



Asylum Statistics: 3rd Quarter 2001

United Kingdom

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This publication includes data for the 3rd quarter of 2001, relating to July to September 2001.

This publication is now quarterly and provides more comprehensive asylum statistics, following a review by the Director of Research, Development and Statistics of the publication arrangements of Home Office National Statistics. Quarterly statistics are a more reliable indicator of overall trends than monthly data (still provided for reference purposes). Additional new information is provided on:

- removal of asylum seekers
- supported asylum seekers
- detainees who have claimed asylum
- asylum seekers received at the Oakington reception centre
- estimated numbers of applications and initial decisions, including dependants

The change to quarterly release was announced on 19 September by the Home Secretary, who commented:

"I am absolutely committed to the transparency, clarity and reliability of official statistics. It is essential that people have confidence in the statistics produced, especially on such an important issue as asylum.

"The monthly asylum application statistics were produced very quickly and always labelled provisional and so some revision is always anticipated - not least because the new database allows the late notification of claims to be counted, and any duplicate records to be identified and removed. The quarterly statistics will include a wider range of data and will give a more reliable indication of trends, including a breakdown of head of household and dependants, as I promised Parliament in June.

"I am confident that the improvements made will provide people with more reliable data."

Improvements to reliability of data

The applications data are produced from an extract of the Immigration and Nationality Directorate's internal management information systems, following data cleansing. Analysis of the extent of late reporting of asylum applications data (the principal cause of revisions to data for 2000) has shown that taking an extract at a later date significantly improves the accuracy of the data. In addition, further late reporting of applications has been estimated within the provisional data, based on historical data.

The series for "appeals sent to the IAA" has been replaced with a more reliable series compiled by the IAA for "appeals received by the IAA", which is less susceptible to under-recording.

Related publications

More detailed information on asylum and immigration statistics is published annually in the Home Office statistical bulletins, most recently:

[HOSB 17/01 Asylum Statistics United Kingdom 2000](#);

[HOSB 14/01 Control of Immigration Statistics United Kingdom 2000](#); and in

Command Paper [Control of Immigration Statistics United Kingdom 2000](#).

Research publications

We will shortly be publishing the proceedings of the IRSS conference - "Bridging the Information Gaps: A Conference of Research on Asylum and Immigration in the UK". It is planned that the following research publications commissioned by IRSS will be published on the RDS website by the end of the financial year.

"The social networks of asylum seekers and the dissemination of information about countries of asylum" (Khalid Koser and Charles Pinkerton, Migration Research Unit, University College London)

"Assessing the impacts of asylum policies in Europe: A feasibility study" (Authors: Roger Zetter, David Griffiths, Silva Ferreti and Martyn Pearl, School of Planning, Oxford Brookes University)

"Understanding the decision making of asylum seekers" (Author: Vaughan Robinson, Department of Geography, University of Wales Swansea)

"Asylum policy and process in the UK: mapping the field" (Authors: David Owen and Lynnette Kelly, Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations, Warwick University)

"Evaluation of the Voluntary Assisted Returns Programme (VARP)" 2000 (Author: Deloitte & Touche)

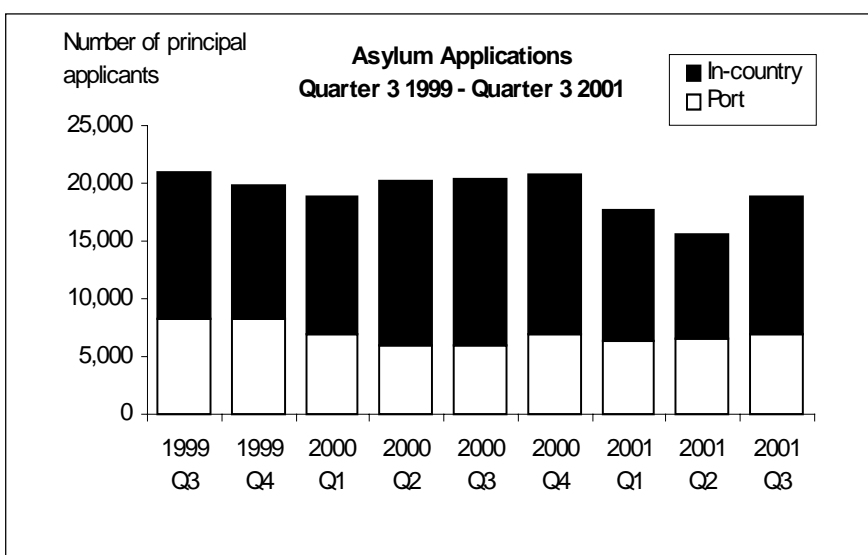
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Applications

● Applications: 18,855 - 21% higher than last quarter

- ◆ Applications for asylum in the UK in Q3 were 21% higher than the previous quarter (15,590) and the highest level since Q4 2000. Applications made in-country rose by 31% since Q2, while port applications rose by just 6%.
- ◆ Compared with Q3 last year, applications have fallen by 8% from 20,435. This is due to a 17% fall in applications lodged in-country and a 15% increase in those lodged at port.
- ◆ Including dependants, the number of applications was estimated to be 23,200.



Asylum applications received	
1999 Q3	20,910
1999 Q4	19,895
2000 Q1	18,900
2000 Q2	20,125
2000 Q3	20,435
2000 Q4	20,855
2001 Q1	17,710
2001 Q2	15,590
2001 Q3	18,855
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Jul-01	6,125
Aug-01	6,670
Sep-01	6,060
Provisional data, rounded.	

