

Asylum Statistics

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MAIN POINTS

■ Applications for asylum excluding dependants rose 13% in 2000 to 80,315. Highest applications were from Iraq, Sri Lanka, FRY, Iran and Afghanistan nationals. (Paragraphs 1, 5)

■ Applications to the EU, including dependants, rose 1%, with increases most notably to Belgium, France, Denmark, Sweden, UK. (Paragraph 3)

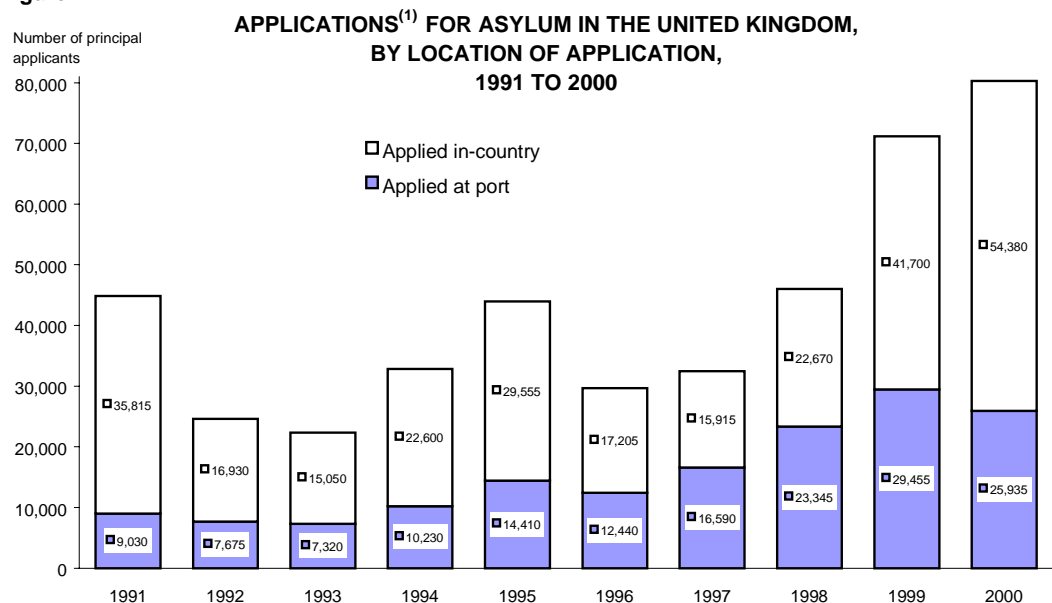
■ Initial decisions reached a record 109,205 in 2000, three times the 1999 total. Asylum was granted in 10,375 cases and exceptional leave to remain (ELR) 11,495 cases. A further 10,325 decisions granted asylum or ELR under the backlog clearance exercise. (Paragraphs 11, 12)

■ 19,395 appeals were determined by special adjudicators in 2000 – 17% were allowed and 80% dismissed. (Paragraph 20)

■ For cases considered under normal procedures, it is estimated that around a third of applications in 2000 resulted in initial decisions granting asylum (11%) or exceptional leave to remain (12%), or in allowed appeals (around 8%). (Paragraph 23)

■ Asylum removals (including voluntary departures) rose in 2000 by 1,300 cases to just under 9,000. (Paragraph 28)

Figure 1



(1) Excluding dependants

INTRODUCTION

This bulletin provides the main detailed annual statistics about asylum for 2000 and preceding years. It covers applications, decisions, appeals, detention, removals, settlement and introduces for the first time statistics about asylum support.

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DATA QUALITY

This bulletin incorporates revisions to the provisional data issued monthly on the Home Office RDS website. (<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration1.html>)

Revisions to data on numbers of asylum cases outstanding

The number of asylum cases outstanding as at the end of 2000 has been revised from the provisional 66,195 to 89,100. To improve the quality of its management information, Immigration and Nationality Directorate (IND) carried out on 31 August 2001 a physical count of the number of asylum applications awaiting initial decision. This showed that the number of cases awaiting an initial decision at 31 August was 43,100. This compares with the previous estimate for 31 July of 22,580. The provisional estimates previously published were based on the previous physical count in December 1996 adjusted by the cumulative information since then of applications, decided cases and withdrawn cases. The reasons for the discrepancy include cumulative recording errors within complex administrative systems over many years, and revisions to data due to late recording. New electronic recording systems have been put in place over the last year, providing more reliable data in future and more frequent physical counts are planned.

Revisions to data on asylum applications and decisions

The number of applications in 2000 has been revised from the provisional 76,040 to 80,315, and the number of initial decisions has been revised from 110,065 to 109,205. These revisions mainly arise from late entered data and removing duplicate cases following a large data cleansing exercise, with the number of late reported cases outweighing the number of duplicates. Data cleansing is a part of the regular production of the statistics, so it is anticipated that revisions to 2001 data should be smaller.

During the first half of 2000 IND has developed a new integrated database for recording asylum case information including applications and decisions as a source for the published statistics. This new system is now generating information of much better quality than that available in previous years, allowing cross checking between applications and decisions data, and reconciliations with alternative sources. These processes for improving data quality have produced revisions to the previously published monthly data.

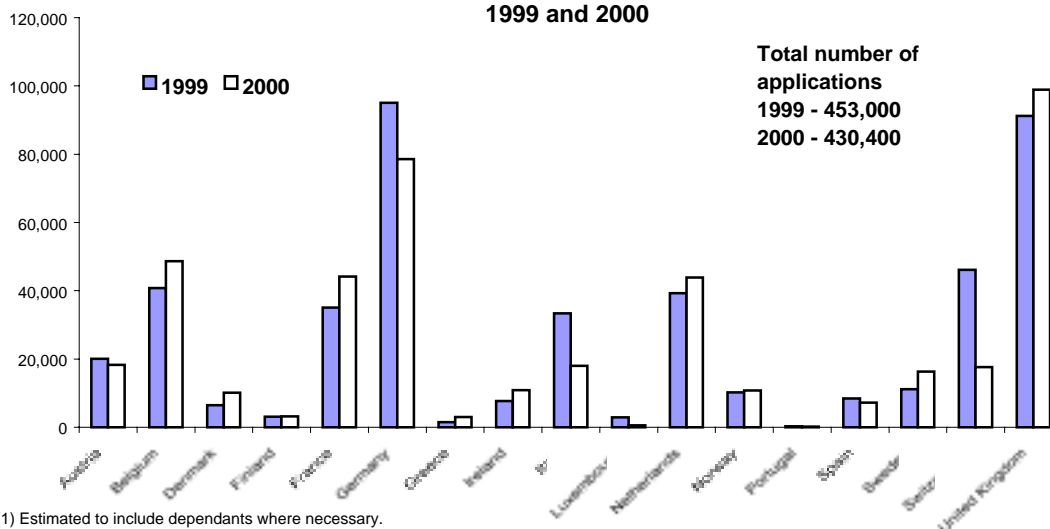
Nevertheless, the data for 2000 rely partly on clerical counts for the first few months of 2000 before the new database came into use. Accordingly the data for 2000 are subject to the shortcomings inherent in such recording systems.

APPLICATIONS (Tables 1.1 - 1.2, 2.1 - 2.4, 4.1 - 4.2 and 6.1)

1. The number of asylum applications received in 2000 was 80,315, excluding dependants, 9,155 (13 per cent) more than in 1999. The increase in 2000 was the smallest percentage increase for three years (compared with year-on-year increases of 55 per cent in 1999 and 42 per cent in 1998). Following measures to deter multiple and other fraudulent applications the annual total¹ fell back noticeably in 1992 and 1993. However, applications increased substantially in 1994, again in 1995, but after falling back in 1996, partly due to legislative changes affecting the eligibility of asylum seekers for Social Security benefits, it continued rising in 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000.
2. Including dependants the number of asylum applications was estimated to be 98,900 in 2000.

Figure 2

APPLICATIONS⁽¹⁾ RECEIVED FOR ASYLUM IN SELECTED EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, 1999 and 2000



(1) Estimated to include dependants where necessary.

