

Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

Monthly statistics



November 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 (30/11/03)	Total
Applications					
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10912	10316	11598	7143	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*26	9	36	410	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10938	10325	11634	7553	
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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	7553	30644
Decisions returned for processing	203	23	16	7	249
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No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	10,539	10,001	11,015	2,922	34,477
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<i>Unprocessable</i>	219	335	422	185	1,161
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No. of applications outstanding	4	12	213	4,453	4,682

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 626 interviews were scheduled.
Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 72% 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 November 2003

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	385
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	10
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	395
Total Cases Completed	691
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	24
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	193
> Where Section 13(5) applies	168
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	31
- Deemed Withdrawn	201
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	73
> 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	6
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	15
Unprocessable	-20

**Cases Processed to
Completion for 2001/2002/2003**

Table 3

	2001	2002	2003 (30/11)
Positive recommendations	458	893	328
Negative recommendations following Interview	4575	5966	5161
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	6551	7565	2234
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	232	191	230
Unprocessable	372	586	203
Total	12,188	15,201	8,156

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	76
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	187
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	0
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	107
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	11
- Deemed withdrawn	69
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	0
Unprocessable	0

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

Table 5

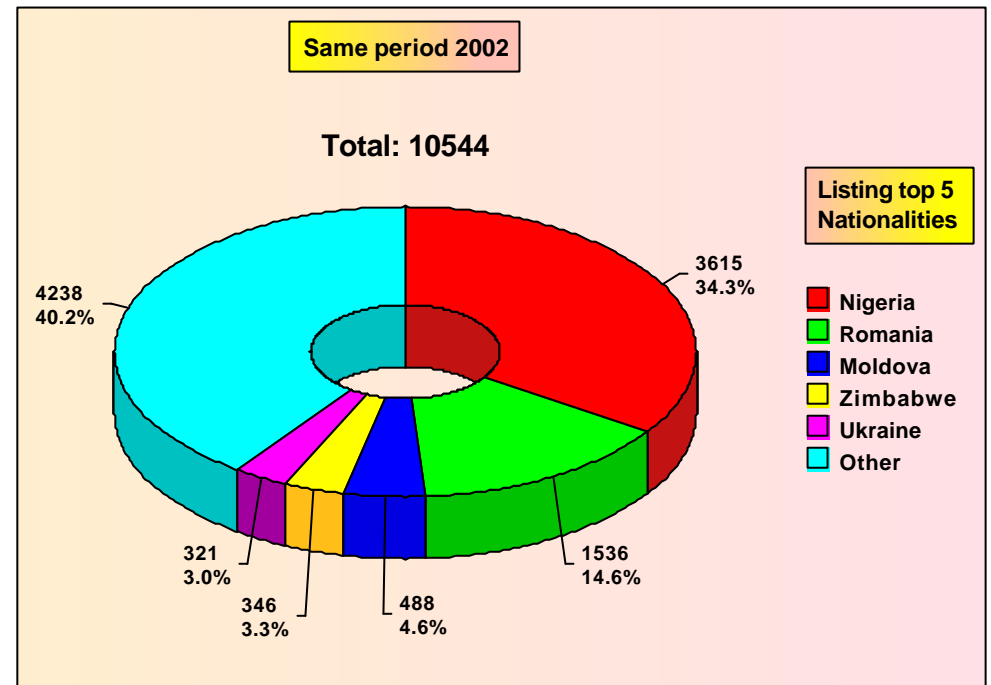
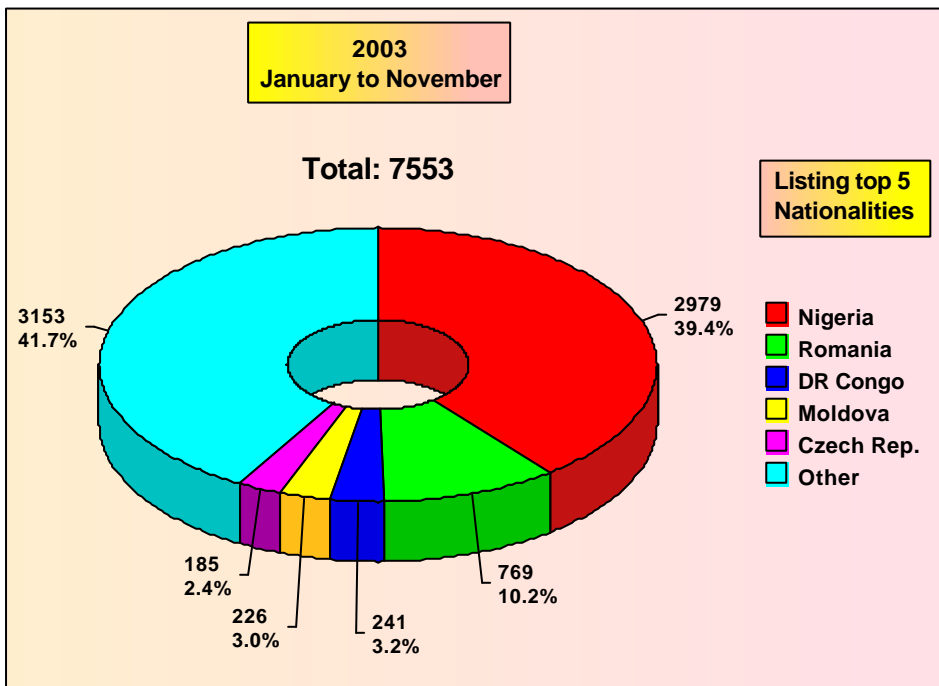


Table 6**Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.**

	November		2003 (30/11)	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	15	22	478	978
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	14	21	485	986
Number of cases processed to completion (report to minister)	81	171	339	757

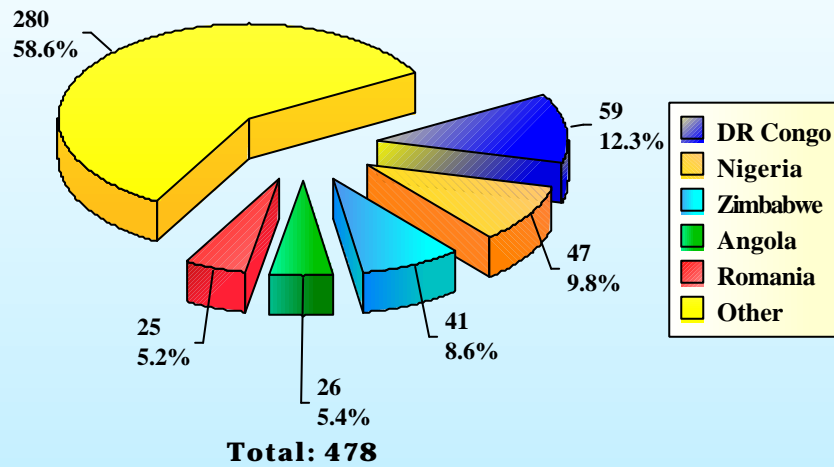
Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2003 (30/11)	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	958	2139
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	643	1500
Number of cases outstanding	315	639

Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

Table 7

Top 5 Nationalities 2003 (30/11)



Top 5 Nationalities same period last year