● Largest nationalities: Afghanistan, Somalia, Iraq

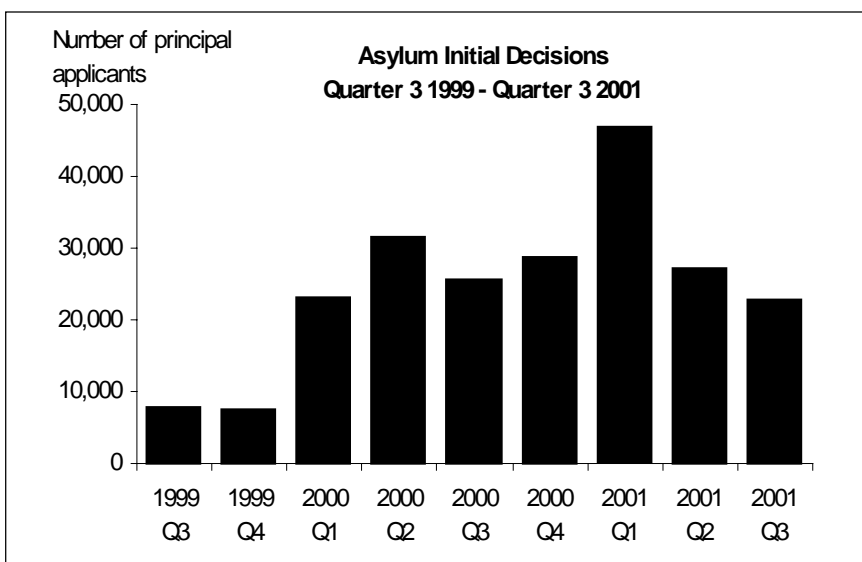
- ◆ The number of applications from Afghan nationals remained at the same level as Q2, and was the highest applicant nationality for the second consecutive quarter.
- ◆ Applications from Somali nationals rose by 60% in this quarter – a third more than in Q3 2000.
- ◆ The number of Iraqi applications rose by 78% from 1,075 in Q2, though is only 1% higher than in Q1, and a quarter less than Q3 2000.
- ◆ The top 10 nationalities accounted for 65% of all applications, and the top 3 for 35%.

Top 10 applicant nationalities Quarter 3 2001	
Afghanistan	2,505
Somalia	2,265
Iraq	1,910
Sri Lanka	1,330
Turkey	910
Pakistan	795
Iran	720
China	640
Sierra Leone	630
Fed Rep of Yugoslavia	620
Other Nationalities	6,535
Total	18,855
Provisional data, rounded.	

Decisions

● Initial Decisions: 22,790 – 17% lower than Q2

- ◆ Decisions for asylum in the UK in Q3 were 17% lower than the previous quarter (27,310) and the lowest level since 1999. This remained higher than applications however, so the number of applications outstanding continued to fall, and at the end of September stood at 43,000.
- ◆ The proportion of initial decisions granting asylum was 9% and the proportion granting exceptional leave to remain was 18%. 73% of decisions were refusals – the lowest share since Q2 2000.
- ◆ Including dependants, it is estimated that there were initial decisions made on 28,100 asylum seekers during Q3.



Initial Decisions	
1999 Q3	7,800
1999 Q4	7,485
2000 Q1	23,245
2000 Q2	31,420
2000 Q3	25,750
2000 Q4	28,795
2001 Q1	46,875
2001 Q2	27,310
2001 Q3	22,790
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Jul-01	7,620
Aug-01	9,120
Sep-01	6,050
Provisional data, rounded.	

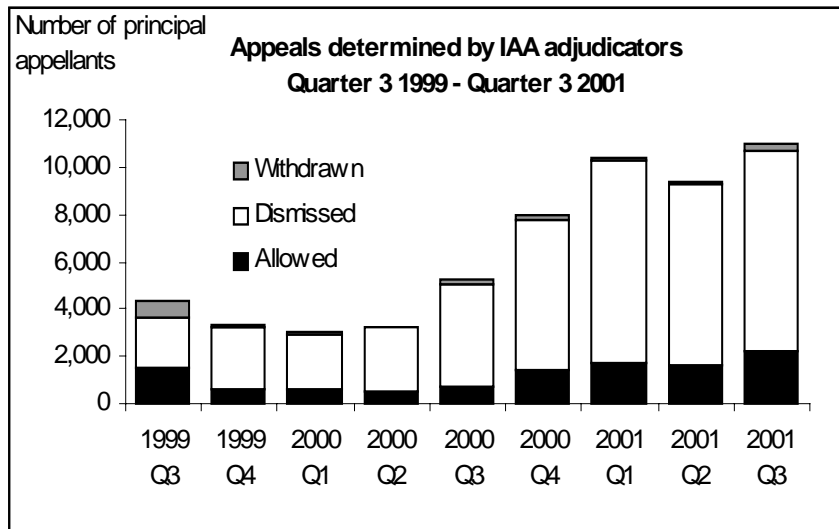
Appeals

The statistics in this section refer to the numbers of cases appealed i.e. numbers of principal appellants.

- **Appeals received: 16,500 – slightly lower than Q2**

- ◆ Provisional estimates suggest that approximately 16,500 appeals were received in Q3, a decrease from the estimated 22,000 received in Q2.

- **Appeals determined: 10,950 – 16% higher than Q2**



- ◆ The total number of appeals determined by adjudicators increased by 16% between Q2 and Q3 (9,405 to 10,950), to the highest level ever.
- ◆ The proportion of appeals allowed increased slightly to 20%.

Removal of Asylum seekers

● 2,385 principal applicants removed; 2,745 including dependants.

- ◆ The number of principal applicants removed from the United Kingdom in Q3 was similar to the previous quarter (2,375). However, when dependants are included in the total, 6% more asylum seekers were removed than Q2 (2,590).
- ◆ In Q3, 2,385 principal applicants were removed, 1% (25) lower than in Q3 2000. The 2,385 figure excludes 355 dependants of those asylum seekers who departed at the same time.
- ◆ Nationality data are not currently available for Q3, but the main nationalities removed in Q2 are shown in the table below. Some 100 different nationalities were removed in this period, with the top ten making up 66% of the total.

Asylum removals in 2001 ^{(P)(1)}			
	Main Applicants	Dependants ⁽²⁾	Total
1999 Q3	1,975	n/a	n/a
1999 Q4	1,975	n/a	n/a
2000 Q1	2,120	n/a	n/a
2000 Q2	2,460	n/a	n/a
2000 Q3	2,410	n/a	n/a
2000 Q4	1,990	n/a	n/a
2001 Q1	2,070	n/a	n/a
2001 Q2	2,375	215	2,590
2001 Q3	2,385	355	2,745
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Jul-01	795	125	920
Aug-01	835	100	930
Sep-01	760	135	890

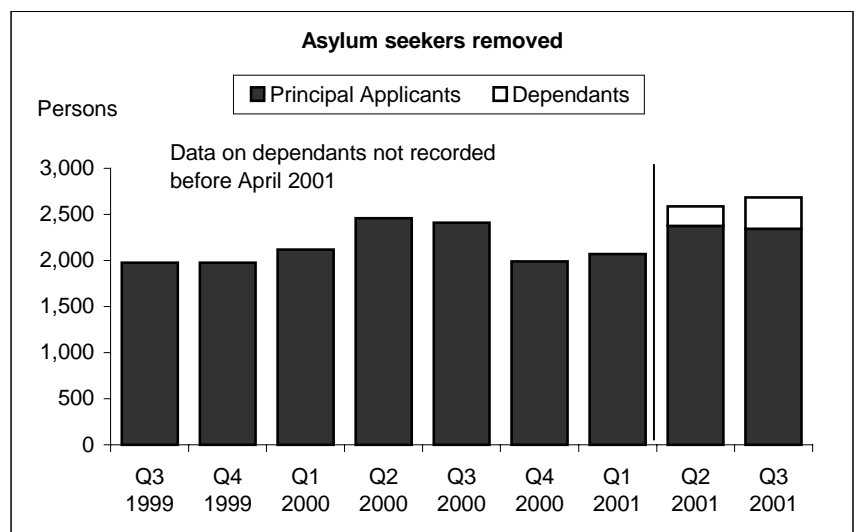
^(P) 2001 data are provisional and subject to possible change.
⁽¹⁾ Includes persons departing 'voluntarily' after enforcement action had been initiated against them and persons leaving under Assisted Voluntary Return Programmes run by the IOM.
⁽²⁾ Data on dependants of asylum seekers have only been collected since April 2001.