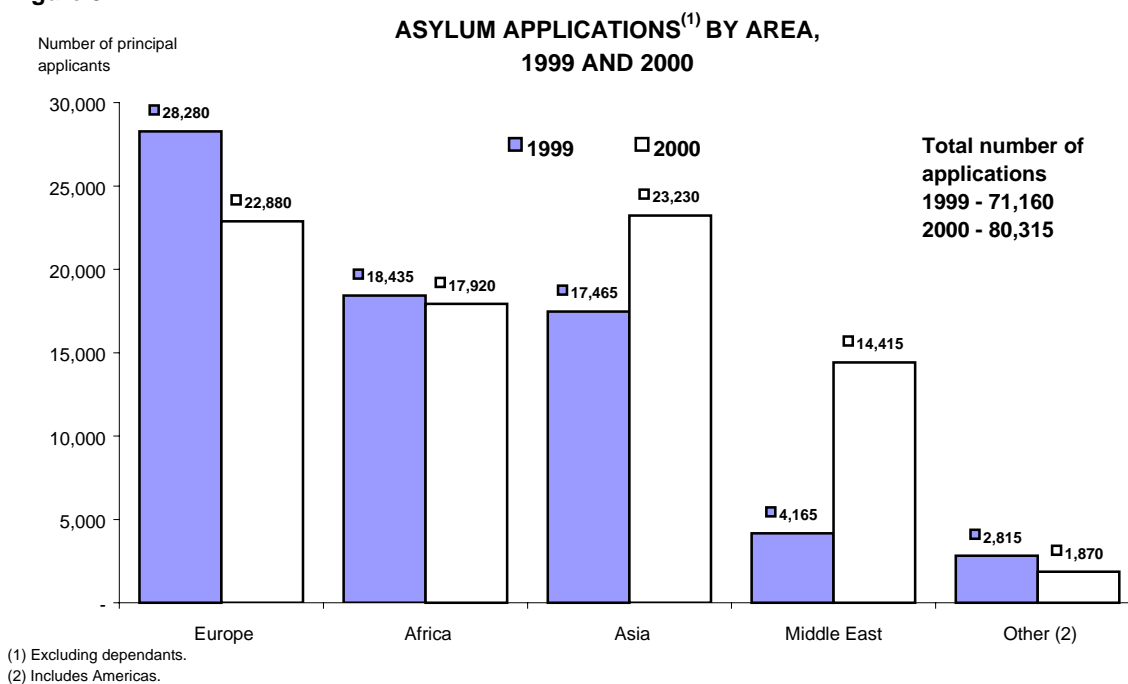
3. Asylum applications, including dependants, to European Union countries increased in 2000 for the fourth consecutive year, but this increase was just 1 per cent compared with an increase of 27 per cent in 1999. Austria, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal and Spain each saw a decrease in the number of applications received compared with 1999, whilst the other nine member states each recorded an increase. In particular, applications to France increased by a quarter and to Belgium by a fifth while applications to Italy almost halved. Applications to Germany continued to fall, to a level lower than that of the UK for the first time on record; Germany received 18 per cent of all asylum applications recorded in Western Europe, while the UK received the most applications of any one country with 23 per cent. When the relative size of domestic populations is taken into account, the UK ranks 9th amongst European countries in terms of asylum seekers per head of population – slightly below 1999's 8th position.

¹ These figures exclude South East Asian refugees, who are dealt with under special arrangements, and applications made overseas for entry clearance to seek asylum in the UK (see explanatory notes 5 and 19).

4. The proportion of applications made in-country (that is by people who had already entered the UK) rather than on arrival was 68 per cent in 2000, compared with 59 per cent in 1999 and 50 per cent in 1998.

5. Just under 30 per cent of all applications in 2000 were from nationals of Asia, 28 per cent were from nationals of Europe, 22 per cent were from nationals of Africa and 18 per cent were from nationals of the Middle East. The main nationalities of applicants in 2000 were Iraqi (9 per cent), Sri Lankan (8 per cent), Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY)² (8 per cent), Iranian (7 per cent) and Afghan (7 per cent). Compared with 1999, large increases occurred in the number of applications from nationals of Iran (rising from 1,320 to 5,610), Iraq (from 1,800 to 7,475) and China (from 2,625 to 4,000). On the other hand, there were large falls in the number of applications received from nationals of FRY (falling from 11,465 to 6,070), and Somalia (from 7,495 to 5,020).

Figure 3



Unaccompanied children (Table 2.3)

6. In 2000, a total of 2,733 unaccompanied children, aged 17 or under, applied for asylum in the United Kingdom, 18 per cent fewer than the level recorded in 1999 (3,349). Of these 2,733 applications, 1,394 were made at port and 1,339 in country. The main countries of origin were FRY (24 per cent), Afghanistan (11 per cent), Somalia (6 per cent) and Sri Lanka (6 per cent).

² FRY is comprised of Kosovo, Serbia and Montenegro but the majority of FRY applications are thought to be from Kosovars.

Dependants of applicants (Tables 1.2 and 6.1)

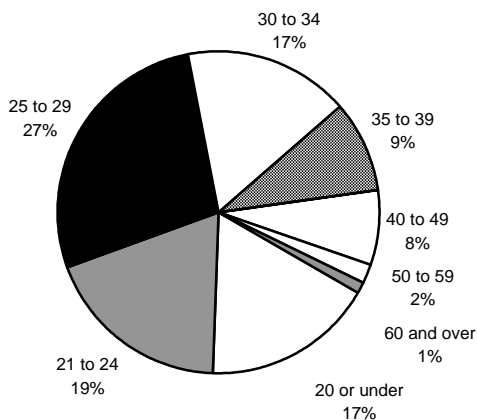
7. An estimated 10 per cent of principal applicants applying for asylum in 2000 were accompanied or subsequently joined (prior to the initial decision³) by one or more dependants. This proportion was slightly lower than in previous years. Approximately 4 per cent of applicants in 2000 were accompanied or subsequently joined by one dependant, 3 per cent by two dependants, and 3 per cent by three or more dependants. These proportions are similar to those seen in the years between 1992 and 1998.

8. The total number of dependants in 2000, accompanying or subsequently joining principal applicants prior to a decision being made, is estimated at just over 18,500 compared with just over 20,000 in 1999, and nearly 12,500 in 1998. Including these dependants, total applications in 2000 are estimated at 98,900, 7,700 (8 per cent) more than in 1999.

DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF ASYLUM APPLICANTS (Tables 5.1 and 5.2)

Figure 4

**APPLICATIONS FOR ASYLUM IN THE UNITED KINGDOM
BY AGE, 2000**



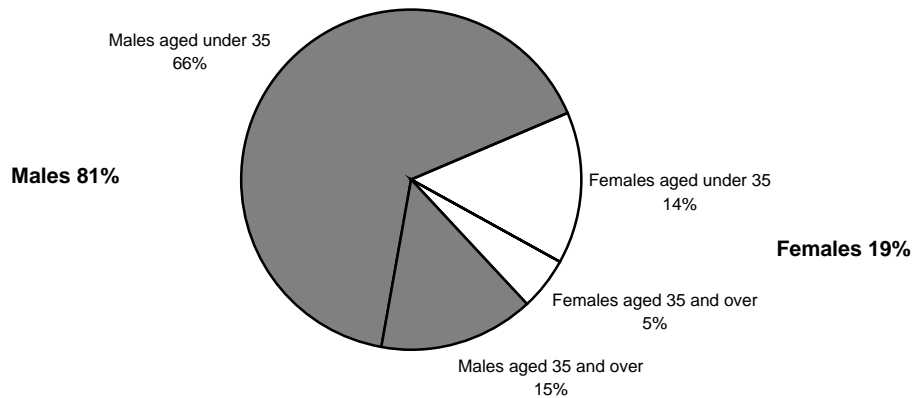
9. The majority of principal applicants are relatively young. In 2000, as in previous years, approximately two-thirds were between 21 and 34 years old, with less than 5 per cent aged 50 or older. The average age of applicants in 2000 was 27, the same as in 1999. The average age of European applicants in 2000 fell to 25, while African and Asian applicants remained at 27. Approximately 81 per cent of principal applicants in 2000 were male. This was greater than the proportions seen in the previous few years, but the same as the proportion in 1991. Over three-quarters of both male and female applicants in 2000 were less than 35 years old, a similar proportion to 1999.

