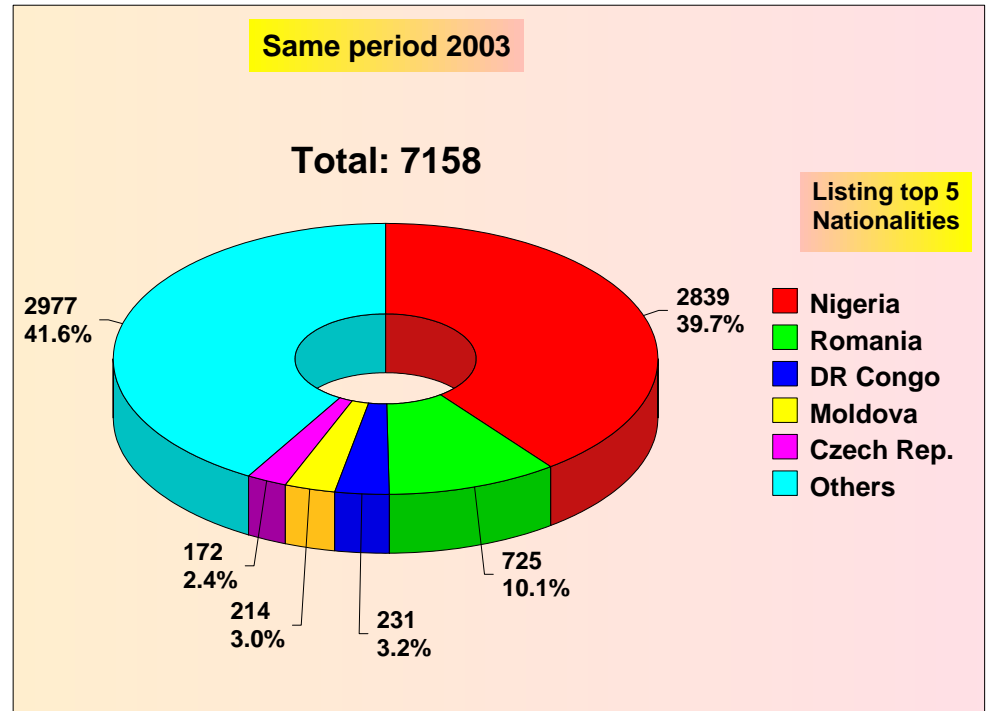
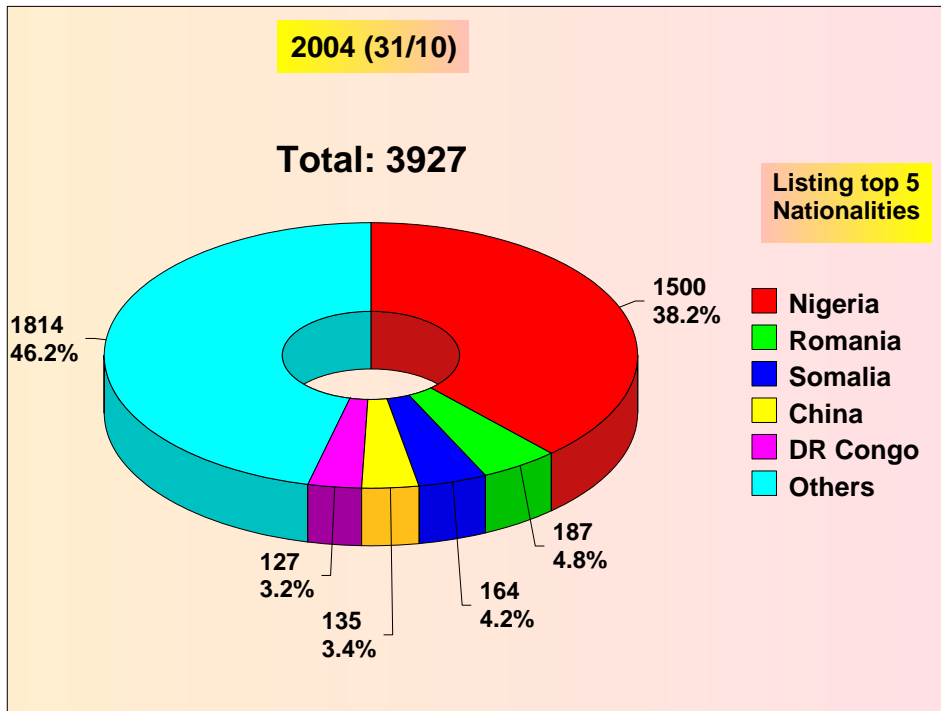


Table 6**Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.**

	October		2004 (31/10)	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	9	19	280	511
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	21	35	308	579
Number of cases processed to completion (report to minister)	26	56	423	888

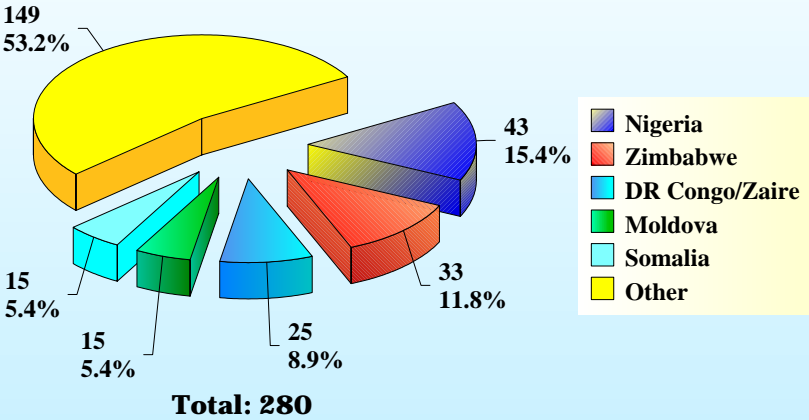
Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2004 (31/10)	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	1291	2797
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	1098	2444
Number of cases outstanding	193	353

Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

Table 7

Top 5 Nationalities (31/10) 2004



Top 5 Nationalities Same Period 2003