Top 10 nationalities of asylum seekers removed⁽¹⁾ Quarter 2 2001⁽²⁾

Fed Rep of Yugoslavia	460
Czech Republic	235
Poland	155
Albania	155
Pakistan	140
Romania	130
Lithuania	90
India	85
Iran	70
Ukraine	60
Other nationalities	795
Total	2,375

⁽¹⁾ Data relate to principal applicants only

⁽²⁾ Nationality data have been estimated because of some data quality issues on the IND databases.



Supported Asylum Seekers

The National Asylum Support Service began supporting asylum seekers in April 2000. More detailed information on supported asylum seekers for the period April 2000 – December 2000, is available in the publication [Asylum Statistics United Kingdom 2000](#).

The data below do not include the numbers of those asylum seekers who obtained support prior to NASS from local authorities or social services, and are still in receipt of this support.

- ◆ During Q3, there were 14,230 applications for support from principal applicants, 13% higher than for Q2.
- ◆ In Q3 there were 8,080 (57%) applications for accommodation and voucher support, 5,010 (35%) applications for voucher only support and 10 (less than 1%) applications for accommodation only support. The remaining 1,130 (8%) applications includes cases for which the support requested has not yet been identified and invalid cases.
- ◆ At the end of September, including dependants, there were a total of 52,790 asylum seekers supported by NASS.
- ◆ Of those receiving support, 32,890 (62%) were supported in NASS accommodation and 19,900 (38%) were receiving voucher only support.

Applications received by NASS ^{(p)(1)}			
	Q1 2001	Q2 2001	Q3 2001
Number of principal applicants	15,310	12,610	14,230
<i>Of which</i>			
Applications for accommodation and voucher support	8,820	6,930	8,080
Applications for voucher only support	5,020	4,480	5,010
Applications for accommodation only support	10	20	10
Other ⁽²⁾	1,450	1,180	1,130

(p) Provisional data

(1) Figures are rounded to the nearest 10 where * indicates a number between 1 and 4. Tables may not sum due to rounding.

(2) Other cases include cases that have been deemed invalid for receipt of NASS support and cases where the support type has not yet been identified.

Number of asylum seekers supported (including dependants) ^{(p)(1)(2)(3)}			
	As at end Mar 01	As at end Jun 01	As at end Sep 01
In NASS accommodation	19,540	26,500	32,890
Receiving vouchers only	13,470	17,370	19,900

(p) Provisional data

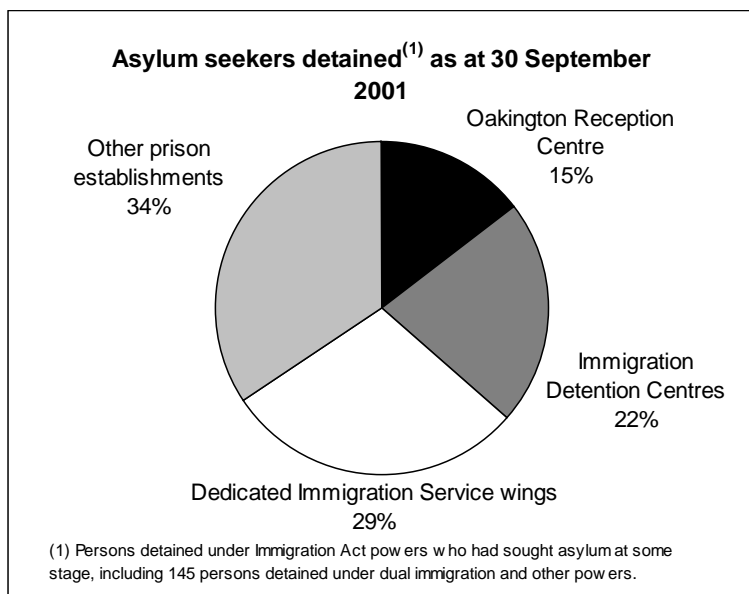
(1) Figures are rounded to the nearest 10 where * indicates a number between 1 and 4. Tables may not sum due to rounding.

(2) Figures exclude cases where supported has been ceased.

(3) Figures are not cumulative but "point in time" as at the end of the specified month.

Detention (as at 30 September 2001) – including dependants

- **Asylum detainees: 1,330 detainees who had claimed asylum at some stage.**
- ♦ At the end of September, 1,330 persons were being detained in the UK under Immigration Act powers who had sought asylum at some stage (including 145 persons detained under dual immigration and other powers). Asylum detainees constituted 82% of all Immigration Act detainees, a lower proportion than at the end of June (86%).



- ♦ 195 asylum detainees were being held at the Oakington Reception Centre, 290 at Immigration Detention Centres, 390 at the dedicated Immigration Service wings at Haslar, Lindholme and Rochester, and 460 at other prison establishments.
 - ♦ The largest nationalities among asylum detainees were Pakistani (110), Indian (105), Zimbabwean (105), Nigerian (95) and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (80).
- ♦ 93% of asylum detainees as at 30 September were male.
 - ♦ Excluding persons held at Oakington, 28% of asylum detainees had been in detention for less than one month, 21% for between one and two months, 22% for between two and four months, and 29% for four months or more. Of the 70 persons in detention for more than one year, 50% were being held under dual immigration and other powers.

Oakington Reception Centre

The Oakington fast track facility enables asylum claims which upon initial screening, appear to be straightforward and suitable for speedy decision making, to be determined in about 7-10 days. Statistics for Oakington relate to all cases received in a particular period (ie tracking a specific cohort of individuals) unlike other asylum statistics, which relate to all applications, decisions or appeals within a specific time period. It is therefore not necessarily meaningful to compare statistics for Oakington with overall totals.

● 2,290 cases received by Oakington Reception Centre (2,560 including dependants).

