

Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

Monthly statistics



December 2003 issue,

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**Asylum Applications. The Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner.
Activity from 20/11/2000**

Table 1

	Pre 2001	2001	2002	2003	Total
Applications					
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10912	10316	11598	7483	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*26	9	36	417	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10938	10325	11634	7900	
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Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00	9,427				9427
Applications received from 20/11/00	1,132	10325	11634	7900	30991
Decisions returned for processing	205	22	19	9	255
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No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	10,748	10,323	11,460	3,541	36,072
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<i>Unprocessable</i>	14	14	11	8	47
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No. of applications outstanding	2	10	182	4,360	4,554

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 474 interviews were scheduled.
Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 76% 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.

*2000 only

**Activity breakdown for
December 2003**

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	341
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	6
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	347
Total Cases Completed	486
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	17
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	166
> Where Section 13(5) applies	102
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	25
- Deemed Withdrawn	1250
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	30
> 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	3
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	7
Unprocessable	-1114

Cases Processed to Completion for 2001/2002/2003	Table 3		
	2001	2002	2003
Positive recommendations	458	893	345
Negative recommendations following Interview	4575	5966	5461
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	6551	7565	* 3509
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	232	191	237
Unprocessable	372	586	-911
Total	12,188	15,201	* 8641

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.

* *The 2003 column has been amended by 32.*

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	77
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	91
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	0
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	60
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	6
- Deemed withdrawn	25
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	0
Unprocessable	0

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

Table 5

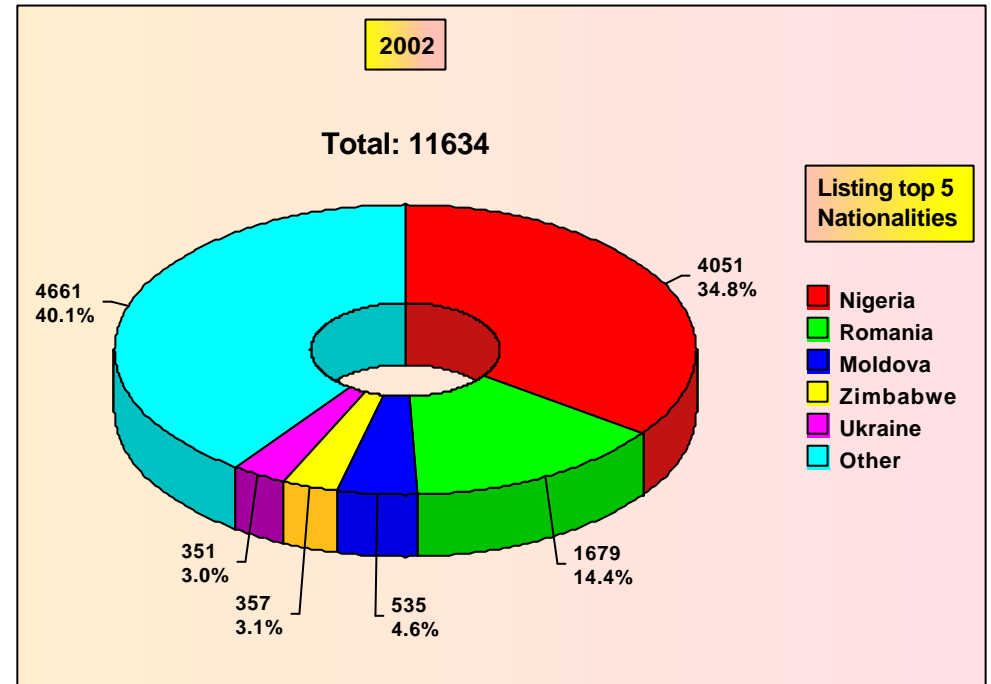
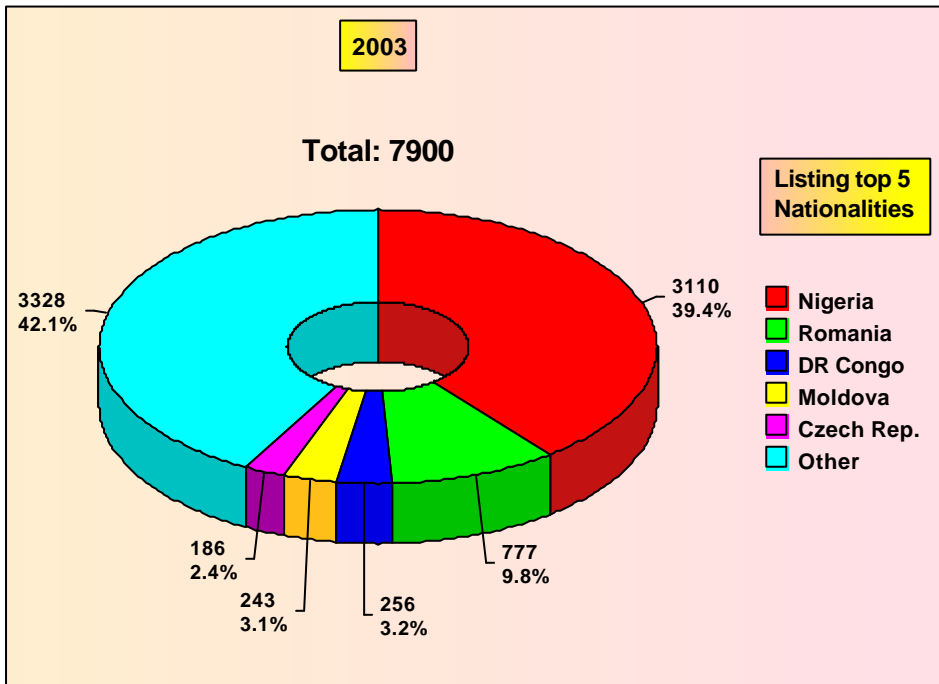


Table 6**Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.**

	December		2003	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	37	88	529	1093
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	33	60	517	1053
Number of cases processed to completion (report to minister)	19	30	358	782

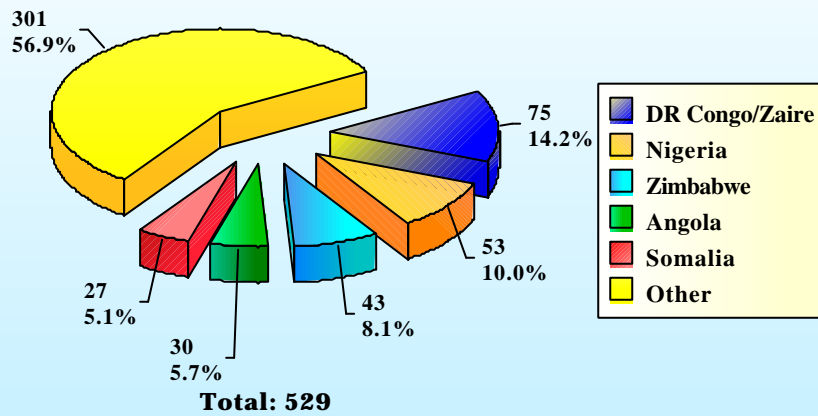
Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2003	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	1009	2251
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	662	1527
Number of cases outstanding	347	724

Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

Table 7

Top 5 Nationalities 2003



Top 5 Nationalities 2002

