

Control of Immigration Statistics: United Kingdom, 2000

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MAIN POINTS

■ Acceptances for settlement in 2000 increased by 55,000 to 125,100 since 1998. This was mainly due to a rise in asylum-related settlement (figure 1 and paragraphs 16, 21)

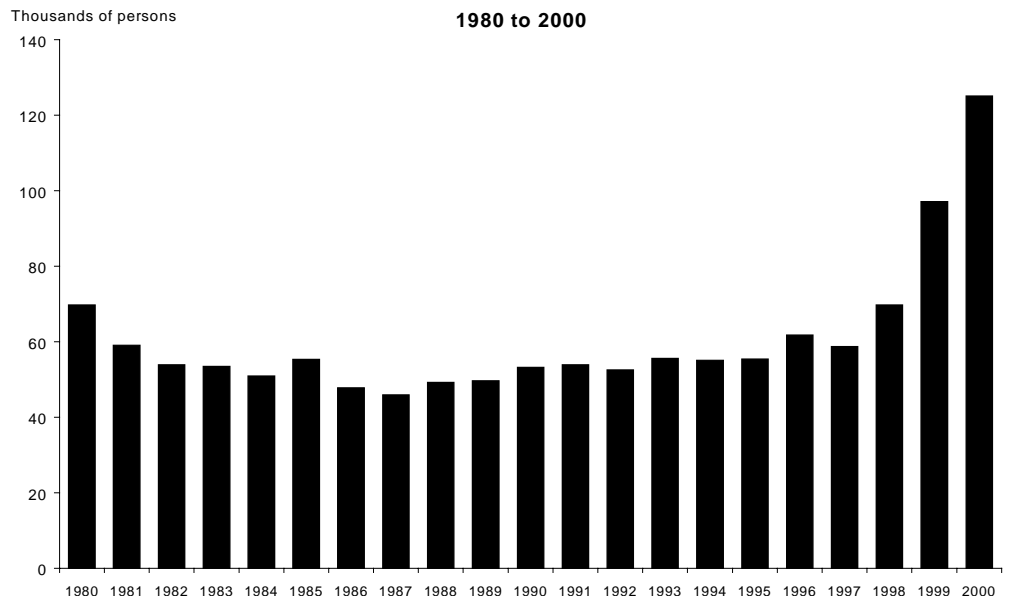
■ The number of international arrivals from outside the Common Travel Area continued to rise and was 89 million in 2000, 2.8 million more than 1999; 13 million were non-EEA nationals (paragraph 7)

■ The total number of work permit holders and dependants admitted to the UK was 91,800 in 2000, 15,800 more than in 1999 and continuing the historical upward trend (paragraph 13)

■ Passengers refused leave to enter and removed from the UK rose by 7,000 to nearly 38,300 (paragraph 8)

■ In addition, persons who left the UK as a result of enforcement action increased by 1,900 to 8,400 (paragraph 23)

Figure 1 TOTAL ACCEPTANCES FOR SETTLEMENT,
1980 to 2000



INTRODUCTION

This bulletin provides provisional summary statistics of immigration control for the year 2000 along with figures for 1998 and 1999. It contains information on entry clearance applications in the Indian sub-continent; admissions to the UK and extensions of stay in selected categories; acceptances for settlement by category and nationality; and enforcement action under the Immigration Act 1971 and Section 10 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

More detailed information is published annually in the Home Office Command Paper "Control of Immigration: Statistics, United Kingdom" (see Explanatory Note 1).

Revised information on the numbers of asylum applications, decisions and appeals in 2000 will be included in Home Office Statistical Bulletin "Asylum Statistics, United Kingdom, 2000".

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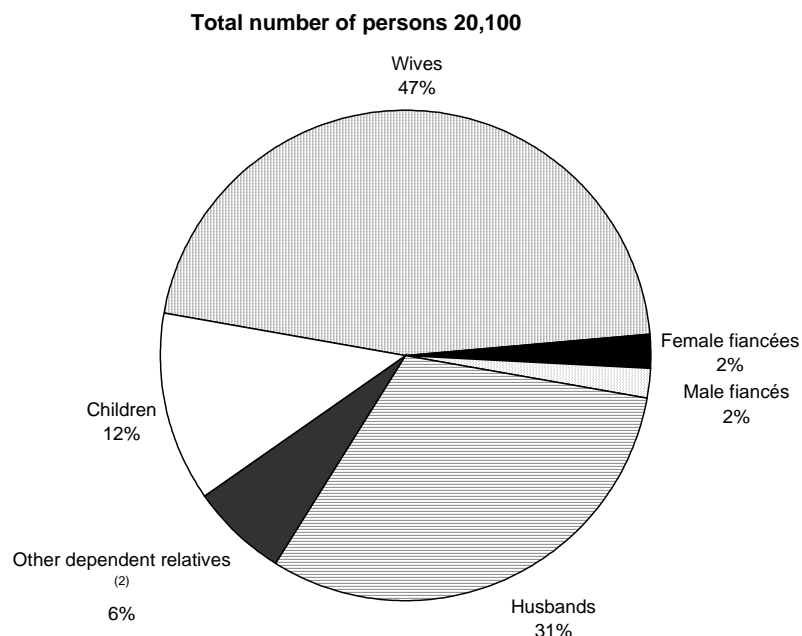
1. ENTRY CLEARANCE APPLICATIONS FOR SETTLEMENT

Applications in the Indian sub-continent for entry to the UK for settlement (Table 1.1 and Figure 2)

1. The number of entry clearance applications received in the Indian sub-continent in 2000 was 20,100. This was some 500 less than in 1999.

Figure 2

NEW APPLICATIONS ⁽¹⁾ IN THE INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT, 2000



(1) Excluding applications for a certificate of entitlement to the right of abode

(2) Including a small number of others seeking immediate settlement

2. Applications from husbands and male fiancés decreased by 600 to 6,600, while applications from wives and female fiancées and children remained unchanged at 9,700 and 2,500 respectively. Other dependent relatives rose by 100 to 1,300.

3. Some 20,500 applications were granted in 2000, 6,300 more than in 1999. This mainly reflected a rise in grants to wives and female fiancées of 3,200 to 10,300, and to husbands and male fiancés of 2,600 to 7,500. Grants to children and other dependent relatives rose to 2,000 and 700 respectively.

4. There were 3,400 applications refused in 2000, after allowing for successful appeals, 500 less than in 1999. This mainly reflected decreases of 300 to 1,200 for husbands and male fiancés, and 200 to 1,200 for wives and female fiancées. There was a slight fall to 480 in the number of children refused. The refusal rate for husbands and male fiancés fell from around 25 per cent to nearly 15 per cent, while that for wives

and female fiancées fell from over 15 per cent to 10 per cent. The refusal rate for children fell from around 25 per cent to nearly 20 per cent while the rate for other dependent relatives fell slightly from nearly 50 per cent to around 45 per cent.

5. Applications outstanding at the end of December 2000 totalled 8,100, some 4,400 less than a year earlier. There were decreases of 2,000 to 1,900 for husbands and male fiancés, of 1,800 to 3,800 for wives and female fiancées and for other dependent relatives of 700 to 1,200. Applications outstanding for children remained unchanged at 1,200.

Waiting time to first interview (Table 1.2)

6. Waiting times in the Indian sub-continent for applicants in the settlement queues who were interviewed at the end of 2000 were up to 3 months for persons with a claim to the right of abode, 2 to 5 months for spouses, children and fiancé(e)s and 2 to 9 months for re-applicants. Waiting times, in general, decreased within both India and Pakistan during 2000. The estimated waiting times, across the Indian sub-continent, for persons applying at the end of 2000 were broadly comparable with the times for applicants interviewed then.

2. ADMISSIONS AND EXTENSIONS IN SELECTED CATEGORIES

Passenger arrivals and removals (Table 2.1)

7. The number of international arrivals from outside the Common Travel Area (which consists of the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland) was 89 million in 2000, some 2.8 million more than in 1999. Of this around 13 million were non-EEA nationals; the majority were British or EEA nationals, and transit passengers who did not pass through immigration control.

8. In 2000 some 38,300 passengers were removed following a refusal of leave to enter, 7,000 more than in 1999.

Husbands and male fiancés (Tables 2.2 and 2.3)

9. The number of husbands admitted for a probationary year prior to settlement was 10,600 in 2000, some 1,200 more than in 1999. An increase of 1,600 to 6,200 in the number of husbands from the Indian sub-continent was the reason for the rise in the overall total since other regional totals either held steady or declined. Indian sub-continent husbands accounted for nearly 60 per cent of the total in 2000, compared with almost 50 per cent in 1999. The number of male fiancés admitted decreased by 50 to 750 in 2000.

10. In addition to the husbands admitted, 11,400 men were granted, after entry, a probationary year extension as a husband, this was 4,500 more than in 1999. A reduction in the backlog of cases contributed to this increase.