- ◆ Out of 2,290 cases received at Oakington during Q3, an initial decision was made on 2,060 (90%). In 10 cases the application was withdrawn. In 15 cases no final confirmation of a decision had been received when these statistics were compiled. The balance of just over 200 cases consisted almost entirely of cases taken out of the Oakington fast track process¹.
- ◆ Out of the 2060 cases decided, there were 2,040 initial decisions to refuse to grant asylum or exceptional leave (99%), and 15 grants of asylum (1%).
- ◆ Appeals were received in 1,750 cases (86% of the 2,040 refusals).
- ◆ The top ten applicant nationalities accounted for 81% of all principal applicants received at Oakington.

Top 10 applicant nationalities Quarter 3 2001 (principal applicants)	
Iraq	365
China	310
Zimbabwe	280
India	215
Pakistan	180
Czech Republic	135
Albania	125
Poland	100
Nigeria	75
Romania	70
Other Nationalities	425
Total	2,290

¹ Cases may be taken out of the Oakington fast track process if more complex issues emerge, which were not apparent at the initial screening stage, necessitating additional enquiries which cannot be conducted within the Oakington timescales. Or when it is decided that for whatever reason, the applicant is no longer suitable for fast track processing. These cases are then considered in the same way as they are for any other claims for asylum.

Note – revisions to data

1. All the UK asylum statistics produced on a quarterly basis are provisional.
2. It is anticipated that the data will be revised in due course. It is not possible to evaluate whether the revisions will be upward or downward. However the reasons for revisions are likely to include:
 - (a) late reporting of cases – a small proportion of cases are not included when the statistics are calculated for the quarterly publication;
 - (b) the results of data cleansing exercises (data identified which cannot be included when the statistics are calculated for the monthly publication because of missing or invalid values, the identification of duplicates in the data);
 - (c) reconciliations with alternative sources of data which will identify cases not yet included in the statistics.
3. Data produced for January to June 2001 using the previous monthly process have not been revised. Data cleansing work on this data has not yet been completed.
3. Revised data for 2000 were published in the annual Home Office Statistical *Bulletin [Asylum Statistics United Kingdom 2000](#)*.

Definitions

4. Data included in this publication relate to principal applicants only, except where indicated otherwise.

Estimates of numbers of applications and decisions, including dependants

5. The estimated numbers of applicants, including dependants, for Q3, has been derived using the ratio of total applicants to principal applicants, based on electronic data sources for April to December 2000, and does not take account of any subsequent changes in the nationality mix of applicants. A corresponding procedure was used to estimate the numbers of asylum seekers, including dependants, for whom initial decisions were made.

Data sources

6. Work is ongoing to produce reliable data from electronic sources, where these are not already used. Every effort is made to remove fraudulent multiple applications from the figures.

National Statistics

7. This publication is produced as part of the National Statistics work programme. Further information about National Statistics is provided at <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/>.

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Table 1 : Applications received for asylum in the United Kingdom, excluding dependants, by location of application, and decisions. ^{(1)(p)}

United Kingdom																				Number of principal applicants		
Quarter/ Month	Applications received ⁽²⁾			Initial Decisions (3)(4)														Applications withdrawn	Applications outstanding at end of period			
	Total applications	Applied at port	Applied in country	Total initial decisions	Cases considered under normal procedures ⁽⁵⁾										Backlog clearance exercise							
					Recognised as a refugee and granted asylum	Not recognised as a refugee but granted exceptional leave	Total refused	Refusals			Granted leave under backlog criteria	Refused on non-compliance grounds under backlog criteria										
								Refused asylum and exceptional leave after full consideration	Refused on safe third country grounds	Refused on non-compliance grounds		Refused on non-compliance grounds under backlog criteria										
(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(7)(8)	(6)	(7)(9)	(6)								
1999																						
Q3	20,910	8,365	12,545	7,800	620	18%	365	10%	2,510	72%	1,845	53%	385	11%	275	8%	3,560	83%	745	17%	210	n/a
Q4	19,895	8,315	11,585	7,485	515	11%	610	13%	3,550	76%	2,490	53%	445	9%	620	13%	2,410	86%	400	14%	115	119,700
1999 Total	71,160	29,455	41,700	33,720	7,815	37%	2,465	12%	11,025	52%	8,110	38%	1,830	9%	1,085	5%	11,140	90%	1,275	10%	730	119,700
2000																						
Q1	18,900	6,910	11,990	23,245	995	6%	2,070	11%	14,985	83%	11,360	63%	350	2%	3,280	18%	4,965	96%	225	4%	280	115,100
Q2	20,125	6,055	14,075	31,420	5,375	20%	5,495	20%	16,225	60%	12,370	46%	300	1%	3,555 ⁽¹⁰⁾	13%	3,690	85%	635	15%	460	103,300
Q3	20,435	5,980	14,455	25,750	1,725	7%	2,285	10%	19,595	83%	11,820	50%	370	2%	7,400	31%	1,675	78%	470	22%	595	97,400
Q4	20,855	6,995	13,860	28,795	2,275	8%	1,640	6%	24,875	86%	14,600	51%	220	1%	10,060	35%	-	0%	-	0%	380	89,100
2000 Total	80,315	25,935	54,380	109,205	10,375	11%	11,495	12%	75,680	78%	50,145	51%	1,240	1%	24,290	25%	10,325	89%	1,335	11%	1,720	89,100
2001																						
Q1	17,710	6,425	11,285	46,875	3,945	8%	6,585	14%	36,350	78%	26,055	56%	230	0%	10,060	21%	-	0%	-	0%	640	59,500
Q2	15,590	6,455	9,135	27,310	2,680	10%	4,445	16%	20,180	74%	15,605	57%	140	1%	4,435	16%	-	0%	-	0%	360	47,400
Q3	18,855	6,870	11,985	22,790	2,160	9%	4,030	18%	16,600	73%	12,475	55%	140	1%	3,985	17%	-	0%	-	0%	460	43,000
Most recent three months																						
July	6,125	2,295	3,825	7,620	800	10%	1,365	18%	5,460	72%	4,120	54%	55	1%	1,280	17%	-	0%	-	0%	115	45,800
Aug	6,670	2,465	4,205	9,120	815	9%	1,685	18%	6,615	73%	4,880	54%	50	1%	1,680	18%	-	0%	-	0%	245	43,100
Sep	6,060	2,110	3,950	6,050	540	9%	980	16%	4,530	75%	3,475	57%	35	1%	1,020	17%	-	0%	-	0%	95	43,000

(1) Figures (other than percentages) rounded to the nearest 5 with * = 1 or 2. Applications outstanding rounded to nearest 100.

