

Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

Monthly statistics



November 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 (30/11)	Total
Applications					
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10316	11598	7483	3847	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*9	36	417	489	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10325	11634	7900	4336	
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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	4336	35327
Decisions returned for processing	238	44	20	0	302
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No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	21,100	11,651	7,562	2,431	42,744
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<i>Unprocessable</i>	18	5	5	0	28
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No. of applications outstanding	4	22	353	1,905	2,284

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 November 604 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 83% 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 November

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	403
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	6
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	409
Total Cases Completed	545
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	33
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	246
> Where Section 13(5) applies	134
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	16
- Deemed Withdrawn	90
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	2
> 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		Table 3		
	2002	2003	2004 (30/11)	
Positive recommendations	893	345	388	
Negative recommendations following Interview	5966	5461	4282	
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	1482	
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	191	237	231	
Unprocessable	586	-911	-19	
Total	15,201	8,641	6,364	

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

	November
Applications for a declaration as a refugee	173
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	152
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	42
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	69
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	9
- Deemed withdrawn	26
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	6
Unprocessable	0

Applications for a declaration to be a refugee as at (30/11)

Table 5

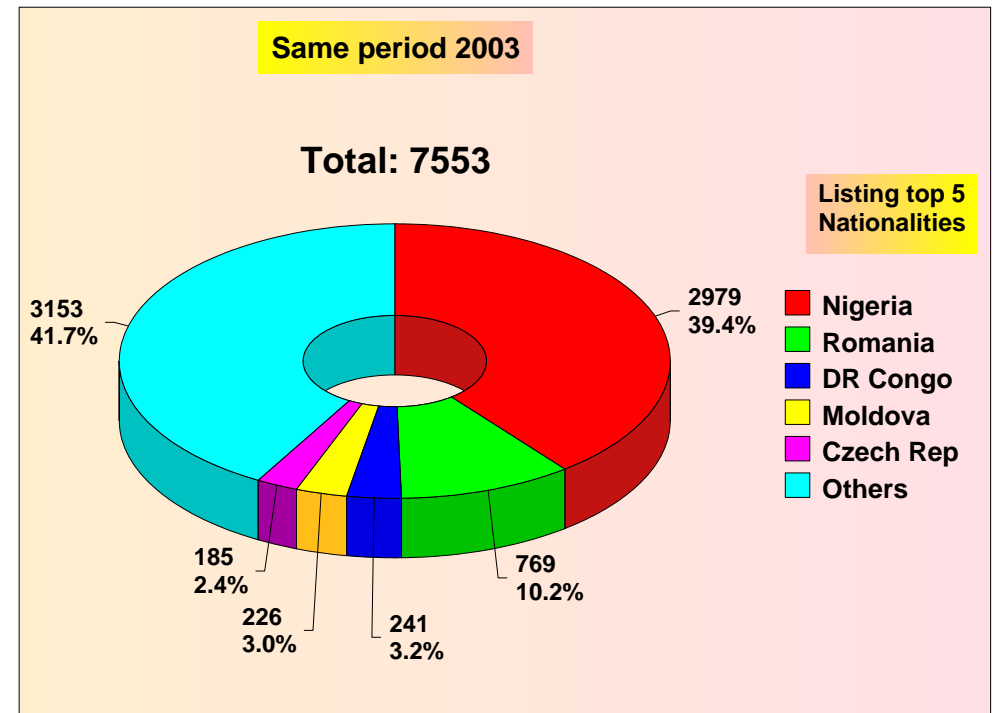
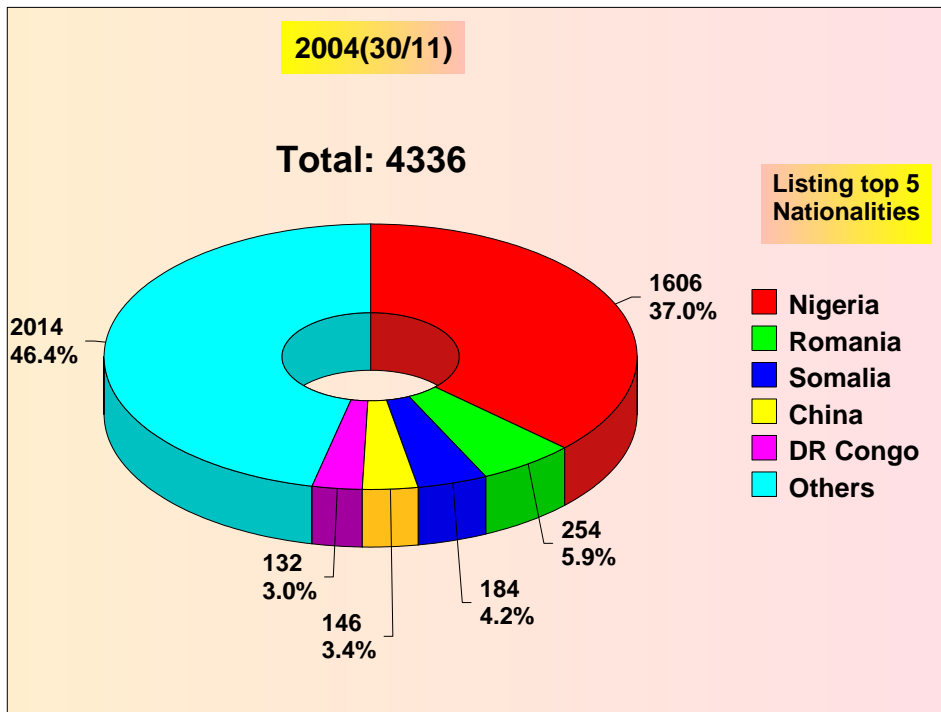


Table 6**Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.**

	November		2004 (30/11)	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	31	53	310	566
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	33	55	340	637
Number of cases processed to completion (report to minister)	28	46	451	932

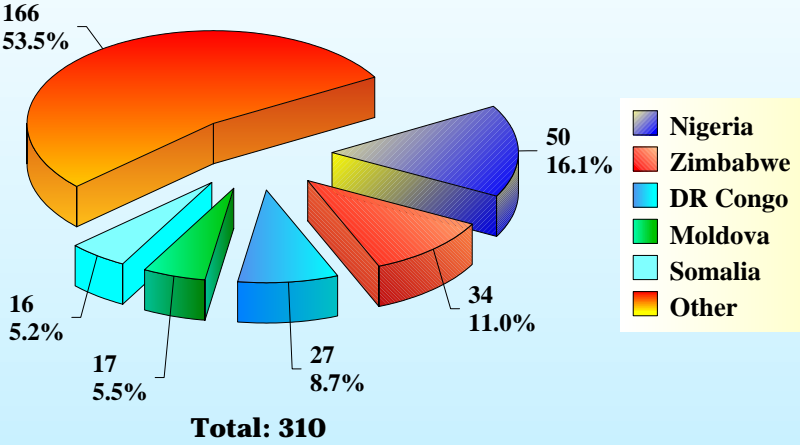
Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2004 (30/11)	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	1321	2853
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	1122	2479
Number of cases outstanding	199	374

Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

Table 7

Top 5 Nationalities (30/11) 2004



Top 5 Nationalities Same Period 2003