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See explanatory note 21.

Figure 5

**APPLICATIONS FOR ASYLUM IN THE UNITED KINGDOM
BY AGE AND GENDER, 2000**



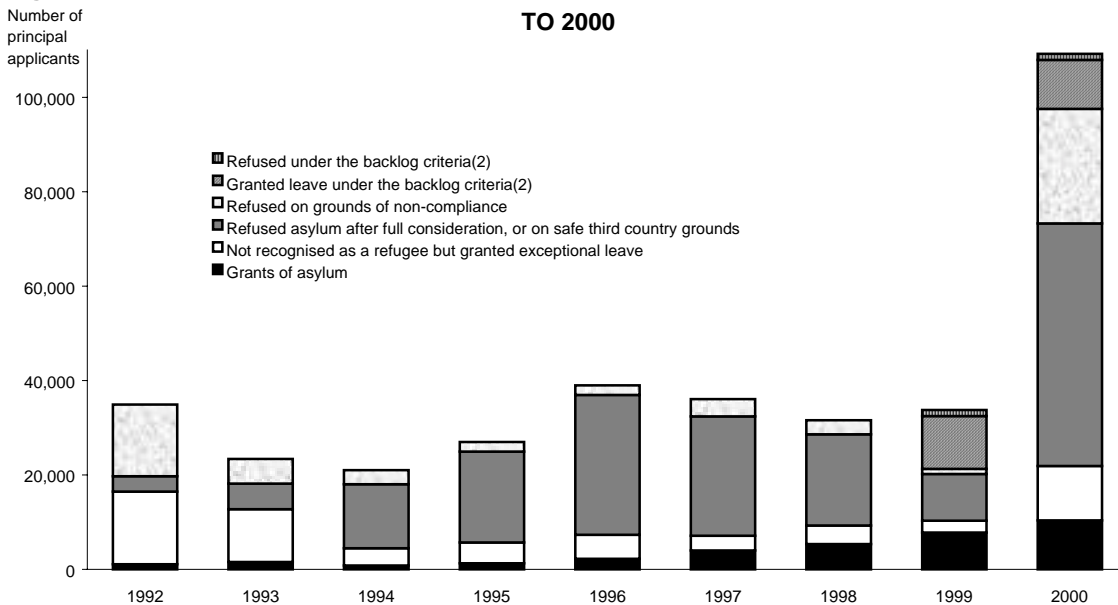
10. The estimated age profile of cases decided in 2000 was similar to that for applications. Of those refused asylum, nearly 45 per cent were between the ages of 25-34, with similar proportions of those granted asylum or exceptional leave in the same age range. The average age for all applicants whose case was decided in 2000 was 27, similar to previous years.

INITIAL DECISIONS (Tables 1.1 - 1.3, 3.1 - 3.3, 4.1 - 4.2)⁴

11. 109,205 initial decisions were made on asylum applications in 2000, more than triple the 33,720 made in 1999. 97,545 decisions were made under normal procedures with a further 11,660 under the backlog clearance exercise⁵.

⁴ Information is of initial decisions so excludes the outcome of appeals or other subsequent decisions.

⁵ See explanatory note 13.

Figure 6**DECISIONS⁽¹⁾ MADE ON ASYLUM APPLICATIONS 1992 TO 2000**

(1) Excluding dependants.

(2) Cases decided under pragmatic measures aimed at reducing the pre-96 asylum backlog.

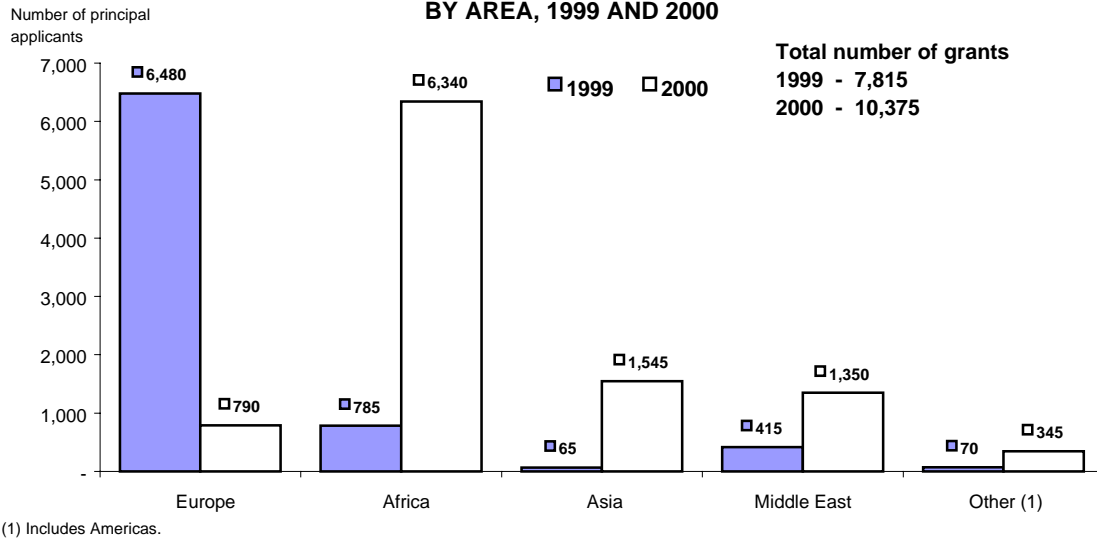
12. Of the initial decisions made in 2000 under normal procedures, 10,375 (11 per cent) were to recognise the applicant as a refugee and grant asylum, 11,495 (12 per cent) were not to recognise as a refugee but to grant exceptional leave to remain, and 75,680 (78 per cent) were to refuse both asylum and exceptional leave. The proportion granted asylum in 2000 was considerably lower than the 36 per cent in 1999 (which was higher than expected due to the high level of recognition of applications from nationals of FRY). The proportion granted exceptional leave to remain was the same as the 12 per cent recorded in 1998 and 1999.

13. For cases considered under the backlog clearance exercise⁵, a total of 10,325 cases were granted either asylum or exceptional leave to remain. A further 1,335 were refused asylum or exceptional leave to remain, the vast majority on non-compliance grounds. The bulk of those cases lodged prior to December 1995 were decided under this exercise and cleared by the end of 2000.

14. The only continent to experience a decrease in the number of cases granted asylum was Europe to 790 in 2000, compared with 6,480 in 1999. This was mainly due to a large fall for nationals of FRY (6,290 in 1999 which fell to just 275 in 2000). The number of grants of asylum made to nationals of countries in Asia increased from 65 in 1999 to 1,545 in 2000. The number of grants of asylum to Somalis increased from 130 to 5,310, and to nationals of Sri Lanka increased from 20 to 900. As well as FRY, there was a decrease in the number of grants of asylum made to nationals of Algeria (from 475 to 65), which last year saw an increase of over 50 per cent.