Wives, children and female fiancées (Tables 2.2 and 2.3)

11. In 2000 some 19,100 wives were admitted for a probationary year prior to settlement, 1,400 more than in 1999. An increase of 2,200 to 8,700 in the number of wives from the Indian sub-continent was contrasted with declines in all other regions of the world with the exception of the Rest of Asia, which saw an increase of 300. Wives from the Indian sub-continent accounted for 45 per cent of the total, which compared with more than 35 per cent in 1999. The number of female fiancées admitted remained unchanged at 2,500. The number of children admitted for a probationary year with a parent increased by 600 to 2,800. Almost 45 per cent of the children were from the Indian sub-continent, which compared with more than 35 per cent in 1999.

12. In addition to the wives admitted, 15,000 women were granted, after entry, a probationary year extension as a wife, some 5,600 more than in 1999. A reduction in the backlog of cases contributed to this increase.

Work permit holders (Tables 2.4 and 2.5)

13. The total number of work permit holders and dependants admitted to the UK was 91,800 in 2000, 15,800 more than in 1999 and continuing the historical upward trend. Persons from the Americas accounted for more than 35 per cent of this total. Within this total, work permit holders (excluding dependants) coming for 12 months or more rose by 11,200 to 36,200, while those coming for less than 12 months rose by 2,300 to 30,700. There may be a number of explanations for this increase, but the major factor could be a three-fold rise in the total number of work permits issued in 2000 compared with 1999.

14. Some 34,900 extensions of stay as a work permit holder or trainee (excluding dependants) were granted in 2000, 13,000 more than in 1999.

Commonwealth citizens with a UK-born grandparent (Table 2.6)

15. In 2000 10,900 Commonwealth citizens with a grandparent born in the United Kingdom were admitted for four years to take or seek employment and a further 1,700 were granted an extension of stay on this basis having entered the country in a different category. This compares with 11,800 and 1,400 respectively in 1999. Citizens of Australia and New Zealand comprised nearly 70 per cent of admissions and 30 per cent of extensions in 2000; citizens of South Africa comprised nearly 20 per cent of the admissions but fully 55 per cent of the extensions. Only a minority of eligible Commonwealth citizens stay for four years and apply for settlement.

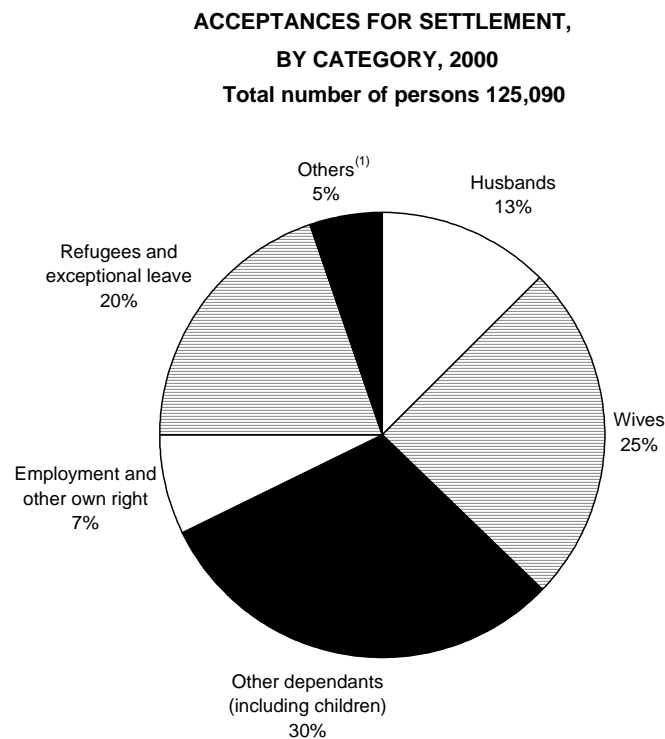
3. SETTLEMENT

Total acceptances (Tables 3.1 and 3.2)

16. The number of acceptances for settlement in the UK in 2000 was 125,100. This was 55,000 more than in 1998 and reflected:

- a rise of 18,200, to 24,800, in acceptance of recognised refugees and persons previously granted exceptional leave to remain, including acceptances under measures aimed at reducing the backlog of pre-1996 asylum applications;
- a rise of 16,700, to 29,000, in children;
- a rise of 8,600, to 30,900, in wives;
- a rise of 3,300, to 6,800, in other and unspecified dependants;
- a rise of 2,100, to 15,800, in husbands;
- a rise of 1,900, to 6,100, in work permit holders and other employment categories;

Figure 3



(1) Includes other acceptances on a discretionary basis

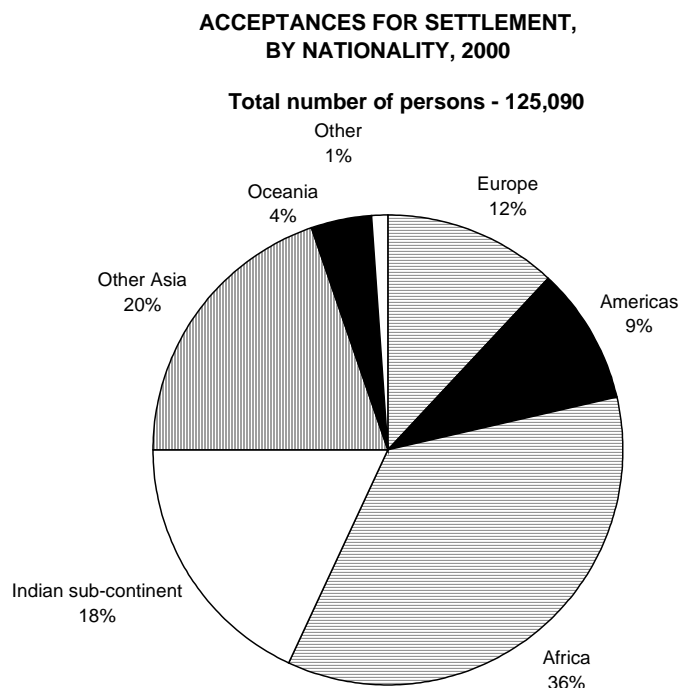
17. Figure 3 shows that of the total number of acceptances in 2000, spouses accounted for over 35 per cent, and children and other dependants for 30 per cent. Persons who had been granted asylum or exceptional leave to remain accounted for nearly 20 per cent of the total. However, total asylum-related settlement (including dependants recorded as children, wives, etc) accounted for more than 35 per cent of the total.

18. The increase in settlement from 1998 to 2000, analysed by nationality, shows:

- a rise of 28,400, to 44,500, from Africa
- a rise of 7,800, to 15,100, from Europe outside the EEA
- a rise of 6,300, to 22,700, from the Indian sub-continent
- a rise of 11,100, to 24,800, from the rest of Asia
- a rise of 1,200, to 4,900, from Oceania
- a rise of 700, to 11,500, from the Americas

19. Figure 4 shows the total number of acceptances for settlement, by nationality, in 2000. Some 35 per cent of total acceptances were from Africa, and nearly 20 per cent came from the Indian sub-continent. Acceptances from the remainder of Asia accounted for 20 per cent, Europe (outside the EEA) for over 10 per cent.

Figure 4



Acceptances for settlement of refugees and persons given exceptional leave to remain (Figure 5 and Table 3.3)