(2) May exclude some cases lodged at Local Enforcement Offices between January 1999 and March 2000.

(3) Decisions do not necessarily relate to applications made in the same period and exclude the outcome of appeals or other subsequent decisions.

(4) Based on decisions implemented for in-country cases and on decisions made for port cases until April 2000. The Asylum Cases Information Database (ACID) has been the source of data on decisions since May 2000.

(5) Cases considered under normal procedures after Q3 2000 may include some cases decided under the backlog criteria.

(6) Percentages for cases considered under normal procedures and those within the backlog clearance exercise, are calculated separately.

(7) Cases decided under pragmatic measures aimed at reducing the pre 1996 asylum application backlog.

(8) Includes cases where asylum or exception leave has been granted under the backlog criteria.

(9) Includes some cases where the application has been refused on substantive grounds.

(10) May and June 2000 only. Data for April are not available.

(p) Data are provisional for 2000 and 2001.

n/a Not available

Table 2 : Applications received for asylum in the United Kingdom, excluding dependants, by location of application, and decisions, by month.(1)(p)

United Kingdom																				Number of principal applicants		
Quarter/ Month	Applications received(2)			Initial Decisions (3)(4)														Applications withdrawn	Applications outstanding at end of period			
	Total applications	Applied at port	Applied in country	Total initial decisions	Cases considered under normal procedures(5)										Backlog clearance exercise							
					Recognised as a refugee and granted asylum	Not recognised as a refugee but granted exceptional leave	Total refused	Refusals				Granted leave under backlog criteria	Refused on non-compliance grounds under backlog criteria									
								Refused asylum and exceptional leave after full consideration	Refused on safe third country grounds	Refused on non-compliance grounds	(7)(8)		(6)	(7)(9)	(6)							
		(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)			
2000																						
Jan	6,110	2,245	3,865	4,040	180	7%	170	6%	2,390	87%	2,060	75%	90	3%	245	9%	1,155	89%	145	11%	40	121,700
Feb	6,110	2,260	3,850	7,865	225	4%	680	11%	5,025	85%	3,965	67%	145	2%	920	15%	1,855	96%	80	4%	105	119,900
Mar	6,680	2,400	4,280	11,340	590	6%	1,225	13%	7,570	81%	5,335	57%	120	1%	2,115	23%	1,955	100%	*	0%	135	115,100
Apr	6,855	2,230	4,625	9,650	2,090	26%	1,845	23%	4,205	52%	4,095	50%	110	1%	n/a	n/a	1,510	100%	-	0%	120	112,200
May	6,725	2,005	4,720	10,775	1,940	20%	2,080	22%	5,455	58%	3,850	41%	85	1%	1,520	16%	1,045	80%	255	20%	150	108,000
Jun	6,545	1,815	4,730	10,995	1,345	14%	1,570	17%	6,565	69%	4,425	47%	105	1%	2,035	21%	1,135	75%	380	25%	190	103,300
Jul	6,870	1,895	4,975	8,895	775	10%	1,025	13%	6,280	78%	4,255	53%	125	2%	1,895	23%	590	72%	230	28%	240	101,100
Aug	6,770	1,965	4,810	9,245	545	6%	790	9%	7,155	84%	4,140	49%	120	1%	2,895	34%	585	78%	170	22%	200	98,400
Sep	6,790	2,120	4,670	7,605	410	6%	470	7%	6,160	88%	3,425	49%	125	2%	2,610	37%	495	87%	75	13%	155	97,400
Oct	7,230	2,380	4,855	8,020	630	8%	285	4%	7,105	89%	4,070	51%	70	1%	2,965	37%	-	0%	-	0%	90	96,500
Nov	7,500	2,310	5,185	11,615	950	8%	605	5%	10,060	87%	5,635	48%	100	1%	4,325	37%	-	0%	-	0%	120	92,300
Dec	6,125	2,305	3,820	9,155	695	8%	750	8%	7,710	84%	4,895	53%	45	1%	2,770	30%	-	0%	-	0%	170	89,100
2000																						
Total	80,315	25,935	54,380	109,205	10,375	11%	11,495	12%	75,680	78%	50,145	51%	1,240	1%	24,290	25%	10,325	89%	1,335	11%	1,720	89,100
2001																						
Jan	6,380	2,005	4,370	13,555	1,040	8%	1,580	12%	10,935	81%	7,370	54%	70	1%	3,495	26%	-	0%	-	0%	230	81,900
Feb	5,520	2,030	3,490	14,430	1,205	8%	1,990	14%	11,235	78%	7,695	53%	80	1%	3,460	24%	-	0%	-	0%	190	72,800
Mar	5,815	2,390	3,425	18,895	1,700	9%	3,010	16%	14,180	75%	10,990	58%	85	0%	3,110	16%	-	0%	-	0%	215	59,500
Apr	5,000	2,095	2,905	9,455	885	9%	1,540	16%	7,030	74%	5,575	59%	45	0%	1,415	15%	-	0%	-	0%	140	54,900
May	5,290	2,225	3,065	9,645	945	10%	1,520	16%	7,180	74%	5,495	57%	60	1%	1,625	17%	-	0%	-	0%	115	50,400
Jun	5,300	2,135	3,165	8,205	850	10%	1,385	17%	5,970	73%	4,535	55%	35	0%	1,400	17%	-	0%	-	0%	105	47,400
Jul	6,125	2,295	3,825	7,620	800	10%	1,365	18%	5,460	72%	4,120	54%	55	1%	1,280	17%	-	0%	-	0%	115	45,800
Aug	6,670	2,465	4,205	9,120	815	9%	1,685	18%	6,615	73%	4,880	54%	50	1%	1,680	18%	-	0%	-	0%	245	43,100
Sep	6,060	2,110	3,950	6,050	540	9%	980	16%	4,530	75%	3,475	57%	35	1%	1,020	17%	-	0%	-	0%	95	43,000

(1) Figures (other than percentages) rounded to the nearest 5 with * = 1 or 2. Applications outstanding rounded to nearest 100.

(2) May exclude some cases lodged at Local Enforcement Offices between January 1999 and March 2000.

(3) Decisions do not necessarily relate to applications made in the same period and exclude the outcome of appeals or other subsequent decisions.

(4) Based on decisions implemented for in-country cases and on decisions made for port cases until April 2000. The Asylum Casework Information Database (ACID) has been the source of data on decisions since May 2000.

(5) Cases considered under normal procedures after September 2000 may include some cases decided under the backlog criteria.

(6) Percentages for cases considered under normal procedures and those within the backlog clearance exercise, are calculated separately.

(7) Cases decided under pragmatic measures aimed at reducing the pre 1996 asylum application backlog.