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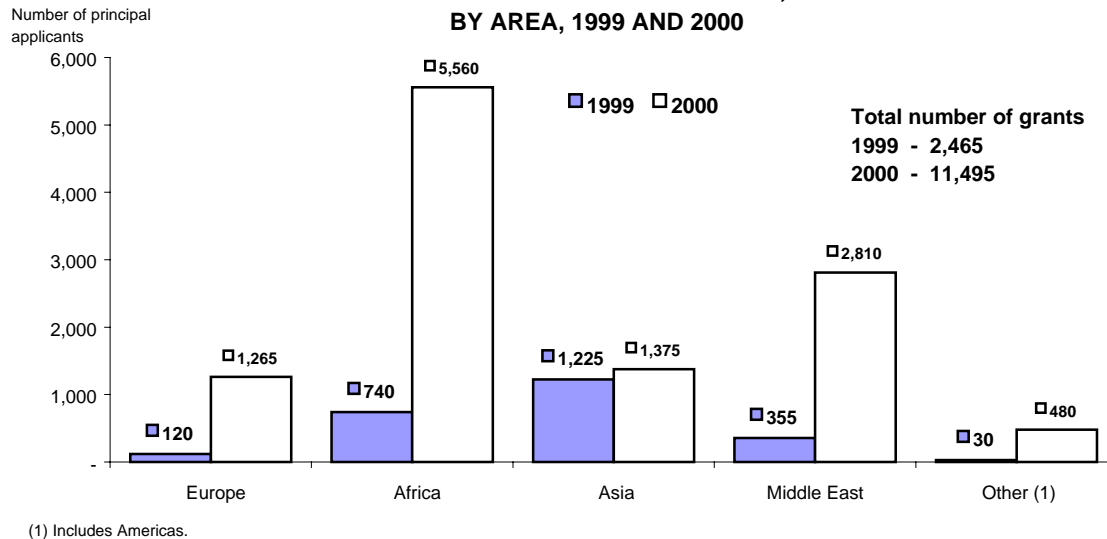
**RECOGNISED AS A REFUGEE AND GRANTED ASYLUM,
UNDER NORMAL PROCEDURES,
BY AREA, 1999 AND 2000**



15. The main nationalities to be granted exceptional leave to remain under normal procedures in 2000 were Somali (nearly a third of all grants of ELR), Iraqis (a fifth), and nationals of FRY (7 per cent).

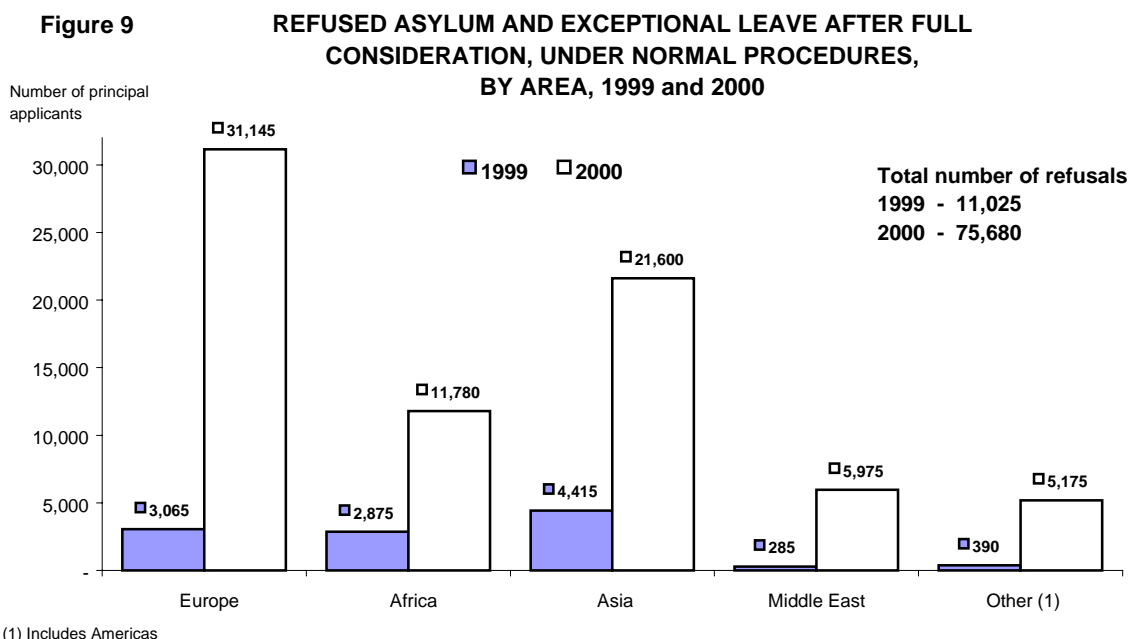
Figure 8

**NOT RECOGNISED AS A REFUGEE BUT GRANTED EXCEPTIONAL LEAVE,
UNDER NORMAL PROCEDURES,
BY AREA, 1999 AND 2000**



16. For cases considered under normal procedures, there were 75,680 cases refused (including safe third country and non-compliance refusals) in 2000 compared with just 11,025 in 1999. This increase was due to the increased number of decisions made in 2000. Nationals of FRY accounted for 18 per cent of those refused substantively in 2000 and nationals of Sri Lanka for 9 per cent. Non-compliance refusals (for failure to

provide evidence to support the asylum claim, including failure to appear for an interview to establish their identity) accounted for 24,290 refusals in 2000 - representing nearly a third of total refusals - compared with around 10 per cent in each of 1995 to 1999 and 20 per cent in 1994.



Total initial decisions since 1990 (including dependants) (Tables 1.2 and 11.1)

17. In the eleven-year period from 1990 to 2000, some 51,400 people, including associated dependants, were granted asylum, with a further 4,500 South East Asian refugees accepted for settlement on arrival. Thus about 55,900 people, including associated dependants, have been given leave to remain in the UK as refugees over this period.

18. Approximately 91,930 people, including dependants, were not recognised as refugees but granted exceptional leave during the same period. A further 29,240 were granted asylum or exceptional leave under the backlog clearance exercise. Refusals (including non-compliance refusals) totalled approximately 321,080.

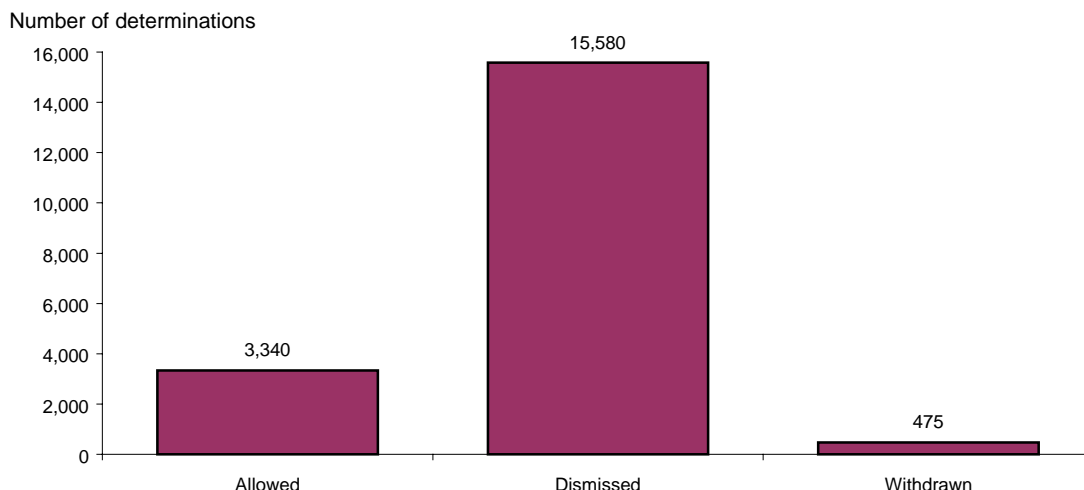
ASYLUM APPEALS (Tables 7.1 - 7.3)⁶

19. In 2000, 46,190 asylum appeals were received by the Home Office, seven times as many as the previous year. During 2000, 28,260 appeals were checked for validity, prepared for hearing by the Home Office and passed to the Immigration Appellate Authority to be heard by adjudicators.

⁶ See explanatory note 7.

20. Adjudicators determined 19,395 asylum appeals in 2000, a similar number to the previous year. Of the appeals determined in 2000, 3,340 (17 per cent) were allowed, 15,580 (80 per cent) were dismissed, and the remainder were withdrawn or abandoned. This compares with 27 per cent allowed and 57 per cent dismissed in 1999.

Figure 10 **OUTCOME OF ASYLUM APPEALS SENT TO THE ADJUDICATOR, 2000**



21. 6,020 applications for leave to appeal to the Immigration Appellate Tribunal were submitted in 2000, a decrease of 30 per cent compared with 1999. The Tribunal determined 2,635 appeals in 2000, representing nearly a 50 per cent increase on the previous year.

22. An average of 480 applications for leave to move for Judicial Review in asylum related cases were lodged in each quarter of 2000, compared with 595 in 1999. Of the judicial review hearings determined, 48 per cent were allowed and 40 per cent dismissed in 2000 (the remainder being withdrawn). However, the allowed figure includes cases in which the Home Office conceded the case.