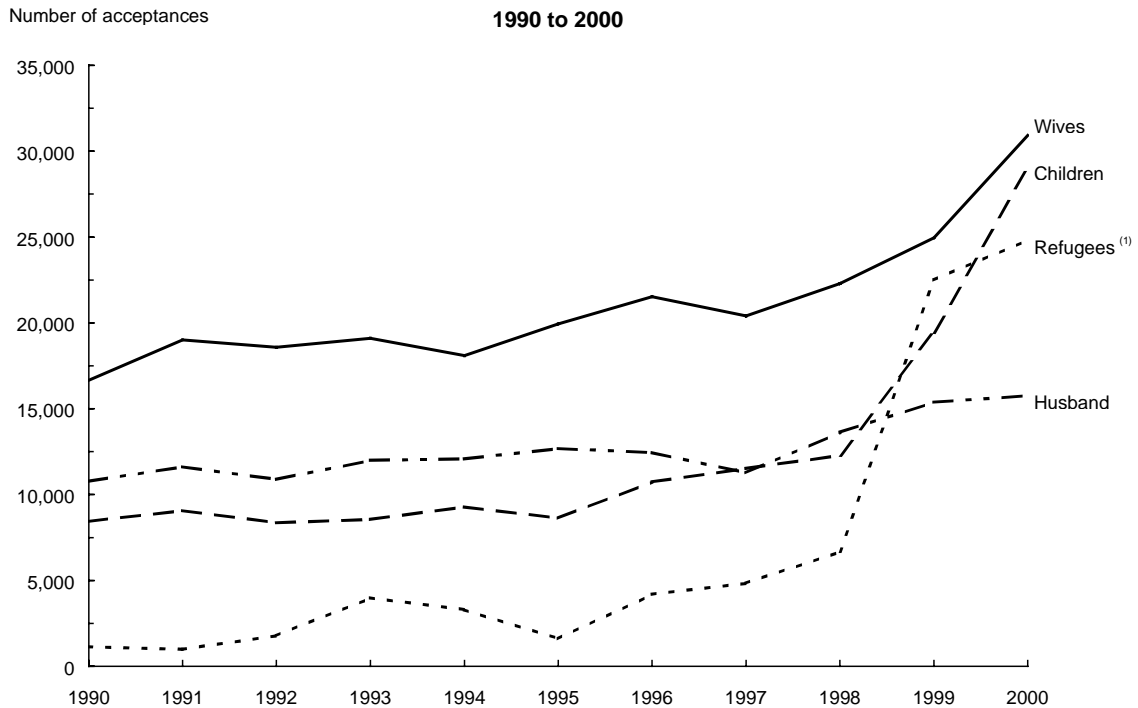
20. Acceptances for settlement of asylum seekers granted asylum or previously granted exceptional leave to remain, or granted settlement under measures aimed at reducing the pre-1996 asylum backlog, increased to 24,800 in 2000, 18,200 more than in 1998. The largest rises were of 10,300 from Africa and 4,700 from Asia excluding the Indian sub-continent.

Acceptances for settlement of spouses and dependants (Figure 5 and Table 3.4)

21. Acceptances of spouses and dependants in 2000 were almost 32,000 higher than 1998, at 84,900 (nearly 70 per cent of total settlement). There were large increases in all categories (especially children and wives) and most of the increase will have been due to dependants of asylum-seekers. Just under half of the increase was due to asylum-related dependants granted settlement at the same time as the asylum-seekers to whom they are related. There will also be a proportion of asylum-related dependants who were granted settlement after the asylum-seeker, but it is not possible to identify these cases.

Figure 5

**ACCEPTANCES FOR SETTLEMENT OF SPOUSES,
CHILDREN AND REFUGEES,**

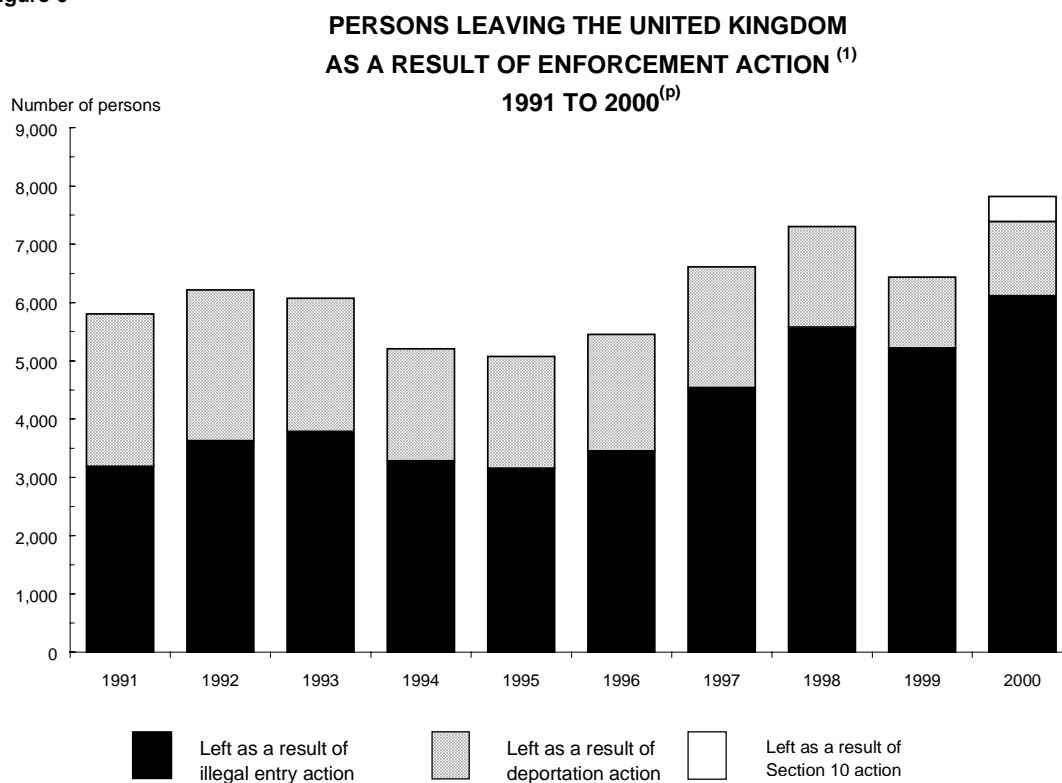


(1) Includes persons given exceptional leave to remain

4. ENFORCEMENT (Tables 4.1 to 4.3)

22. 2000 saw a substantial rise in the number of persons against whom enforcement action was initiated compared with 1999. The total number of illegal entrants served with papers and persons issued with a notice of intention to deport, recommended for deportation by a court, or served with notice of administrative removal was 50,580. An increase of around 27,600 compared with 1999, and relates almost entirely to asylum applications from illegal entrants. The increase is primarily the result of a higher number of asylum decisions being made that lead to the notice of illegal entry being served.

Figure 6



(1) Includes persons departing 'voluntarily' after enforcement action had been initiated.

23. The total number of persons removed from the UK under enforcement powers, including those who left voluntarily after action had been initiated, rose by around 1,900 from 6,500 to 8,400. Within that total, the number of persons who had sought asylum at some stage rose by about 700 to 3,500, excluding dependants. In many cases where enforcement action has been initiated, the person is not removable because of an outstanding asylum application or appeal. Other reasons include absconding, Judicial Review, documentation problems and making further representations.

Illegal entrants (Table 4.2)

24. Some 47,300 illegal entrants - persons who entered the country clandestinely or by deception - were served with papers in 2000. This was around 26,000 more than in 1999 and reflects changes in working practices and increases in staff dealing with enforcement issues. The number of illegal entrants removed, including those who left voluntarily, rose by almost 900 to just over 6,100 in the latest period.

Deportation action (Table 4.3)

25. Some 1,900 notices of intention to deport were issued in the latest period, an increase of 500. The majority of these notices reflected action against persons under section 3(5)(a) of the Immigration Act 1971 for breaches of conditions of leave to enter or remain, mainly overstaying or working when prohibited from so doing. The number of notices issued in this category rose slightly to almost 1,800 in 2000 from 1,300 in 1999. The number of notices issued under section 3(5)(b) of the Act, on grounds conducive to the public good, rose by 30 to 120. The number of notices issued in respect of dependants under section 3(5)(c) of the Act remained constant at 30. In addition to the issuing of notices of intention to deport, deportation action was initiated under section 3(6) of the Act following a court recommendation. The number of persons against whom such action was initiated rose by 250 to just over 600.

26. Section 10 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 came fully into force on 2 October 2000. From that date certain categories of immigration offender ceased to be subject to deportation and instead became liable to administrative removal. Some 700 persons were served notice of administrative removal in the final quarter of 2000 (See Table 4.1).

27. The number of persons removed under the deportation process, including those who left voluntarily following the initiation of enforcement action, rose by around 70 to just under 1,300 in 2000. An additional 425 persons were removed under Section 10 of the 1999 Act (Table 4.1).