(8) Includes cases where asylum or exception leave has been granted under the backlog criteria.

(9) Includes some cases where the application has been refused on substantive grounds.

(p) Data are provisional for 2000 and 2001.

n/a Not available

Table 3 - Applications(1)(P) received for asylum in the United Kingdom, excluding dependants, by nationality and location where made, Quarter 3 2001.

Nationality	Number of principal applicants											
	Jul-01			Aug-01			Sep-01			Q3 2001		
	Total	Applied at port	Applied in country	Total	Applied at port	Applied in country	Total	Applied at port	Applied in country	Total	Applied at port	Applied in country
Europe												
Albania	90	20	70	80	10	70	75	5	70	245	35	210
Czech Republic	100	85	15	65	60	5	10	5	*	175	155	20
FRY	165	15	150	285	10	275	175	5	170	620	25	595
Poland	25	15	10	55	40	15	40	35	5	120	90	30
Romania	70	5	60	70	10	60	60	25	40	200	40	160
Russia	40	5	35	45	15	30	40	-	40	125	20	105
Turkey	335	115	220	260	110	155	310	160	150	910	385	520
Ukraine	40	5	30	35	15	20	25	5	20	100	25	75
Other Former USSR	115	25	90	105	25	80	130	35	95	355	90	265
Other Former Yugo.	130	10	120	145	10	135	135	5	125	410	30	385
Other	20	10	10	20	10	15	35	15	20	75	30	45
Total	1,125	315	810	1,170	310	855	1,035	295	740	3,330	920	2,410
Americas												
Colombia	40	5	35	40	5	35	20	-	20	105	10	90
Ecuador	20	5	15	20	*	15	15	*	15	50	5	45
Other	60	10	50	40	15	25	30	10	20	130	30	95
Total	120	20	100	95	20	75	65	10	55	285	50	235
Africa												
Algeria	105	25	80	110	30	80	95	30	65	310	85	220
Angola	60	15	50	115	35	85	80	15	65	260	60	200
Dem. Rep. Congo	90	20	70	100	15	85	140	35	105	330	70	260
Ethiopia	50	5	45	65	10	55	90	5	85	205	25	185
Gambia	*	-	*	5	*	5	5	-	5	10	*	10
Ghana	10	*	10	10	5	5	20	10	10	40	15	25
Ivory Coast	20	5	20	20	*	20	20	10	10	65	15	50
Kenya	20	5	15	35	5	30	20	5	15	70	15	60
Nigeria	35	20	15	50	30	20	65	50	15	150	100	50
Rwanda	40	*	35	50	5	45	45	10	40	135	15	120
Sierra Leone	205	90	115	205	105	100	220	100	120	630	295	330
Somalia	730	60	670	850	95	755	685	85	600	2,265	240	2,025
Sudan	30	20	10	55	20	35	40	15	25	125	55	70
Tanzania	5	*	5	5	*	*	5	*	5	15	5	10
Uganda	35	*	35	35	*	35	45	5	40	115	5	110
Zimbabwe	145	80	70	150	90	60	190	140	45	485	310	170
Other	235	50	185	245	60	185	270	70	200	750	180	570
Total	1,820	400	1,420	2,105	515	1,590	2,035	580	1,455	5,960	1,495	4,460
Middle East												
Iran	240	105	130	270	120	150	210	50	160	720	280	440
Iraq	590	345	250	660	365	295	660	280	385	1,910	985	925
Other	90	15	70	105	20	80	90	35	55	285	75	210
Total	920	465	455	1,035	510	525	960	365	595	2,915	1,340	1,575
Asia												
Afghanistan	825	560	265	930	575	355	745	350	395	2,505	1,485	1,015
Bangladesh	35	5	30	40	10	30	30	10	20	105	30	80
China	245	185	55	190	140	50	210	170	40	640	495	145
India	200	50	150	140	40	100	110	30	80	445	120	325
Pakistan	300	65	240	265	65	200	225	45	180	795	175	620
Sri Lanka	365	150	215	510	185	325	460	170	290	1,330	505	830
Other	120	45	75	145	60	85	135	55	80	400	165	240
Total	2,090	1,065	1,025	2,220	1,075	1,145	1,915	830	1,080	6,225	2,970	3,255
Other, and nationality not known	50	35	20	50	35	15	45	25	20	145	95	50
Grand Total	6,125	2,295	3,825	6,670	2,465	4,205	6,060	2,110	3,950	18,855	6,870	11,985

(1) Figures rounded to the nearest 5 with * = 1 or 2.
(P) Provisional figures.

Table 4 - Decisions⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ on applications received for asylum in the UK, excluding dependants, by type, and broken down by nationality, Quarter 3 2001

	Recognised as a refugee and granted asylum	Not recognised as a refugee but granted exceptional leave	Total Refused	Refused asylum and exceptional leave after full consideration	Refused on safe third country grounds ⁽³⁾	Refused on non-compliance grounds ⁽⁴⁾
Europe						
Albania	5	25	320	240	*	75
Czech Republic	-	*	170	160	-	15
FRY	80	340	2,070	1,710	*	360
Poland	-	-	145	115	-	25
Romania	*	30	390	155	*	235
Russia	5	10	110	70	*	35
Turkey	45	65	1,530	1,345	5	175
Ukraine	*	*	110	90	5	20
Other Former USSR	5	10	380	225	*	155
Other Former Yugo.	*	45	240	170	*	70
Others	5	5	100	80	*	20
Total	145	525	5,565	4,355	20	1,190
Americas						
Colombia	10	5	125	100	*	20
Ecuador	5	*	70	55	*	15
Others	5	5	145	95	*	55
Total	15	10	345	250	5	90
Middle East						
Iran	115	70	880	730	5	145
Iraq	175	485	1,220	1,000	5	215
Others	15	30	175	115	5	50
Total	305	590	2,270	1,845	10	410
Africa						
Algeria	5	20	360	255	5	100
Angola	30	100	125	70	5	50
Dem Rep of Congo	60	60	285	230	*	55
Ethiopia	15	60	135	120	-	15
Gambia	-	5	15	10	-	5
Ghana	15	5	55	35	-	20
Ivory Coast	5	5	115	100	-	15
Kenya	*	10	115	85	*	30
Nigeria	5	30	220	150	*	70
Rwanda	45	85	105	55	*	50
Sierra Leone	40	335	275	155	*	115
Somalia	435	465	885	620	*	265
Sudan	20	10	80	65	-	15
Tanzania	*	5	25	20	-	5
Uganda	10	10	155	135	-	20
Zimbabwe	30	10	385	335	-	50
Others	105	160	550	425	5	125
Total	820	1,380	3,885	2,865	25	995
Asia						
Afghanistan	525	1,295	515	230	55	225
Bangladesh	*	5	135	85	*	50
China	5	35	625	450	*	175
India	5	5	595	350	*	245
Pakistan	50	25	810	545	5	260
Sri Lanka	250	105	1,345	1,190	10	150
Others	20	30	425	255	-	170
Total	855	1,510	4,450	3,100	75	1,275
Other & unknown nationalities	15	15	90	55	5	25
Grand Total	2,160	4,030	16,600	12,475	140	3,985

(1) Figures rounded to nearest 5, with "*" = 1 or 2, and are provisional.

