

Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

Monthly statistics



December, 2006 issue,

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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	Total
Applications						
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11598	7483	4265	4304	4241	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11634	7900	4766	4323	4314	
Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00						
Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00	9,427					9427
Applications received from 20/11/00	23091	7900	4766	4323	4314	44394
Decisions returned for processing	293	31	62	11	0	397
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00						
	32,788	7,926	4,821	4,326	3,405	53,266
<i>Unprocessable</i>						
	23	4	0	1	0	28
No. of applications outstanding						
	0	1	7	7	909	924

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 December 288 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.

*2002 only

Due to a technical error recommendations made on 2 dates in October were not captured at that time but are reflected in this months ongoing tables (table 1 and 3)

**Activity breakdown for
December 2006**

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	305
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	5
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	310
Total Cases Completed	298
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	12
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	191
> Where Section 13(5) applies	24
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	7
- Deemed Withdrawn	28
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	5
> 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	32
Unprocessable	-1

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

Table 3

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Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	1562	835	598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

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

	December
Applications for a declaration as a refugee	101
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	97
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	64
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	17
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	4
- Deemed withdrawn	10
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee following interview - S13:	0
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	2
Unprocessable	0

Applications for a declaration to be a refugee as at (31/12)

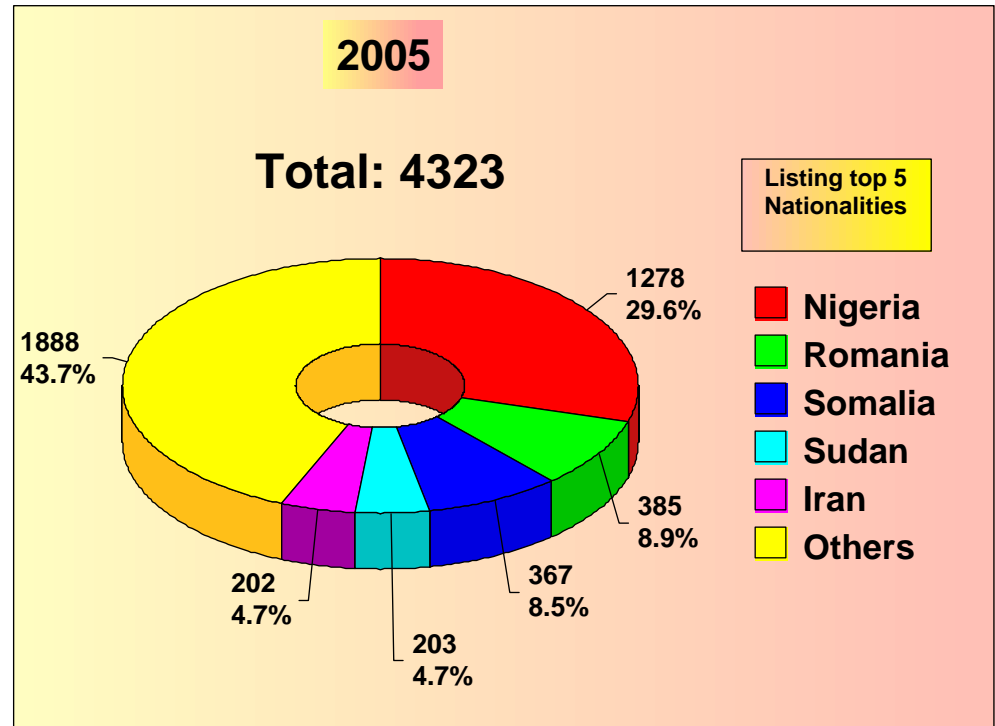
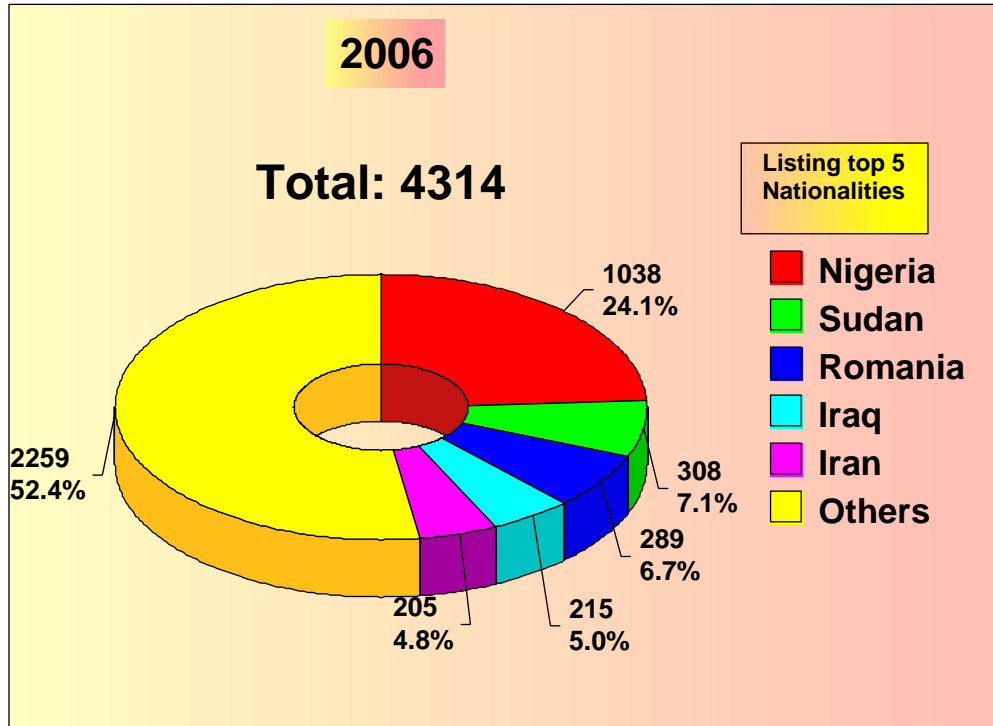