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Table 1.1 Applications for entry clearance made by spouses, fiancé(e)s, children and other dependent relatives⁽¹⁾ in the Indian sub-continent, 1998 to 2000

Indian sub-continent	Number of persons										
	1998	1999	2000	1999				2000			
				1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Applications newly received											
Husbands	7,230	6,890	6,260	1,650	1,700	1,730	1,810	1,540	1,510	1,530	1,670
Male fiancés	360	320	360	90	70	80	80	90	110	90	70
Wives	8,670	9,180	9,220	2,190	2,430	2,230	2,330	2,400	2,410	2,250	2,160
Female fiancées	480	490	440	110	120	140	130	110	110	110	100
Children	2,320	2,470	2,500	550	640	640	640	630	650	560	650
Other dependent relatives	1,310	1,190	1,290	280	310	290	320	310	320	370	290
All categories	20,370	20,540	20,060	4,860	5,260	5,100	5,300	5,090	5,110	4,910	4,950
Applications granted initially											
Husbands	6,520	4,360	6,780	1,100	1,060	1,070	1,130	1,340	1,820	1,850	1,780
Male fiancés	180	190	230	50	40	40	60	50	50	60	60
Wives	7,700	6,550	9,570	1,500	1,500	1,840	1,700	2,160	2,520	2,420	2,460
Female fiancées	280	310	330	90	60	80	80	80	70	90	90
Children	1,620	1,450	1,870	310	350	370	420	360	440	490	580
Other dependent relatives	620	480	670	120	100	140	120	170	170	160	160
All categories	16,920	13,340	19,450	3,170	3,120	3,540	3,520	4,160	5,080	5,070	5,130
Applications granted on appeal											
Husbands	640	360	470	80	80	80	110	140	140	120	60
Male fiancés	10	10	20	†	†	†	†	10	†	†	†
Wives	370	250	400	40	60	60	80	110	140	90	60
Female fiancées	10	10	10	–	10	†	†	†	†	†	†
Children	130	170	160	40	40	50	40	50	60	40	10
Other dependent relatives	60	60	40	10	20	20	20	20	10	10	†
All categories	1,230	860	1,090	170	210	220	260	330	360	260	140
Applications granted (total)											
Husbands	7,160	4,720	7,250	1,170	1,150	1,160	1,240	1,480	1,970	1,970	1,830
Male fiancés	190	200	240	50	40	50	60	60	60	60	70
Wives	8,070	6,800	9,970	1,540	1,570	1,910	1,780	2,270	2,660	2,520	2,520
Female fiancées	290	320	340	90	60	80	80	80	70	90	90
Children	1,750	1,620	2,030	350	390	420	460	410	500	530	600
Other dependent relatives	670	550	720	140	110	160	140	190	190	170	160
All categories	18,140	14,200	20,540	3,340	3,320	3,760	3,770	4,500	5,440	5,340	5,270
Applications refused initially											
Husbands	1,520	1,750	1,570	530	440	380	400	370	410	390	400
Male fiancés	60	90	70	30	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Wives	1,450	1,570	1,560	460	350	400	350	380	440	360	380
Female fiancées	60	60	60	20	20	10	20	20	20	10	20
Children	750	700	630	190	120	180	210	160	190	150	140
Other dependent relatives	570	590	600	180	140	130	140	190	90	150	170
All categories	4,410	4,770	4,490	1,410	1,090	1,130	1,140	1,150	1,150	1,080	1,110
Applications outstanding at end of period											
Husbands	2,410	3,520	1,540	2,560	2,830	3,170	3,520	3,340	2,620	1,980	1,540
Male fiancés	320	320	340	310	310	320	320	330	360	360	340
Wives	3,870	5,230	3,400	4,200	4,850	4,890	5,230	5,070	4,490	4,010	3,400
Female fiancées	430	440	440	400	410	440	440	450	470	480	440
Children	790	1,180	1,220	840	1,050	1,160	1,180	1,270	1,330	1,300	1,220
Other dependent relatives	1,750	1,870	1,210	1,700	1,800	1,820	1,870	1,740	1,770	1,820	1,210
All categories	9,580	12,560	8,150	10,010	11,250	11,800	12,560	12,210	11,030	9,960	8,150

(1) Including a small number of other persons seeking immediate settlement.

Table 1.2 Waiting times to first interview⁽¹⁾ for applicants in the settlement queues in the Indian sub-continent, 1997 to 2000

Indian sub-continent											Number of months
Queue (2)	1997	1998	1999				2000				
	4th Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	
Bangladesh (Dhaka) (3)											
Queue 1	6½	3½	4	3¼	2¾	3½	3¾	3½	5	3	(3½)
Queue 2	3½	5½	6	5½	4½	6¼	6	7	7½	5	(5¼)
Queue 3	5½	7	7½	7½	3½	3½	4	3¼	6	5	(3½)
Queue 4	3	5¼	5½	7	7	10¼	9	9¾	10	8¾	(8¾)
India (Bombay)											
Queue 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	0	—
Queue 2	2	3	2	1½	1	1½	1½	1½	1	1½	(1½)
Queue 3	2	3	2	1½	1	2½	1½	1½	1	1½	(1½)
Queue 4	2½	3	2	1½	1	3½	1½	1½	1	1½	(1½)
India (New Delhi)											
Queue 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	0	—
Queue 2	2½	3	3½	3¾	4	1¾	2	3	2¾	2½	(2¼)
Queue 3	3½	6¼	5½	6¼	5¼	5	2	3	2¾	2½	(3)
Queue 4	2½	8	7	7¾	6¼	6¼	2	3	2¾	2½	(3)
India (Madras) (4)											
	1½	1½	2¼	2½	¾	¾	2¾	2¼	1¾	1¾	(1¾)
Pakistan (Islamabad)											
Queue 1	4	1¾	3	3	2	2¼	2¼	1¼	1¼	1	(1)
Queue 2	4	6½	8¼	10¼	10	9¾	6¾	5¼	4¾	4¼	(1¾)
Queue 3	6	7	9	11¼	10¼	11	9	7¼	6	5¼	(5¼)
Queue 4	10	8	10	14	12½	12½	10½	9	7¾	7	(7)
Pakistan (Karachi) (4) (5)											
	4	4	3	3	3	2¾	2	1	3¼ (6)	2¼ (6)	(2¼)(6)

(1) The number of months which the last applicant interviewed in that quarter had waited for his/her first interview. The figures in brackets relate to the number of months which the last person, who applied in that quarter, is expected to wait for his/her first interview.

- (2) Queue 1: persons with a claim to the right of abode dependent relatives over 70 years old special compassionate cases
- Queue 2: spouses children under 18 years old
- Queue 3: fiancé(e)s other applicants for settlement
- Queue 4: re-applicants
- } first-time applicants

(3) Figures for Dhaka show the average waiting time for applicants who are identified as requiring interview, from the date they are so identified to the date of interview. A large number of applications are resolved without interview

(4) All applicants seeking settlement are placed in the same queue.

(5) Waiting times for Karachi from the third quarter of 1998 to the third quarter of 1999 are estimates

(6) Provisional data.

Table 2.1 Passenger arrivals⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ and removals, 1998 to 2000

United Kingdom				Number of persons							
	1998	1999	2000	1999				2000			
				1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
		(R)	(P)					(R)	(R)	(P)	(P)
Passenger arrivals⁽¹⁾				Thousands							
Non-EEA nationals ⁽²⁾	11,500	12,000	13,000	2,300	3,300	3,800	2,600	2,400	3,600	4,200	2,800
British citizens ⁽³⁾	57,100	58,800	60,900	11,100	15,700	18,900	13,200	11,000	15,800	20,300	13,800
Other EEA nationals	15,800	15,600	15,300	3,300	4,000	4,600	3,600	3,200	4,300	4,300	3,500
Total⁽³⁾	84,400	86,400	89,200	16,700	23,000	27,400	19,400	16,700	23,700	28,700	20,100
Passengers refused leave to enter and removed				Units							
Europe	11,085	13,715	18,966	3,096	3,121	3,592	3,906	4,599	4,720	4,994	4,653
Americas	5,112	6,001	7,092	1,463	1,316	1,517	1,705	1,818	1,731	1,645	1,898
Africa	4,514	5,405	5,997	1,414	1,335	1,362	1,294	1,441	1,338	1,400	1,818
Indian sub-continent	982	917	891	227	234	242	214	225	207	215	244
Rest of Asia	3,159	2,792	2,301	735	623	752	682	552	592	635	522
Oceania	608	556	485	150	163	131	112	124	135	121	105
Other nationalities ⁽⁴⁾	2,144	1,909	2,543	262	450	602	595	768	529	690	556
<i>of whom, port asylum seekers⁽⁵⁾</i>	<i>3,539</i>	<i>4,858</i>	<i>5,440</i>	<i>1,137</i>	<i>1,283</i>	<i>1,271</i>	<i>1,167</i>	<i>1,363</i>	<i>1,576</i>	<i>1,445</i>	<i>1,056</i>
All nationalities	27,604	31,295	38,275	7,347	7,242	8,198	8,508	9,527	9,252	9,700	9,796

(1) International arrivals from outside the Common Travel Area (ie excluding arrivals from the Irish Republic, Channel Islands and Isle of Man).

(2) A change in procedures may have resulted in some under-recording for the fourth quarter of 2000.

(3) Including airside transfer/transit passengers of all nationalities who did not pass through immigration control.

(4) Including nationality unknown.