(2) Cases considered under normal procedures. May include some cases decided under the backlog criteria

(3) Refused on the grounds that the applicant had arrived from a safe third country.

(4) Paragraph 340 of Immigration Rules. For failure to provide evidence to support the asylum claim within a reasonable period

Table 5 : Asylum Appeals determined by adjudicators of the Immigration Appellate Authority, excluding dependants, 1999, 2000 and 2001⁽¹⁾

	Number of principal appellants								
	Appeals determined by adjudicators								
	Appeals received by the Home Office	Appeals received by the IAA	Total determined (3)	Allowed (4)		Dismissed (4)		Withdrawn (4)	
			Total	As % of total determined	Total	As % of total determined	Total	As % of total determined	
1999									
Q3	1,750	2,675	4,355	1,495	34%	2,085	48%	775	18%
Q4	1,695	1,675	3,345	655	20%	2,610	78%	75	2%
1999 Total	6,615	7,775	19,460	5,280	27%	11,135	57%	3,050	16%
2000									
Q1	2,425	2,495	2,995	600	20%	2,330	78%	60	2%
Q2	11,280	6,190	3,250	545	17%	2,640	81%	60	2%
Q3	12,645	11,370	5,205	735	14%	4,310	83%	160	3%
Q4	19,845	8,880	7,950	1,460	18%	6,300	79%	190	2%
2000 Total	46,190	28,935	19,395	3,340	17%	15,580	80%	475	2%
2001									
Q1(2)	29,925	11,135	10,405	1,680	16%	8,575	82%	155	1%
Q2(5)	22,000(e)	11,915	9,405	1,595	17%	7,665	81%	150	2%
Q3(5)	16,500(e)	11,195	10,950	2,190	20%	8,510	78%	250	2%
Most recent three months									
July(5)	5,800(e)	3,110	3,950	625	16%	3,235	82%	90	2%
August(5)	5,600(e)	4,010	3,440	770	22%	2,570	75%	100	3%
September(5)	5,100(e)	4,075	3,565	790	22%	2,710	76%	60	2%

(1) Provisional figures rounded to the nearest 5. Numbers might not add up due to rounding.

(2) Appeals received based on manual counts of data received in Appeals Support Section of the Home Office. Some cases are received elsewhere in the Home Office before being forwarded to ASS and so may be counted in a later month than when they arrived in the Home Office.

(3) Based on information supplied by the Lord Chancellor's Department. Determinations do not necessarily relate to appeals received in the same period.

(4) Based on data from the Refugee Index (January - September 1999) and the Presenting Officers Unit (October 1999 - August 2001).

(5) Appeals received based on electronic sources.

(e) Estimate. Figures rounded to the nearest hundred, and subject to later revision.

Table 6 : Asylum Appeals determined by adjudicators of the Immigration Appellate Authority, excluding dependants, 1999, 2000 and 2001 by month⁽¹⁾

	Number of principal appellants								
	Appeals determined by adjudicators								
	Appeals received by the Home Office	Appeals received by the IAA	Total determined (3)	Allowed (4)		Dismissed (4)		Withdrawn (4)	
				Total	As % of total determined	Total	As % of total determined	Total	As % of total determined
2000(2)									
January	495	550	1,055	245	23%	785	74%	25	2%
February	720	785	1,030	210	20%	805	78%	15	1%
March	1,205	1,160	910	150	16%	740	81%	25	3%
April	3,040	1,270	820	150	18%	665	81%	5	1%
May	5,105	1,690	1,080	160	15%	885	82%	35	3%
June	3,130	3,230	1,350	235	17%	1,090	81%	20	1%
July	3,300	4,215	1,290	170	13%	1,070	83%	45	3%
August	4,270	3,675	1,785	220	12%	1,510	85%	50	3%
September	5,075	3,475	2,135	340	16%	1,730	81%	65	3%
October	8,085	3,630	2,690	435	16%	2,170	81%	80	3%
November	6,455	3,060	2,675	495	19%	2,105	79%	75	3%
December	5,300	2,185	2,585	530	21%	2,025	78%	30	1%
2000 Total	46,190	28,935	19,395	3,340	17%	15,580	80%	475	2%
2001									
January(2)	8,590	3,260	3,940	670	17%	3,220	82%	45	1%
February(2)	10,405	3,615	3,190	515	16%	2,635	83%	40	1%
March(2)	10,925	4,265	3,280	490	15%	2,720	83%	70	2%
April(5)	7,700(e)	3,455	2,530	370	15%	2,135	84%	25	1%
May(5)	7,500(e)	4,405	3,235	615	19%	2,545	79%	75	2%
June(5)	6,800(e)	4,055	3,645	610	17%	2,985	82%	50	1%
July(5)	5,800(e)	3,110	3,950	625	16%	3,235	82%	90	2%
August(5)	5,600(e)	4,010	3,440	770	22%	2,570	75%	100	3%
September(5)	5,100(e)	4,075	3,565	790	22%	2,710	76%	60	2%

(1) Provisional figures rounded to the nearest 5. Numbers might not add up due to rounding.

(2) Appeals received based on manual counts of data received in Appeals Support Section of the Home Office. Some cases are received elsewhere in the Home Office before being forwarded to ASS and so may be counted in a later month than when they arrived in the Home Office.

(3) Based on information supplied by the Lord Chancellor's Department. Determinations do not necessarily relate to appeals received in the same period.

(4) Based on data from the Refugee Index (January - September 1999) and the Presenting Officers Unit (October 1999 - August 2001).

(5) Appeals received based on electronic sources.

(e) Estimate. Figures rounded to the nearest hundred, and subject to later revision.