OVERALL PROPORTION OF APPLICANTS GRANTED ASYLUM, EXCEPTIONAL LEAVE OR APPEAL ALLOWED

23. The data for 2000 implies that, for cases considered under normal procedures, approximately a third of applications in 2000 resulted in the granting of asylum (11 per cent), in the granting of exceptional leave to remain (12 per cent), or in appeals which are allowed by the IAA adjudicators (a further 8 per cent). (Note that analysis of electronic records, based on cases where data is available, indicates that around 50-60 per cent of refusals result in an appeal; and slightly less than a fifth of appeals are allowed). This estimate includes allowance for the small proportion of cases which are reconsidered⁷ before an IAA

⁷ Reconsiderations occur for a number of reasons, for example when further information is obtained (after the initial decision but prior to the appeal papers being sent to the IAA) which would have been taken into consideration as part of the initial decision.

adjudicator makes a determination of an appeal, of which only a fraction result in the granting of asylum or of exceptional leave. This calculation only provides an approximate estimate because data from new electronic recording systems was first used in April 2000, and because a number of applications made in 2000 are still awaiting the outcome of an initial decision or the outcome of an appeal.

ASYLUM CASES OUTSTANDING (Tables 1.1, 4.1 - 4.2)

24. As at 31 December 2000, an estimated 89,100 asylum applications were awaiting an initial decision. This was 30,600 less than at the end of 1999, representing a decrease of 26 per cent.

25. To improve the quality of its management information, Immigration and Nationality Directorate (IND) carried out a physical count on 31 August 2001 of the asylum applications awaiting an initial decision. The provisional estimates previously published were based on the previous physical count in December 1996 adjusted by the cumulative information since then of applications, decided cases and withdrawn cases.

ASYLUM APPLICANTS SUPPORTED BY THE NATIONAL ASYLUM SUPPORT SERVICE (Table 8.1 – 8.5)

26. The National Asylum Support Service began supporting asylum seekers on 3 April 2000⁸. Between 3 April 2000 and 31 December 2000 there were 27,600 applications for asylum support. Of these applications 18,230 have applied for accommodation and voucher support and 8,160 have applied for voucher only support. Asylum seekers receiving accommodation and voucher support have been dispersed throughout the UK. As at the end of December 2000, a total of 13,530 asylum seekers (including dependants) were allocated accommodation by NASS in dispersal areas. The top three areas where dispersed cases were accommodated in England were Yorkshire and Humberside (3,550 cases), the North West (3,420 cases) and the North East (2,420 cases). A further 1,200 cases had been dispersed to Scotland and 20 cases had been dispersed to Wales.

ASYLUM APPLICANTS DETAINED (Table 9.1 and 9.2)

27. The most recent data available relate to 4 January 1999, when 741 people who had sought asylum were detained, compared with 759 on 29 September 1998 and 758 on 29 May 1998. Averaged over these snapshots, around 40 per cent of those detained had applied for asylum at ports of entry, around 58 per cent were illegal entrants and the remainder were deportation cases. The main nationalities of detainees as at 4 January 1999 were Nigerian (11 per cent), Indian (11 per cent) and Albanian (7 per cent).

⁸ See explanatory note 8.

ASYLUM APPLICANTS REMOVED OR DEPARTING VOLUNTARILY (Table 10.1)

28. Just under 9,000 asylum applicants in 2000 were removed from the United Kingdom, or departed voluntarily, an increase of around 1,300 on 1999. The number of port applicants removed was 5,440, an increase of 12 per cent on the previous year. The number of in-country removals rose by 9 per cent to almost 3,000.

SETTLEMENT (Table 11.1)

29. In 2000, 45,100 people, including dependants, were accepted for permanent settlement in the United Kingdom, either following recognition as refugees or under exceptional leave arrangements⁹. This was 6,500 higher than in 1999 and the levels in both years were much higher than previously (12,600 in 1998). The 2000 figures reflected the high number of grants in 2000 combined with procedural changes introduced during 1998 whereby those people granted full refugee status are, together with their dependants, immediately accepted for settlement. Prior to this, people granted asylum were able to apply for settlement after four years residence in the United Kingdom. Likewise, those granted exceptional leave to remain can now, together with their dependants, apply for settlement after being resident in the United Kingdom for four years. Previously they were granted settlement after seven years. Measures aimed at reducing the pre-1993 backlog as announced in the White Paper published in July 1998, have also led to an increase in the number of refugees being granted settlement in the United Kingdom.

30. As a consequence there was also a rise of 2,300 to 24,800 in asylum-related settlement that excluded dependants in 2000. The largest rises were of 4,600 from Africa (mainly Somalia, Ethiopia and Uganda) and nearly 1,400 from Asia excluding the Indian sub-continent (mainly Sri Lanka and the Middle East). This was partly offset by falls of 3,500 to 3,800 from Europe (mainly Turkey and the former Yugoslavia) and of 200 to 500 from the Indian sub-continent. Further information is provided in the Home Office statistical bulletin "Control of Immigration Statistics: United Kingdom, 2000" (HOSB 14/01), Table 3.3.

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See explanatory note 4.

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	Number of principal applicants								
	1992 (2)	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000 (3)(P)
Applications received (4)									
Europe	8,435	4,535	5,360	7,050	6,475	9,145	17,745	28,280	22,880
Africa	7,630	10,295	16,960	22,545	11,290	9,515	12,380	18,435	17,920
Asia	6,100	5,175	7,515	10,685	7,885	8,570	11,940	17,465	23,230
Middle East	1,980	1,520	1,985	2,295	2,150	2,335	2,785	4,165	14,415
Other	465	845	1,010	1,390	1,845	2,935	1,165	2,815	1,870
Total	24,605	22,370	32,830	43,965	29,640	32,500	46,015	71,160	80,315
of which: Applied at port	7,675	7,320	10,230	14,410	12,440	16,590	23,345	29,455	25,935
Applied in-country	16,930	15,050	22,600	29,555	17,205	15,915	22,670	41,700	54,380
Decisions in year									
Recognised as a refugee and granted asylum									
Europe	470	345	130	355	1,220	1,870	1,060	6,480	790
Africa	225	865	115	80	210	1,460	3,315	785	6,340
Asia	65	35	50	60	50	115	100	65	1,545
Middle East	350	340	520	785	745	510	695	415	1,350
Other	5	5	10	10	15	35	175	70	345
Total	1,115	1,590	825	1,295	2,240	3,985	5,345	7,815	10,375
Not recognised as a refugee but granted exceptional leave									
Europe	1,555	915	1,345	800	365	405	175	120	1,265
Africa	5,820	6,825	1,815	2,475	3,900	1,555	1,285	740	5,560
Asia	5,395	2,575	180	895	480	730	1,575	1,225	1,375
Middle East	2,550	800	300	230	305	395	805	355	2,810
Other	10	10	20	10	5	30	70	30	480
Total	15,325	11,125	3,660	4,410	5,055	3,115	3,910	2,465	11,495
Refused asylum and exceptional leave (5)									
Europe	980	1,155	2,595	3,280	4,910	6,030	7,260	3,065	31,145
Africa	14,550	6,675	7,695	11,155	15,950	11,740	5,465	2,875	11,780
Asia	2,615	2,405	4,825	5,750	9,475	9,225	7,335	4,415	21,600
Middle East	275	310	835	685	620	540	350	285	5,975
Other	45	145	555	435	720	1,405	1,905	390	5,175
Total	18,465	10,690	16,500	21,300	31,670	28,945	22,315	11,025	75,680
Granted asylum or exceptional leave under backlog criteria (6)(7)									
	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	11,140	10,325
Refused under backlog criteria (6)(8)									
	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	1,275	1,335
Total number of decisions	34,900	23,405	20,990	27,005	38,960	36,045	31,570	33,720	109,205
Applications withdrawn	1,540	1,925	2,390	2,565	2,925	2,065	1,470	730	1,720
Adjudicator Appeals									
Appeals received by the Home Office	••	••	••	14,035	22,985	20,950	14,320	6,615	46,190
Appeals determined by the Adjudicator	••	••	••	7,035	13,790	21,090	25,320	19,460	19,395
Of which appeals allowed	••	••	••	230	515	1,180	2,355	5,280	3,340
Removals and voluntary departures	1,345	1,820	2,220	3,170	4,845	7,160	6,990	7,665	8,980
Applications outstanding at end of year (9)									
	49,110	45,805	55,255	69,650	57,405	51,795	64,770	119,700	89,100
Grants of settlement									
As recognised refugees	1,275	2,845	2,255	675	1,115	2,405	4,270	9,600	••
With exceptional leave	505	1,145	1,030	920	3,080	2,425	2,405	12,905	••
Total	1,780	3,990	3,285	1,595	4,195	4,830	6,680	22,505	24,835

(1) Figures rounded to the nearest 5.