(5) Persons who had sought asylum at some point, excluding dependants. The total number of asylum seekers removed can be obtained by adding together data from this table and from Table 4.1

**Table 2.2 Admissions of spouses, fiancé(e)s and children for a limited period prior to settlement, ⁽¹⁾
1998 to 2000**

United Kingdom											Number of persons			
Category and broad nationality	1998	1999	2000	1999				2000						
				1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th			
				Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr			
			(P)					(R)	(R)	(P)	(P) (2)			
Husbands														
Europe (3)	620	650	660	130	150	180	200	190	190	170	100			
Americas	1,090	1,150	990	260	280	330	270	240	280	330	130			
Africa	1,490	1,610	1,500	360	430	440	380	390	450	480	180			
Indian sub-continent	7,520	4,600	6,230	1,140	1,310	1,130	1,020	1,250	1,790	1,930	1,270			
Rest of Asia	430	460	450	120	130	100	120	100	160	130	60			
Oceania	730	840	720	220	260	190	170	220	210	180	110			
Other nationalities	40	20	20	10	†	†	10	†	†	10	†			
All nationalities (3)	11,900	9,320	10,600	2,230	2,560	2,370	2,160	2,400	3,090	3,230	1,860			
Male fiancés														
Europe (2)	100	120	100	30	20	30	40	30	20	30	10			
Americas	170	140	160	20	40	40	40	40	40	60	20			
Africa	140	130	100	30	30	40	30	20	30	30	10			
Indian sub-continent	220	220	240	40	60	70	60	60	60	80	40			
Rest of Asia	90	80	50	20	10	20	20	20	10	20	10			
Oceania	130	100	90	20	30	30	20	20	30	20	10			
Other nationalities	†	10	†	-	†	†	†	†	-	†	-			
All nationalities (3)	850	800	750	170	190	230	210	200	190	240	110			
Wives														
Europe (2)	1,410	1,990	1,740	390	400	670	530	420	440	630	260			
Americas	1,950	2,520	1,940	510	600	810	600	510	530	640	260			
Africa	1,900	2,300	2,220	520	570	680	530	560	600	710	360			
Indian sub-continent	8,010	6,520	8,680	1,420	1,640	1,710	1,750	1,760	2,540	2,580	1,800			
Rest of Asia	2,670	2,980	3,310	620	680	860	820	720	990	980	620			
Oceania	1,100	1,310	1,140	380	370	310	250	340	360	280	160			
Other nationalities	40	50	50	10	10	10	10	10	10	20	10			
All nationalities (3)	17,100	17,700	19,100	3,850	4,260	5,060	4,500	4,320	5,460	5,830	3,470			
Female fiancées														
Europe (3)	560	660	670	160	130	180	190	160	200	240	80			
Americas	450	490	510	90	140	140	120	130	170	160	60			
Africa	150	130	130	20	40	40	20	30	40	50	20			
Indian sub-continent	300	280	310	70	80	80	60	80	90	80	60			
Rest of Asia	710	740	730	160	200	180	200	180	250	200	100			
Oceania	140	140	110	40	40	30	40	30	40	30	10			
Other nationalities	10	10	10	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	-			
All nationalities (3)	2,330	2,460	2,470	550	630	650	630	610	780	760	320			
Children														
Europe (2)	190	230	240	50	50	70	60	60	60	100	40			
Americas	220	320	280	80	60	110	80	60	80	100	50			
Africa	290	330	490	70	80	90	90	80	110	180	120			
Indian sub-continent	1,140	820	1,250	160	250	180	240	240	340	360	310			
Rest of Asia	250	280	430	60	70	80	80	90	140	100	100			
Oceania	150	210	110	60	50	60	30	40	20	20	30			
Other nationalities	10	†	10	-	†	-	†	†	†	10	-			
All nationalities (3)	2,260	2,200	2,820	470	570	590	570	560	750	870	640			

(1) Husbands and wives seeking settlement, and fiancé(e)s, are given leave to enter for a limited period (apart from certain wives who are entitled to settlement on arrival). Settlement is granted after a year's probationary period; for those admitted as fiancé(e)s the probationary period starts after marriage.

(2) A change in procedures may have resulted in some under-recording for the fourth quarter of 2000.

(3) Excludes EEA nationals.

Table 2.3 Extensions of leave to remain as a spouse⁽¹⁾ or fiancé(e) for a limited period prior to settlement, 1998 to 2000

United Kingdom	Number of persons										
	1998	1999	2000	1999				2000			
				1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr (R)	2nd Qtr (R)	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Husbands (1)(2)											
Europe (3)	770	640	1,100	90	130	240	170	290	330	260	210
Americas	1,410	1,390	2,730	150	300	530	400	730	780	650	570
Africa	2,310	2,670	3,880	420	520	1,010	720	950	1,000	980	950
Indian sub-continent	1,170	1,070	2,020	130	210	370	360	530	590	480	420
Rest of Asia	620	590	1,000	80	120	220	170	250	300	250	210
Oceania	420	460	620	60	110	160	120	140	160	170	160
Other nationalities	60	40	50	†	10	10	10	20	10	10	10
All nationalities (3)	6,760	6,860	11,410	940	1,390	2,550	1,970	2,900	3,180	2,800	2,530
Wives (1)(2)											
Europe (3)	1,820	1,850	3,150	230	430	630	550	840	820	780	710
Americas	1,920	2,110	3,260	310	440	760	600	830	900	760	760
Africa	1,960	2,000	3,300	250	440	750	550	780	960	830	740
Indian sub-continent	710	1,020	1,390	170	200	350	300	360	330	360	340
Rest of Asia	1,800	1,820	2,950	280	390	610	530	770	770	710	700
Oceania	640	620	880	70	140	220	190	210	250	240	180
Other nationalities	60	40	100	10	10	10	10	30	30	20	20
All nationalities (3)	8,910	9,460	15,040	1,330	2,040	3,340	2,740	3,830	4,060	3,710	3,440
Fiancé(e)s											
Europe (3)	10	10	20	†	†	†	†	†	10	10	†
Americas	10	10	20	†	†	†	†	†	†	10	†
Africa	10	†	10	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	-
Indian sub-continent	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Rest of Asia	10	†	20	†	†	-	-	†	10	†	†
Oceania	†	†	†	-	-	-	†	†	†	-	-
Other nationalities	-	-	†	-	-	-	-	-	†	-	-
All nationalities (3)	30	30	70	10	10	†	10	10	30	20	10

(1) Grants of a probationary year prior to settlement, granted following application made after entry, including grants to persons admitted as a fiancé(e).

(2) Data from 1997 include unmarried partners.

(3) Excludes EEA nationals.

Table 2.4 Admissions of work permit holders and their dependants, 1998 to 2000

United Kingdom	Number of persons										
	1998	1999	2000	1999				2000			
				1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
			(P)					(R)	(R)	(P)	(P) (1)
All nationalities											
Employment for 12 months or more	20,200	25,000	36,200	6,240	5,650	7,380	5,740	7,680	8,340	11,000	9,150
Employment for less than 12 months (2)	28,000	28,400	30,700	6,060	8,200	7,920	6,220	6,670	10,100	8,680	5,260
Dependants of work permit holders	20,200	22,600	24,900	5,240	5,240	7,620	4,500	5,750	6,000	9,340	3,790
Total	68,400	76,000	91,800	17,500	19,100	22,900	16,500	20,100	24,500	29,100	18,200
of which:											
Europe (3)	8,330	9,300	9,860	2,260	2,250	2,760	2,030	2,230	3,160	3,170	1,310
Americas	29,600	30,700	33,800	6,920	7,780	9,480	6,500	7,540	9,220	11,100	5,940
Africa	5,460	7,400	9,080	1,720	1,710	2,270	1,700	2,220	2,090	2,720	2,040
Indian sub-continent	7,930	8,690	13,900	1,830	2,450	2,560	1,850	2,470	3,830	4,580	2,990
Rest of Asia	12,100	14,000	17,900	3,230	3,390	4,190	3,180	3,890	4,450	5,460	4,130
Oceania	4,860	5,810	7,170	1,540	1,480	1,620	1,170	1,720	1,680	2,000	1,770
Other nationalities	150	140	100	30	40	40	30	30	20	30	20
All nationalities (3)	68,400	76,000	91,800	17,500	19,100	22,900	16,500	20,100	24,500	29,000	18,200

(1) A change in procedures may have resulted in some under-recording for the fourth quarter of 2000.

(2) Includes the majority of work permit trainees.

(3) Excludes EEA nationals.

Table 2.5 Extensions of leave to remain as a work permit holder or trainee ⁽¹⁾, 1998 to 2000

United Kingdom				Number of persons							
	1998	1999	2000	1999				2000			
				1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr (R)	2nd Qtr (R)	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
All nationalities											
Work permit holder	12,050	13,790	26,200	2,490	3,770	3,750	3,780	4,650	6,560	7,240	7,750
Trainee	8,190	8,040	8,660	2,090	1,720	2,660	1,570	2,640	1,660	2,930	1,430
Total	20,240	21,830	34,860	4,580	5,490	6,410	5,350	7,290	8,220	10,170	9,180
of which:											
Europe (2)	1,330	1,290	2,240	230	360	340	360	390	580	610	650
Americas	2,770	3,020	5,220	570	800	870	780	920	1,330	1,610	1,350
Africa	4,180	4,490	7,490	800	1,120	1,350	1,230	1,560	1,920	2,150	1,860
Indian sub-continent	6,940	7,750	10,980	1,980	1,780	2,280	1,710	2,640	2,270	3,170	2,900
Rest of Asia	3,870	3,940	6,210	760	1,040	1,230	920	1,290	1,450	1,830	1,630
Oceania	1,090	1,280	2,630	240	380	320	340	450	640	770	760
Other nationalities	70	60	100	10	20	20	20	30	20	30	20
All nationalities (2)	20,240	21,830	34,860	4,580	5,490	6,410	5,350	7,290	8,220	10,170	9,180

(1) Excluding dependants, but including extensions granted to persons admitted as a work permit holder or trainee.