Table 6**Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.**

	December		2006	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	10	29	483	1159
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	4	4	467	1122
Number of cases processed to completion (report to Minister)	57	132	679	1625

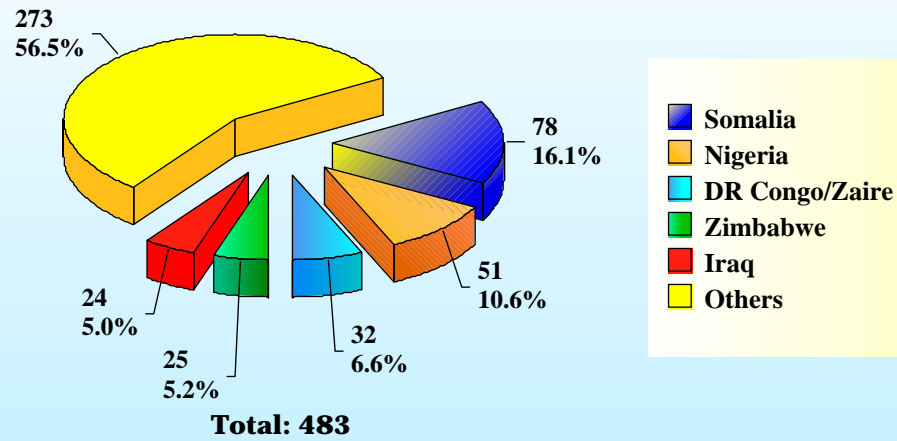
Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2006	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	2374	5416
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	2208	5043
Number of cases outstanding	166	373

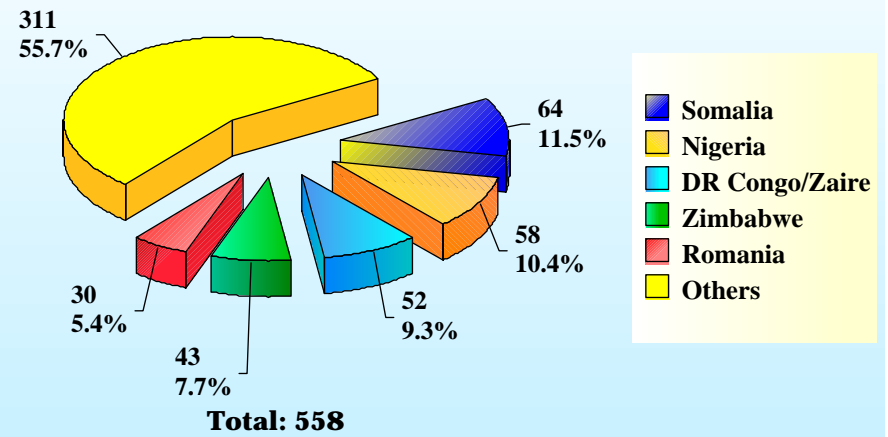
Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

Table 7

Top 5 Nationalities 2006



Top 5 Nationalities 2005



*Figures shown differ slightly from 2005 annual statistics due to amendments being made during 2006.