(2) Figures do not include overseas applications: see explanatory note 19.

(3) Cases considered under normal procedures may include some cases decided under the backlog criteria.

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

(5) Includes refusals on safe third country grounds and under paragraph 340 (paragraph 180F prior to 1 October 1994 and paragraph 101 prior to 26 July 1993) of the Immigration Rules: see footnote 7 to Table 1.3

(6) Cases decided under measures aimed at reducing the pre 1996 asylum application backlog

(7) Includes cases where asylum or exceptional leave has been granted under the backlog criteria

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

(9) Figures for 1998 and earlier years are not directly comparable with figures for later years.

(P) Provisional figures.

1. Summary Tables

Table 1.2 Applications received for asylum in the United Kingdom, decisions and percentages, 1990 to 2000

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Excluding dependants	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)(P)	(1)(P)
Applications received (2)	26,205	44,840	24,605	22,370	32,830	43,965	29,640	32,500	46,015	71,160	80,315
Decisions (3)											
Total	4,025	6,075	34,900	23,405	20,990	27,005	38,960	36,045	31,570	33,720	109,205
Recognised as a refugee and granted asylum (4)	920	505	1,115	1,590	825	1,295	2,240	3,985	5,345	7,815	10,375
Not recognised as a refugee but granted exceptional leave	2,400	2,190	15,325	11,125	3,660	4,410	5,055	3,115	3,910	2,465	11,495
Refused asylum and exceptional leave (5)	705	3,380	18,465	10,690	16,500	21,300	31,670	28,945	22,315	11,025	75,680
Granted exceptional leave under backlog criteria (6)(7)	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	11,140	10,325
Refused on non-compliance grounds under backlog criteria (6)(8)	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	1,275	1,335
Percentages of total decisions considered under normal procedures (9)											
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Recognised as a refugee and granted asylum (4)	23	8	3	7	4	5	6	11	17	36	11
Not recognised as a refugee but granted exceptional leave	60	36	44	48	17	16	13	9	12	12	12
Refused asylum and exceptional leave (5)	18	56	53	46	79	79	81	80	71	52	78
Granted exceptional leave under backlog criteria (6)(7)	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	90	89
Refused on non-compliance grounds under backlog criteria (6)(8)	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	10	11
Applications withdrawn	370	745	1,540	1,925	2,390	2,565	2,925	2,065	1,470	730	1,720
Including dependants (10)											
Applications received (2)	38,195	73,400	32,300	28,000	42,200	55,000	37,000	41,500	58,487	91,200	98,900
Decisions (3)											
Total	6,055	9,140	59,050	36,890	27,755	35,195	49,350	48,530	42,905	45,850	132,925
Recognised as a refugee and granted asylum (4)	1,590	800	1,900	2,860	1,395	2,200	3,660	6,210	8,245	10,405	12,135
Not recognised as a refugee but granted exceptional leave	3,610	2,950	21,680	15,480	5,445	6,780	7,510	4,740	6,455	4,640	12,645
Refused asylum and exceptional leave (5)	855	5,390	35,480	18,550	20,915	26,220	38,180	37,585	28,205	13,915	92,330
Granted exceptional leave under backlog criteria (6)(7)	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	15,195	14,045
Refused on non-compliance grounds under backlog criteria (6)(8)	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	1,690	1,775
Percentages of total decisions considered under normal procedures (9)											
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Recognised as a refugee and granted asylum (4)	26	9	3	8	5	6	7	13	19	36	10
Not recognised as a refugee but granted exceptional leave	60	32	37	42	20	19	15	10	15	16	11
Refused asylum and exceptional leave (5)	14	59	60	50	75	74	77	77	66	48	79
Granted exceptional leave under backlog criteria (6)(7)	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	90	89
Refused on non-compliance grounds under backlog criteria (6)(8)	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	10	11
Applications withdrawn	415	880	1,795	2,325	2,875	3,060	3,865	3,105	1,785	905	2,080

(1) Figures rounded to the nearest 5.

(2) 1999 figures may exclude some cases lodged at Local Enforcement Offices.

(3) Decision figures up to and including 1991 may understate: see explanatory note 19.

(4) Excluding South East Asian refugees (pre 1996 only).

(5) Includes refusals on safe third country grounds, and those under paragraph 340 (paragraph 180F prior to 1 October 1994 and paragraph 101 prior to 26 July 1993) of the Immigration Rules: see also footnote 6 to Table 1.3.

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

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

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

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

(10) From 1991 figures are estimated. Including dependants who applied with the principal applicant and those who arrived subsequently but before the principal application was decided.

(P) Provisional figures.

1. Summary Tables

Table 1.3 Decisions⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ on applications received for asylum in the United Kingdom, excluding dependants, by type, 1990 to 2000

Year	Number of principal applicants								
	Decisions ⁽³⁾								
	Total decisions	Cases considered under normal procedures						Backlog clearance exercise	
		Recognised as refugee and granted asylum (4)	Not recognised as refugee but granted exceptional leave (5)	Refusals				Granted asylum or exceptional leave under backlog criteria (8)(9)	Refused under backlog criteria (8)(10)
Total refused	Refused asylum and exceptional leave after full consideration			Refused on safe third country grounds (6)	Refused under para. 340 of Immigration Rules (7)				
1990	4,025	920	2,400	705	705	••	••	••	••
1991	6,075	505	2,190	3,380	2,325	270	785	••	••
1992	34,900	1,115	15,325	18,465	2,675	595	15,195	••	••
1993	23,405	1,590	11,125	10,690	4,705	745	5,240	••	••
1994	20,990	825	3,660	16,500	12,655	865	2,985	••	••
1995	27,005	1,295	4,410	21,300	17,705	1,515	2,085	••	••
1996	38,960	2,240	5,055	31,670	28,040	1,615	2,015	••	••
1997	36,045	3,985	3,115	28,945	22,780	2,550	3,615	••	••
1998	31,570	5,345	3,910	22,315	17,465	1,855	2,995	••	••
1999	33,720	7,815	2,465	11,025	8,110	1,830	1,085	11,140	1,275
2000 ^(P)	109,205	10,375	11,495	75,680	50,145	1,240	24,290	10,325	1,335

(1) Decisions do not necessarily relate to applications received in the same period.

(2) Figures rounded to the nearest 5.

(3) Information is of initial decisions, excluding the outcome of appeals or other subsequent decisions

(4) Excluding South East Asian refugees (pre 1996 only)

(5) Where it would have been unreasonable or impracticable to seek to enforce return to country of origin: see explanatory note 3

(6) Figures from 1 January 1991 only. Prior to this, these refusals are included in the column "Refused asylum and exceptional leave after full consideration"

(7) Paragraph 340 (paragraph 180F prior to 1 October 1994 and paragraph 101 prior to 26 July 1993) of the Immigration Rules, for failure to provide evidence to support the asylum claim within a reasonable period, including failure to respond to invitations to interview to establish identity: see explanatory note 6. Figures from 1 December 1991 only. Prior to this these refusals are included in the column "Refused asylum and exceptional leave after full consideration"

(8) Cases decided under measures aimed at reducing the pre 1996 asylum application backlog

(9) Includes cases where asylum or exceptional leave has been granted under the backlog criteria

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

(P) Provisional figures.