(2) Excludes EEA nationals.

Table 2.6 Commonwealth citizens with a United Kingdom-born grandparent, admitted or granted extension of leave to remain for four years to take or seek employment ⁽¹⁾, 1998 to 2000

United Kingdom				Number of persons							
	1998	1999	2000	1999				2000			
				1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr (R)	2nd Qtr (R)	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Old Commonwealth(2)											
Admissions (3)	9,850	11,320	10,390	2,800	3,610	2,890	2,020	2,600	3,230	2,920	1,640
Extensions (4)	1,610	1,300	1,560	260	330	400	310	380	460	370	350
Total	11,460	12,620	11,960	3,060	3,950	3,280	2,330	2,980	3,690	3,290	2,000
New Commonwealth											
Admissions (3)	360	470	530	150	160	100	60	100	200	170	80
Extensions (4)	80	100	150	20	30	30	20	30	40	40	40
Total	440	570	680	170	180	130	80	130	240	200	110
Total Commonwealth											
Admissions (3)	10,210	11,790	10,930	2,950	3,770	2,990	2,080	2,690	3,430	3,090	1,720
Extensions (4)	1,690	1,410	1,710	280	360	430	330	420	500	400	390
Total	11,900	13,200	12,640	3,230	4,130	3,420	2,410	3,110	3,930	3,490	2,110

(1) Excluding dependants.

(2) Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa.

(3) A change in procedures may have resulted in some under-recording for the fourth quarter of 2000.

(4) Excluding extensions granted to persons admitted under the UK-ancestry provisions and all persons granted a further extension under these provisions.

Table 3.1 Acceptances for settlement by category of acceptance, 1998 to 2000

United Kingdom	Number of persons										
	1998	1999	2000	1999				2000			
				1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr (R)	2nd Qtr (R)	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Accepted in own right or on a discretionary basis (excluding spouses and dependants)											
On completion of four years of which:	4,210	4,120	6,130	700	980	1,240	1,200	1,490	1,890	1,590	1,160
in employment with a work permit	3,160	3,280	4,460	580	780	980	940	1,140	1,210	1,190	910
in permit-free employment (1)	860	700	1,410	100	150	210	240	290	590	330	200
as businessmen or self employed, or persons of independent means	200	130	260	30	40	50	20	60	80	70	50
Commonwealth citizens with a UK born grandparent, taking or seeking employment	1,670	2,240	2,580	450	590	620	580	700	760	600	520
British Overseas citizens with special vouchers	170	220	160	40	50	90	50	10	20	80	50
Refugees and persons given exceptional leave to remain of which:	6,680	22,500	24,840	2,460	6,980	6,440	6,620	6,780	9,030	5,820	3,200
recognised refugees (2)	4,270	22,500	24,840	2,460	6,980	6,440	6,620	6,780	9,030	5,820	3,200
persons given exceptional leave to remain	2,410										
Other acceptances on a discretionary basis	3,700	2,580	6,150	320	700	830	740	1,070	2,110	1,720	1,250
Total accepted in own right or on a discretionary basis (3)	16,440	31,660	39,860	3,970	9,300	9,220	9,180	10,050	13,810	9,820	6,180
Spouses and dependants											
Husbands:											
settled on arrival	10	20	20	–	†	10	10	†	–	10	10
settled on removal of time limit:											
on basis of marriage (4)	13,010	14,560	14,470	2,370	3,700	3,910	4,590	4,220	3,780	3,330	3,130
at same time as wife	610	800	1,260	100	180	240	290	350	400	260	250
Total husbands	13,630	15,380	15,760	2,470	3,880	4,150	4,880	4,580	4,180	3,600	3,400
Wives:											
settled on arrival	120	150	170	10	50	50	40	10	10	80	70
settled on removal of time limit:											
on basis of marriage (4)	18,390	19,940	24,100	3,120	4,740	5,310	6,780	6,580	6,050	5,960	5,510
at same time as husband	3,780	4,850	6,650	680	1,030	1,540	1,610	1,920	2,230	1,520	980
Total wives	22,290	24,950	30,920	3,800	5,810	6,900	8,430	8,500	8,300	7,550	6,560
Children:											
settled on arrival	1,430	1,710	1,510	250	440	600	430	140	200	710	450
settled on removal of time limit:											
with parent accepted on basis of marriage	1,610	2,000	3,580	270	430	590	710	900	980	880	810
other	9,240	15,720	23,900	2,410	3,720	4,850	4,740	6,160	8,340	5,700	3,710
Total children	12,280	19,440	28,990	2,930	4,590	6,040	5,880	7,200	9,520	7,300	4,970
Parents and grandparents joining children or grandchildren:											
on arrival	280	270	260	60	60	60	90	30	50	110	70
on removal of time limit	1,050	810	2,170	100	230	210	270	400	800	580	400
Other and unspecified dependants (5)	3,510	4,380	6,830	520	980	1,420	1,450	1,220	2,000	2,060	1,560
Total spouses and dependants	53,040	65,220	84,930	9,880	15,560	18,780	21,010	21,930	24,850	21,190	16,960
Claim to right of abode upheld and other acceptances	310	230	300	50	50	60	60	100	90	70	40
All acceptances	69,790	97,120	125,090	13,900	24,910	28,060	30,250	32,080	38,750	31,080	23,180

(1) Includes ministers of religion, writers and artists.

(2) Includes persons granted settlement under measures aimed at reducing the pre-July 1993 asylum backlog as announced in the White Paper in July 1998.

(3) Includes Commonwealth citizens ordinarily resident on 1 January 1973 and for 5 years

(4) Data includes unmarried partners.

(5) Includes those dependants of port asylum seekers given indefinite leave to enter (since 27 July 1998)

Table 3.2 Acceptances for settlement by nationality, 1998 to 2000

United Kingdom				Number of persons								
Geographical region	1998	1999	2000	1999				2000				
				1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
				Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	
				(R)	(R)	(R)	(R)	(R)	(R)	(R)	(R)	
Europe												
European Economic Area	270	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••
Other Europe	7,300	15,980	15,100	1,460	6,030	4,280	4,210	3,360	4,530	4,230	2,990	
Europe	7,570	15,990	15,110	1,460	6,030	4,280	4,220	3,360	4,540	4,230	2,990	
Americas	10,780	8,520	11,520	1,310	1,930	2,510	2,770	2,590	3,110	3,260	2,550	
Africa	16,090	27,020	44,460	4,270	6,300	7,820	8,630	10,980	15,340	10,670	7,470	
Asia												
Indian sub-continent	16,420	21,440	22,730	3,490	5,540	5,880	6,520	6,050	6,510	5,400	4,780	
Rest of Asia	13,700	18,650	24,810	2,400	3,730	5,950	6,580	7,320	7,520	5,860	4,110	
Asia	30,120	40,090	47,540	5,890	9,280	11,830	13,100	13,370	14,020	11,260	8,890	
Oceania	3,690	4,120	4,900	820	1,060	1,110	1,130	1,380	1,280	1,190	1,040	
Other nationalities	1,540	1,380	1,560	150	320	500	410	400	450	470	240	
All nationalities	69,790	97,120	125,090	13,900	24,910	28,060	30,250	32,080	38,750	31,080	23,180	

Table 3.3 Refugees, and persons given exceptional leave to remain, accepted for settlement⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾, 1998 to 2000

United Kingdom				Number of persons								
	1998	1999	2000	1999				2000				
				1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
				Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	
				(R)	(R)	(R)	(R)	(R)	(R)	(R)	(R)	
Europe	1,280	7,250	3,790	360	3,970	1,600	1,310	730	1,250	1,150	660	
Americas	140	290	290	40	60	120	70	30	80	90	80	
Africa	2,550	8,230	12,850	1,370	1,780	2,380	2,700	3,320	5,230	2,830	1,470	
Indian sub-continent	290	770	540	150	240	220	160	110	240	100	90	
Rest of Asia	2,240	5,620	6,970	510	840	2,000	2,260	2,450	2,090	1,560	870	
Oceania	†	10	10	–	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	
Other nationalities	180	340	390	30	80	120	110	130	140	80	40	
All nationalities	6,680	22,500	24,840	2,460	6,980	6,440	6,620	6,780	9,030	5,820	3,200	

(1) Includes persons granted settlement under measures aimed at reducing the pre-1993 asylum backlog as announced in the White Paper in July 1998.