Table 7 : Persons recorded as being in detention in the United Kingdom under Immigration Act powers as at 30 September 2001, by place of detention⁽¹⁾

Place of detention	Total detainees ⁽²⁾	of whom, asylum seekers ⁽³⁾
Oakington Reception Centre	195	195
Immigration detention centres		
Tinsley House	125	90
Harmondsworth	100	75
Campsfield House	80	80
Dover Harbour	20	20
Dungavel	20	15
Manchester Airport	10	10
Dedicated Immigration Service wings		
Rochester	180	165
Haslar	150	135
Lindholme	105	90
Prison establishments		
Liverpool	95	85
Wandsworth	65	60
Holme House	45	40
High Down	45	40
Cardiff	40	40
Gateside	40	35
Wormwood Scrubs	30	20
Manchester	20	10
Brixton	15	10
The Verne	15	5
Winchester	15	10
Belmarsh	10	5
The Mount	10	10
Craiginchies	10	5
Pentonville	10	5
Leeds	10	*
Blakenhurst	10	5
Bullingdon	10	5
Other prison establishments ⁽⁴⁾	150	80
Total	1,620	1,330

(1) Figures rounded to the nearest 5, with * = 1 or 2, and exclude persons detained in police cells.

(2) Figures include 260 persons detained in prison establishments under dual immigration and other powers.

(3) Persons detained under Immigration Act powers who are recorded as having sought asylum at some stage, of whom 145 were detained under dual immigration and other powers.

(4) Other prison establishments with 5 or fewer detainees.

Table 8 : Persons recorded as being in detention in the United Kingdom under Immigration Act powers as at 30 September 2001, by gender⁽¹⁾

Gender	Total detainees ⁽²⁾	of whom, asylum seekers ⁽³⁾
Female	125	95
Male	1,495	1,235
Total	1,620	1,330

(1) Figures rounded to the nearest 5, with * = 1 or 2, and exclude persons detained in police cells.

(2) Figures include 260 persons detained in prison establishments under dual immigration and other powers.

(3) Persons detained under Immigration Act powers who are recorded as having sought asylum at some stage, of whom 145 were detained under dual immigration and other powers.

Table 9 : Persons recorded as being in detention in the United Kingdom under Immigration Act powers as at 30 September 2001, by length of detention⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Length of detention ⁽³⁾	Total detainees ⁽⁴⁾	of whom, asylum seekers ⁽⁵⁾
Less than 1 month	440	325
1 to 2 months	275	235
2 to 4 months	290	245
4 to 6 months	180	150
6 months to 1 year	140	110
More than 1 year	100	70
Total	1,425	1,135

(1) Excluding persons detained in Oakington Reception Centre and police cells.

(2) Figures rounded to the nearest 5, with * = 1 or 2.

(3) Relates to current period of detention; where persons have been transferred to and subsequently from Oakington Reception Centre, excludes time in detention prior to transfer from Oakington.

(4) Figures include 260 persons detained in prison establishments under dual immigration and other powers.

(5) Persons detained under Immigration Act powers who are recorded as having sought asylum at some stage, of whom 145 were detained under dual immigration and other powers.

Table 10 : Persons recorded as being in detention in the United Kingdom under Immigration Act powers as at 30 September 2001, by nationality⁽¹⁾

<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Total detainees⁽²⁾</u>	<u>of whom, asylum seekers⁽³⁾</u>
Afghanistan	20	20
Albania	70	70
Algeria	80	70
Bangladesh	40	35
Cameroon	20	20
China, People's Republic of	65	60
Colombia	20	15
Czech Republic	15	10
Democratic Republic of Congo	10	10
Gambia	10	10
Ghana	25	20
India	130	105
Iran	15	15
Iraq	30	30
Ivory Coast	20	20
Jamaica	130	25
Kenya	25	25
Lithuania	25	15
Moldova	10	10
Morocco	15	10
Nigeria	110	95
Pakistan	125	110
Poland	30	25
Romania	45	40
Russia	15	15
Sierra Leone	15	15
South Africa	15	5
Sri Lanka	55	50
Turkey	25	25
Uganda	35	35
Ukraine	50	45
Yugoslavia, Federal Republic of	85	80
Zimbabwe	115	105
Other nationalities ⁽⁴⁾	130	90
Total	1,620	1,330

(1) Figures rounded to the nearest 5, with * = 1 or 2, and exclude persons detained in police cells.

(2) Figures include 260 persons detained in prison establishments under dual immigration and other powers.

(3) Persons detained under Immigration Act powers who are recorded as having sought asylum at some stage, of whom 145 were detained under dual immigration and other powers.

(4) Other nationalities with 5 or fewer detainees.

Table 11 : Cases accepted⁽¹⁾ at Oakington Reception Centre, of which decisions and appeals, Q3 2001 (July to September)

Total Principal Applicants	2290	Percentage of principal applicants	
<i>of which</i>			
Initial Decisions	2060	Percentage of initial decisions	90%
Recognised as a refugee and granted asylum	15	1%	1%
Not recognised as a refugee but granted exceptional leave	5	0%	0%
Refused	2040	99%	89%
Application Withdrawn	10		0%
Cases with Decision not known⁽²⁾	15		1%
Cases taken out of Oakington fast track process⁽³⁾	200		9%
Absconded Before Decision	*		0%
Appeals Lodged 1750 86%			

Table 12 : Principal applicants accepted⁽¹⁾ at Oakington Reception Centre, by nationality, Q3 2001 (July to September)

Total Principal Applicants	2290	Percentage of principal applicants	
<i>of which</i>			
Albania	125		6%
Bangladesh	40		2%
Bolivia	5		0%
Brazil	5		0%
Cameroon	45		2%
China	310		13%
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	30		1%
Czech Republic	135		6%
Estonia	5		0%
Ghana	25		1%
Hungary	*		0%
India	215		9%
Iraq	365		16%
Kenya	25		1%
Kosovo / Kosovo Albanian	60		3%
Lithuania	20		1%
Latvia	25		1%
Nigeria	75		3%
Pakistan	180		8%
Poland	100		4%
Romania	70		3%
Sierra Leone	*		0%
Slovenia	5		0%
Slovakia	*		0%
Tanzania	5		0%
Uganda	55		2%
Ukraine	55		2%
Yugoslavia	10		0%
Zimbabwe	280		12%
Total Applicants 2560 90%			
<i>of which</i>			
Total Principal Applicants	2290		90%
<i>of which</i>			
Family	245		10%
Single	2045		80%
Dependants	515		20%

(1) Figures rounded to the nearest 5, with * = 1 or 2

(2) No final confirmation of a decision had been received when these statistics were compiled on 2/11/01.

(3) Cases may be taken out of the Oakington fast track process if more complex issues emerge, which were not apparent at the initial screening stage, necessitating additional enquiries which cannot be conducted within the Oakington timescales. Or when it is decided that for whatever reason, the applicant is no longer suitable for fast track processing.