2. Applications received for asylum

Table 2.1 Applications⁽¹⁾ received for asylum in the United Kingdom, excluding dependants, by nationality, 1992 to 2000

Nationality	Number of principal applicants								
	1992 (2)	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999 (3)	2000 (3)(P)
Europe									
Albania	100	70	75	110	105	445	560	1,310	1,490
Czech Republic	–	5	5	15	55	240	515	1,790	1,200
FRY	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	400	1,865	7,395	11,465	6,070
Poland	90	155	360	1,210	900	565	1,585	1,860	1,015
Romania	305	370	355	770	455	605	1,015	1,985	2,160
Russia	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	205	180	185	685	1,000
Turkey	1,865	1,480	2,045	1,820	1,495	1,445	2,015	2,850	3,990
Ukraine	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	235	490	370	775	770
Other Former USSR	270	385	595	795	960	1,345	2,260	2,640	2,505
Other Former Yugo.	5,635	1,830	1,385	1,565	630	395	585	2,715	2,265
Other	170	245	535	770	1,035	1,575	1,260	200	415
Total	8,435	4,535	5,360	7,050	6,475	9,145	17,745	28,280	22,880
Americas									
Colombia	280	380	405	525	1,005	1,330	425	1,000	505
Ecuador	15	60	105	250	435	1,205	280	610	445
Other	170	305	380	565	330	295	270	420	465
Total	465	745	890	1,340	1,765	2,825	975	2,025	1,420
Africa									
Algeria	150	275	995	1,865	715	715	1,260	1,385	1,635
Angola	245	320	605	555	385	195	150	545	800
Dem. Rep. Congo	880	635	775	935	680	690	660	1,240	1,030
Ethiopia	680	615	730	585	205	145	345	455	415
Gambia	10	25	140	1,170	245	125	45	30	50
Ghana	1,600	1,785	2,035	1,915	780	350	225	195	285
Ivory Coast	310	330	705	245	125	70	95	190	445
Kenya	110	630	1,130	1,395	1,170	605	885	485	455
Nigeria	615	1,665	4,340	5,825	2,900	1,480	1,380	945	835
Rwanda	10	10	100	135	80	90	280	820	760
Sierra Leone	325	1,050	1,810	855	395	815	565	1,125	1,330
Somalia	1,575	1,465	1,840	3,465	1,780	2,730	4,685	7,495	5,020
Sudan	560	300	330	345	280	230	250	280	415
Tanzania	30	110	205	1,535	225	90	80	80	60
Uganda	295	595	360	365	215	220	210	420	740
Zimbabwe	20	40	55	105	130	60	80	230	1,010
Other	230	440	805	1,255	975	905	1,185	2,510	2,635
Total	7,630	10,295	16,960	22,545	11,290	9,515	12,380	18,435	17,920
Middle East									
Iran	405	365	520	615	585	585	745	1,320	5,610
Iraq	700	495	550	930	965	1,075	1,295	1,800	7,475
Other	875	655	910	755	600	675	745	1,045	1,330
Total	1,980	1,520	1,985	2,295	2,150	2,335	2,785	4,165	14,415
Asia									
Afghanistan	270	315	325	580	675	1,085	2,395	3,975	5,555
Bangladesh	150	155	310	685	645	545	460	530	795
China	330	215	425	790	820	1,945	1,925	2,625	4,000
India	1,450	1,275	2,030	3,255	2,220	1,285	1,030	1,365	2,120
Pakistan	1,700	1,125	1,810	2,915	1,915	1,615	1,975	2,615	3,165
Sri Lanka	2,085	1,965	2,350	2,070	1,340	1,830	3,505	5,130	6,395
Other	125	130	265	390	275	265	650	1,225	1,205
Total	6,100	5,175	7,515	10,685	7,885	8,570	11,940	17,465	23,230
Other, and nationality not known (4)	–	100	125	50	80	105	190	785	450
Grand Total	24,605	22,370	32,830	43,965	29,640	32,500	46,015	71,160	80,315

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

(2) Figures do not include overseas applications: see explanatory note 19.

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

(4) Where the nationality was not known between 1992 and 1994 the most likely nationality was recorded.

(P) Provisional figures.

2. Applications received for asylum

Table 2.2 Applications⁽¹⁾ received for asylum in the United Kingdom, excluding dependants, by nationality and location where made, 1997 to 2000

Nationality	Number of principal applicants											
	1997			1998			1999 ⁽²⁾			2000 ^{(2)(P)}		
	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	445	255	185	560	370	190	1,310	995	315	1,490	245	1,245
Czech Republic	240	220	20	515	490	25	1,790	1,750	40	1,200	1,135	65
FRY	1,865	1,260	605	7,395	2,800	4,590	11,465	1,575	9,890	6,070	635	5,435
Poland	565	440	125	1,585	1,465	120	1,860	1,570	290	1,015	480	535
Romania	605	180	425	1,015	215	800	1,985	240	1,750	2,160	305	1,860
Russia	180	35	150	185	40	150	685	55	630	1,000	75	920
Turkey	1,445	890	555	2,015	1,620	390	2,850	2,045	805	3,990	2,230	1,760
Ukraine	490	45	440	370	55	315	775	100	675	770	120	650
Other Former USSR	1,345	645	700	2,260	1,240	1,025	2,640	690	1,950	2,505	510	1,995
Other Former Yugo.	395	155	240	585	360	225	2,715	1,740	975	2,265	100	2,165
Other	1,575	1,015	560	1,260	960	300	200	85	120	415	140	270
Total	9,145	5,140	4,005	17,745	9,615	8,130	28,280	10,845	17,435	22,880	5,975	16,905
Americas												
Colombia	1,330	1,230	100	425	340	85	1,000	750	250	505	220	285
Ecuador	1,205	990	210	280	205	75	610	390	220	445	135	310
Other	295	80	215	270	105	165	420	135	280	465	140	330
Total	2,825	2,300	525	975	650	325	2,025	1,275	750	1,420	495	925
Africa												
Algeria	715	355	360	1,260	345	915	1,385	315	1,070	1,635	305	1,325
Angola	195	120	70	150	90	60	545	260	285	800	255	545
Dem. Rep. Congo	690	340	350	660	345	320	1,240	645	595	1,030	510	515
Ethiopia	145	45	100	345	150	195	455	180	275	415	130	285
Gambia	125	20	105	45	10	35	30	5	25	50	10	40
Ghana	350	90	265	225	90	140	195	90	105	285	115	175
Ivory Coast	70	30	40	95	40	55	190	50	140	445	75	370
Kenya	605	300	305	885	600	285	485	195	290	455	140	315
Nigeria	1,480	515	965	1,380	715	670	945	430	515	835	295	540
Rwanda	90	50	40	280	95	185	820	145	675	760	110	650
Sierra Leone	815	115	700	565	175	390	1,125	580	545	1,330	515	815
Somalia	2,730	1,485	1,245	4,685	1,620	3,065	7,495	2,080	5,415	5,020	1,180	3,840
Sudan	230	125	105	250	145	105	280	175	105	415	210	205
Tanzania	90	30	60	80	40	40	80	50	30	60	20	40
Uganda	220	75	145	210	60	150	420	50	370	740	45	695
Zimbabwe	60	20	40	80	50	35	230	180	50	1,010	820	190
Other	905	415	490	1,185	435	750	2,510	825	1,680	2,635	800	1,840
Total	9,515	4,135	5,380	12,380	4,995	7,385	18,435	6,250	12,185	17,920	5,540	12,385
Middle East												
Iran	585	390	195	745	540	205	1,320	735	585	5,610	1,230	4,380
Iraq	1,075	785	290	1,295	1,085	210	1,800	1,385	415	7,475	1,920	5,555
Other	675	410	265	745	435	310	1,045	565	480	1,330	575	755
Total	2,335	1,585	750	2,785	2,060	725	4,165	2,685	1,480	14,415	3,725	10,690
Asia												
Afghanistan	1,085	950	135	2,395	1,980	415	3,975	2,610	1,365	5,555	2,610	2,945
Bangladesh	545	115	435	460	180	280	530	165	365	795	220	575
China	1,945	510	1,435	1,925	490	1,430	2,625	630	1,995	4,000	1,660	2,340
India	1,285	200	1,085	1,030	340	690	1,365	435	930	2,120	455	1,660
Pakistan	1,615	645	970	1,975	950	1,025	2,615	925	1,690	3,165	865	2,300
Sri Lanka	1,830	880	955	3,505	1,840	1,665	5,130	2,865	2,265	6,395	3,890	2,505
Other	265	30	235	650	55	595	1,225	80	1,145	1,205	225	980
Total	8,570	3,320	5,250	11,940	5,840	6,100	17,465	7,715	9,745	23,230	9,920	13,310
Other, and nationality not known	105	105	–	190	185	5	785	685	100	450	280	170
Grand Total	32,500	16,590	15,915	46,015	23,345	22,670	71,160	29,455	41,700	80,315	25,935	54,380

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

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

(P) Provisional figures.