(2) Excludes those previously recognised as refugees, or given exceptional leave to remain, but accepted for settlement on other grounds; also excludes dependants.

Table 3.4 Spouses and dependants accepted for settlement, 1998 to 2000

United Kingdom	Number of persons										
	1998	1999	2000	1999				2000			
				1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr (R)	2nd Qtr (R)	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Husbands (1)											
Europe	1,130	1,130	1,350	170	260	290	420	340	370	320	320
Americas	1,790	1,680	2,090	260	360	480	580	530	510	570	480
Africa	2,750	2,700	3,820	360	590	760	1,000	1,090	1,070	840	810
Indian sub-continent	6,160	8,010	6,280	1,420	2,220	2,100	2,270	1,950	1,650	1,370	1,310
Rest of Asia	950	950	1,210	110	220	280	330	360	320	290	240
Oceania	760	830	930	140	210	220	260	290	240	190	220
Other nationalities	100	80	80	10	20	20	30	30	30	20	10
All nationalities	13,630	15,380	15,760	2,470	3,880	4,150	4,880	4,580	4,180	3,600	3,400
Wives (1)											
Europe	2,890	3,180	4,420	440	650	950	1,130	1,100	1,200	1,160	970
Americas	3,150	2,980	3,880	450	680	800	1,050	960	980	1,040	900
Africa	3,550	3,870	5,720	580	900	1,070	1,320	1,600	1,680	1,340	1,100
Indian sub-continent	6,680	8,220	8,830	1,260	2,070	2,200	2,690	2,500	2,320	2,110	1,900
Rest of Asia	4,680	5,270	6,410	800	1,130	1,500	1,830	1,880	1,700	1,500	1,340
Oceania	1,140	1,250	1,470	250	330	320	350	410	370	360	330
Other nationalities	190	180	200	20	40	60	70	60	50	60	30
All nationalities	22,290	24,950	30,920	3,800	5,810	6,900	8,430	8,500	8,300	7,550	6,560
Children											
Europe	1,240	2,730	3,550	300	700	830	900	850	1,170	1,000	520
Americas	1,890	1,490	2,350	210	380	510	390	480	700	700	460
Africa	4,020	8,110	13,600	1,440	1,940	2,410	2,320	3,340	4,620	3,290	2,350
Indian sub-continent	1,580	2,550	3,450	380	590	770	810	740	1,100	860	750
Rest of Asia	2,900	3,860	5,160	500	810	1,270	1,280	1,570	1,690	1,170	730
Oceania	300	340	500	80	80	90	90	120	120	150	100
Other nationalities	340	350	390	30	90	150	80	100	120	120	50
All nationalities	12,280	19,440	28,990	2,930	4,590	6,040	5,880	7,200	9,520	7,300	4,970
Total (2)											
Europe	5,540	8,210	10,410	1,010	1,940	2,510	2,760	2,430	3,000	2,830	2,140
Americas	8,240	6,730	9,200	1,000	1,520	1,960	2,240	2,120	2,460	2,570	2,040
Africa	11,320	16,240	26,600	2,530	3,830	4,690	5,190	6,600	8,500	6,530	4,970
Indian sub-continent	15,360	19,720	20,340	3,220	5,100	5,340	6,050	5,550	5,660	4,810	4,330
Rest of Asia	9,420	11,130	14,530	1,570	2,370	3,360	3,830	4,170	4,230	3,460	2,660
Oceania	2,260	2,470	2,990	480	620	650	720	850	740	730	670
Other nationalities	920	720	860	70	170	260	220	220	250	260	130
All nationalities	53,040	65,220	84,930	9,880	15,560	18,780	21,010	21,930	24,850	21,200	16,960

(1) Data includes unmarried partners.

(2) Includes parents, grandparents, other and unspecified dependants.

Table 4.1 Persons subject to enforcement action⁽¹⁾, 1998 to 2000

	United Kingdom											
												Number of persons
	1998	1999	2000	1999				2000				
	(R)	(R)	(P)	1st Qtr (R)	2nd Qtr (R)	3rd Qtr (R)	4th Qtr (R)	1st Qtr (R)	2nd Qtr (R)	3rd Qtr (P)	4th Qtr (P)	
Persons against whom enforcement action was initiated (2)												
Illegal entry action initiated	16,500	21,165	47,325	3,225	3,895	6,900	7,145	8,250	7,615	14,315	17,145	
Deportation action initiated (3)	4,580	1,785	2,525	430	405	500	445	645	865	865	155	
Section 10 (Administrative removal) action initiated	-	-	720	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	720	
Total enforcement action initiated	21,080	22,955	50,580	3,660	4,300	7,400	7,595	8,895	8,480	15,180	18,020	
<i>of whom: asylum seekers (4)</i>	14,730	..	43,465	..	3,130	5,965	6,250	7,215	6,500	13,400	16,345	
Persons leaving the country as a result of enforcement action (5)												
Total persons leaving as a result of illegal entry action	5,585	5,225	6,115	1,305	1,080	1,345	1,495	1,615	1,595	1,535	1,370	
<i>of whom: asylum seekers (4)</i>	3,095	2,615	2,820	690	535	655	740	670	765	725	660	
Persons leaving as a result of deportation action (3)	1,730	1,210	1,280	240	255	370	350	365	370	390	160	
<i>of whom: asylum seekers (4)</i>	350	140	145	40	20	35	45	45	35	45	20	
Section 10 removals	-	-	425	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	425	
<i>of whom: asylum seekers (4)</i>	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	
Removals under the Voluntary Assisted Returns Programme(6)	-	50	550	*	10	15	20	45	80	195	230	
Total persons leaving as a result of enforcement action (5)(8)	7,315	6,485	8,370	1,545	1,340	1,735	1,865	2,020	2,040	2,115	2,190	
<i>of whom: asylum seekers (4)(7)</i>	3,450	2,805	3,540	730	565	705	805	755	885	965	935	

(1) Under sections 3(5), 3(6) or 33(1) of the Immigration Act 1971, or under section 10 of the Immigration Act 1996.

(2) Illegal entrants detected and persons issued with a notice of intention to deport, recommended for deportation by a court or proceeded against under Section 10.

(3) Deportation figures may be under-recorded from December 1998.

(4) Persons who had sought asylum at some point, excluding dependants. The total number of asylum seekers removed can be obtained by adding together data from this table and from Table 2.1

(5) Including persons departing 'voluntarily' after enforcement action had been initiated against them.

(6) May include some on-entry cases and some cases where enforcement action has not been initiated.

(7) Includes persons leaving under the Voluntary Assisted Returns Programme

(8) Figure for 2000 does not include 154 accompanying dependants

* Figure equivalent to 1 or 2.

Table 4.2 Persons dealt with as illegal entrants⁽¹⁾, 1998 to 2000

United Kingdom	Number of persons										
	1998	1999	2000	1999				2000			
				1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
		(R)	(R)	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr
			(R)	(R)	(R)	(R)	(R)	(R)	(R)	(P)	(P)
Action commenced in the period											
Illegal entry papers served	16,500	21,165	47,325	3,225	3,895	6,900	7,145	8,250	7,615	14,315	17,145
Dealt with during the period (2)											
Removed as illegal entrants (3)	4,755							1,540	1,505		
	}	5,225 }	6,115 }	1,305	1,080	1,345	1,495			1,535	1,370
Departed voluntarily (3)(4)	830							75	85		
Allowed to stay indefinitely	80	380	255	15	200	130	35	45	50	110	50
Allowed to stay for a limited period	1,065	560	855	90	110	215	145	175	225	295	160
Dealt with as other categories (5)(6)	135	110	375	15	20	50	30	105	30	140	105
Total dealt with during the period (2)(6)	6,860	6,275	7,595	1,425	1,410	1,740	1,705	1,935	1,900	2,080	1,685

(1) Covers persons served with papers and dealt with as illegal entrants as defined in section 33(1) of the Immigration Act 1971.

(2) Some persons dealt with in one period had illegal entry action initiated against them in an earlier period.

(3) Figures for removals and voluntary departures as a result of illegal entry action are estimated for 3rd and 4th quarter 1998 and 1st and 2nd quarter 2000.

(4) Persons departing voluntarily after illegal entry action had been initiated against them.

(5) This category includes deportation cases (including overstayers) and seaman deserters.

(6) Absconders, who were included in previous issues of this table, have been excluded here on the grounds that absconding does not necessarily signify the resolution of an enforcement case.

Table 4.3 Deportation action⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾, 1998 to 2000

United Kingdom				Number of persons							
Category of case and type of action undertaken	1998	1999	2000	1999				2000 ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾			
				1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
	(R)	(R)	(R)	(R)	(R)	(R)	(R)	(R)	(R)	(P)	(P)
Breach of conditions of leave to enter or remain (3)											
Notices of intention to deport	3,910	1,300	1,760	290	300	375	330	420	640	695	10
Decision not to deport	3,090	865	1,145	100	200	285	275	295	210	230	415
Deportation orders made	610	315	240	55	100	100	60	60	45	55	80
Departed voluntarily	355	120	..	25	25	40	30	15	20	..	..
Removals	1,000	705	..	135	125	235	210	235	210	..	..
<i>of which:</i>											
<i>Deportation orders enforced</i>	360	175	..	25	30	65	55	45	55	..	..
<i>Supervised departure</i>	640	530	..	110	90	170	155	190	150	..	..
Deportation of family member (4)											
Notices of intention to deport	200	30	30	5	10	5	5	5	15	10	-
Decision not to deport	80	145	95	10	30	55	50	35	25	15	20
Deportation orders made	10	10	10	-	-	10	-	†	5	5	†
Departed voluntarily	5	-	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	..	..
Removals	10	†	..	†	-	-	-	†	-	..	..
<i>of which:</i>											
<i>Deportation orders enforced</i>	†	-	..	-	-	-	-	†	-	..	..
<i>Supervised departure</i>	5	†	..	†	-	-	-	-	-	..	..
Conducive to the public good (5)											
Notices of intention to deport	135	90	120	15	30	25	20	50	20	35	10
Decision not to deport	70	40	55	5	5	10	20	15	20	10	10
Deportation orders made	120	85	175	20	20	25	20	65	35	35	40
Departed voluntarily	5	5	..	†	-	-	†	-	-	..	..
Removals	110	115	..	20	35	30	30	40	45	..	..
<i>of which:</i>											
<i>Deportation orders enforced</i>	105	95	..	20	30	25	25	35	30	..	..
<i>Supervised departure</i>	5	20	..	5	5	5	10	5	15	..	..
Following court recommendation (6)											
Court recommendations made	335	365	615	115	65	95	95	170	190	125	130
Successful appeal against recommendation (7)	5	5	-	†	5	†	-	-	-	-	-
Decision not to deport	40	30	20	5	5	10	10	5	5	5	5
Deportation orders made	280	250	335	50	65	60	75	85	90	70	85
Departed voluntarily	5	5	..	-	†	-	†	-	-	..	..
Removals	235	260	..	55	65	65	70	65	100	..	..
<i>of which:</i>											
<i>Deportation orders enforced</i>	225	230	..	50	60	60	60	60	85	..	..
<i>Supervised departure</i>	10	30	..	5	5	5	10	10	15	..	..
All categories - Total											
Notices of intention to deport	4,245	1,415	1,910	315	345	405	350	475	675	740	20
Court recommendations made	335	365	615	115	65	95	95	170	190	125	130
Successful appeal against recommendation (7)	5	5	-	†	5	†	-	-	-	-	-
Decision not to deport	3,280	1,085	1,315	120	250	360	355	345	265	260	445
Deportation orders made	1,020	660	760	125	185	195	150	210	180	165	205
Departed voluntarily (10)	370	130	1,285	25	30	40	40	15	20	390	160
Removals (10)	1,360	1,080		215	225	330	310	345	350		
<i>of which:</i>											
<i>Deportation orders enforced</i>	695	500	..	95	120	150	135	140	170	..	..
<i>Supervised departure</i>	660	580	..	120	100	180	175	205	180	..	..

(1) Under the provision of sections 3(5) and 3(6) of the Immigration Act 1971.

(2) Revised figures taken from the central database. There may be some under-recording from December 1998.

(3) Under section 3(5)(a) of the Immigration Act 1971.

(4) Under section 3(5)(c) of the Immigration Act 1971.

(5) Under section 3(5)(b) of the Immigration Act 1971.

(6) Under section 3(6) of the Immigration Act 1971.

(7) Following an appeal in a criminal court; not part of the immigration appeals procedure.

(8) Figures for removals and voluntary departures as a result of deportation entry action are estimated for 1st and 2nd quarter 2000.

(9) Due to data quality issues the removal breakdown figures for quarter 3 and 4 of 2000 are unavailable

(10) Total figures based on manual counts.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. More detailed figures by category and nationality, together with information on other aspects of immigration control not covered by this series of bulletins, are given in the annual Command Paper. The latest version giving 1999 data is "Control of Immigration: Statistics, United Kingdom, 1999" (Cm. 4876, The Stationery Office, £17.60). The corresponding publication for 2000 is due to be published in the autumn.

2. The statistics in this bulletin do not cover persons who are not subject to immigration control (except in Table 1.2 and 2.1) nor those who emigrate from the UK. Estimates of the total numbers of international migrants up to 1999 are published by the Office for National Statistics in "International Migration" (Series MN No. 24). These estimates are based mainly on the results of the International Passenger Survey, a sample survey of all passengers, which identifies those intending to stay for a year or longer in their new country of residence.

3. As the statistics in this bulletin are a by-product of the process of immigration control, changes in many of the series can reflect legal and administrative factors. For example, the number of grants of entry clearances can be affected by factors such as the resources available to process cases. As quarterly figures can be affected by seasonal factors, the commentary compares the figures for the most recent 12 month period with those for the previous 12 month period.

4. European Union citizens are free to enter, and to remain in, the UK under EC rights of residence law without requiring leave to do so. A similar provision was extended to the nationals of Austria, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden as from 1 January 1994, when these countries and the EU formed the European Economic Area (EEA). Austria, Finland and Sweden subsequently became Member States of the EU on 1 January 1995 and Liechtenstein became part of the EEA on 1 May 1995. EEA nationals are therefore not included in the statistics of admissions, extensions of leave to remain and settlement on arrival. They may apply for settlement if they wish but are not obliged to do so. Therefore such acceptances do not represent the total number of EEA nationals eligible to stay indefinitely in the UK. Data on such acceptances are included in Tables 3.1 to 3.4 of the bulletin as appropriate but have not been recorded since the end of 1998.

5. Changes to legislation and the immigration rules have been made on a number of occasions in recent years. Details of such changes are given in the annual Command Paper mentioned above. Changes relating to the statistics in this bulletin are:

(a) the rules changes implemented on 1 October 1994 which further restricted switching into a category leading to settlement;

(b) changes introduced by the Department of Social Security which took effect on 5 February 1996 - namely the withdrawal of a range of non-contributory benefits from after-entry asylum seekers and from asylum seekers whose application has been refused and who are appealing against that refusal;

(c) the Asylum and Immigration Act 1996 (which came into force in stages, mostly during September and October 1996) introduced, inter alia:

(i) an extension of the accelerated appeals procedure to a wider range of refused asylum applications;

(ii) the designation by the Secretary of State, with the approval of Parliament, of selected countries of destination where there is in general no serious risk of persecution - refusals of such cases being liable to the accelerated appeals procedure;

(iii) restricting appeals against return to a safe third country within the European Union and other countries so designated (currently Canada, Norway, Switzerland and the USA) to being exercisable only after removal from the United Kingdom;

(d) the abolition of the 'primary purpose rule' on 5 June 1997 - spouses and fiancé(e)s seeking settlement no longer have to show that the primary purpose of the marriage was/is not to obtain admission to the UK - but the other requirements of the immigration rules relating to marriage remain in force.

6. The figures in Table 3.1 for acceptances for settlement of refugees and exceptional leave cases are of those accepted for settlement after a period of residence in the UK. In July 1998 the White Paper entitled "Fairer, Faster and Firmer – A Modern Approach To Immigration And Asylum" was published. A number of proposals relating to asylum were made, several of which were implemented immediately (27 July 1998), as there was no need for primary legislation. These have the effect of abolishing the qualifying period of four years for grant of settlement to those recognised as refugees and given asylum and of reducing it from seven to four years for those granted exceptional leave. In early 1999, the Home Office established units to implement further measures outlined in the White Paper. Many persons who applied for asylum prior to July 1993 and still awaited an initial decision were granted settlement in 1999 under measures aimed at reducing the asylum backlog. Decisions on applications made in the period from July 1993 to December 1995 are also being considered under these measures.

7. In the tables on enforcement (Tables 4.1 to 4.3), it should be noted that the number of persons dealt with in a particular time period may relate to action initiated in previous periods.

8. Despite the care which is taken in collecting and aggregating the data, all the figures in this bulletin are subject to the inaccuracies inherent in any large recording system, and are not necessarily accurate to the last digit. Accordingly, most of the figures have been rounded, and do not always add to the totals shown because components and totals have been rounded independently.

9. The following symbols are used in the tables:

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|-----|---|---|------------------------------|
| •• | not available | † | negligible (i.e. 5 or fewer) |
| – | nil | # | not applicable |
| (R) | some figures in the column have been revised since the previous issue of this bulletin, for example to include late returns | | |
| (P) | provisional figures | | |

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