2. Applications received for asylum

Table 2.3 Unaccompanied ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ children, aged 17 or under, applying for asylum in the United Kingdom, by nationality, 1998 to 2000

Nationality	Number of principal applicants								
	1998			1999			2000 ^(P)		
	Port	In-country	Total	Port	In-country	Total	Port	In-country	Total
Europe									
Albania	33	16	49	116	10	126	25	69	94
Czech Republic	6	–	6	29	–	29	18	–	18
FRY	259	1,270	1,529	188	1,334	1,522	70	596	666
Poland	44	–	44	47	–	47	13	–	13
Romania	5	63	68	1	85	86	8	32	40
Russia	1	1	2	–	3	3	–	2	2
Turkey	100	7	107	107	9	116	136	17	153
Ukraine	–	2	2	–	1	1	1	3	4
Other Former USSR	15	21	36	20	6	26	15	9	24
Other Former Yugo.	3	21	24	20	12	32	1	35	36
Other	9	–	9	8	–	8	2	1	3
Total	475	1,401	1,876	536	1,460	1,996	289	764	1,053
Americas									
Colombia	9	–	9	16	2	18	5	–	5
Ecuador	4	1	5	12	1	13	6	1	7
Other	5	1	6	9	–	9	4	–	4
Total	18	2	20	37	3	40	15	1	16
Africa									
Algeria	10	40	50	5	7	12	9	14	23
Angola	9	1	10	24	18	42	34	68	102
Dem Rep. Congo	9	10	19	28	5	33	35	12	47
Ethiopia	38	28	66	31	23	54	25	37	62
Gambia	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ghana	2	–	2	–	1	1	9	1	10
Kenya	17	6	23	7	5	12	5	3	8
Nigeria	34	19	53	38	7	45	20	4	24
Rwanda	7	6	13	11	24	35	5	44	49
Sierra Leone	11	12	23	57	8	65	60	14	74
Somalia	88	65	153	156	33	189	99	78	177
Sudan	4	–	4	5	1	6	8	1	9
Tanzania	2	1	3	1	–	1	2	1	3
Uganda	4	5	9	–	10	10	1	25	26
Zimbabwe	–	–	–	6	–	6	32	2	34
Other	40	67	107	64	57	121	73	78	151
Total	275	260	535	433	199	632	417	382	799
Middle East									
Iran	6	2	8	13	1	14	50	15	65
Iraq	26	4	30	52	6	58	86	26	112
Other	5	2	7	14	2	16	10	4	14
Total	37	8	45	79	9	88	146	45	191
Asia									
Afghanistan	108	16	124	194	19	213	264	36	300
Bangladesh	–	2	2	3	1	4	1	3	4
China	69	232	301	44	122	166	58	59	117
India	9	–	9	11	2	13	13	1	14
Pakistan	11	1	12	15	4	19	19	6	25
Sri Lanka	69	22	91	104	23	127	142	28	170
Other	–	10	10	1	9	10	11	14	25
Total	266	283	549	372	180	552	508	147	655
Other, and nationality not known	12	–	12	41	–	41	19	–	19
Grand Total	1,083	1,954	3,037	1,498	1,851	3,349	1,394	1,339	2,733

(1) Unaccompanied at the point of their arrival, and not known to be joining a close relative in the United Kingdom.

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

(3) Figures exclude disputed age cases.

(P) Provisional figures.

2. Applications received for asylum

Table 2.4 Applications received for asylum in Europe, including dependants, by year of application, 1992 to 2

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000 ^(P)	Asylum seekers/ 1000 of popn ⁽⁵⁾
<u>Schengen Agreement Countries</u>										
Austria	16,200	4,700	5,100	5,900	7,000	6,700	13,800	20,100	18,300	2.3
Belgium ⁽¹⁾	19,800	30,000	16,500	13,300	14,100	13,300	25,000	40,800	48,700	4.7
France ⁽¹⁾	32,900	31,400	29,400	23,200	19,700	24,200	25,500	35,100	44,200	0.7
Germany	438,200	320,700	127,200	127,900	116,400	104,400	98,600	95,100	78,600	1.0
Greece ⁽²⁾	1,900	800	1,300	1,300	1,600	4,400	3,000	1,500	3,000	0.3
Italy ⁽⁶⁾	2,600	1,600	1,800	1,800	700	1,700	9,500	33,400	18,000	0.3
Luxembourg ⁽²⁾	–	–	–	400	300	400	1,700	2,900	600	1.3
Netherlands	20,300	35,400	52,600	29,300	22,900	34,400	45,200	39,300	43,900	2.8
Portugal ⁽²⁾	700	2,100	800	500	300	300	400	300	200	0.0
Spain	15,200	16,400	11,900	5,700	4,700	5,000	6,600	8,400	7,200	0.2
Total Schengen	547,800	443,100	246,600	209,100	187,600	194,800	229,400	277,000	262,600	••
<u>Other European Union</u>										
Denmark ⁽³⁾	13,900	14,300	6,700	5,100	5,900	5,100	5,700	6,500	10,100	1.9
Finland ⁽³⁾	3,600	2,000	800	900	700	1,000	1,300	3,100	3,200	0.6
Ireland	–	100	400	400	1,200	3,900	4,600	7,700	10,900	2.9
Sweden ⁽³⁾	84,000	37,600	18,600	9,000	5,800	9,600	12,800	11,200	16,300	1.8
United Kingdom ⁽⁴⁾	32,300	28,000	42,200	55,000	37,000	41,500	58,000	91,200	98,900	1.7
Total EU	681,700	525,200	315,300	279,600	238,200	255,800	311,800	396,700	401,900	••
<u>Other Europe</u>										
Norway	5,200	12,900	3,400	1,500	1,800	2,300	8,500	10,200	10,800	2.4
Switzerland	18,000	24,700	16,100	17,000	18,000	24,000	41,300	46,100	17,600	2.5
Total Europe	704,900	562,800	334,800	298,100	258,000	282,100	361,700	453,000	430,400	••
<u>Non-Europe</u>										
Australia	6,100	7,200	6,400	7,700	9,800	9,700	8,000	9,500	12,600	0.7
Canada	37,700	21,200	22,100	25,900	25,700	24,300	25,400	30,900	36,100	1.2
USA ⁽⁷⁾	104,000	143,100	144,600	149,600	129,600	52,200	52,100	43,700	52,400	0.2
Grand Total	852,700	734,300	507,800	481,200	423,100	368,300	447,100	537,000	531,500	••

(1) Figures based on IGC data but adjusted to include an estimated number of dependants.

(2) Figures based on UNHCR data, including dependants.

(3) Signed up to the Schengen agreement but not operating its provisions.

(4) Figures have been adjusted to include an estimated number of dependants.

(5) Source: IGC data for 2000 where available and 2000 World Population Data Sheet, Population Reference Bureau website.

(6) IGC Data from 1992 to 1998. UNHCR data for 1999 and 2000.

(7) IGC data, not including dependants.

(P) Provisional figures rounded to the nearest hundred.

3. Initial decisions made on applications received

Table 3.1 Cases(1)(2) recognised as refugees and granted asylum, excluding dependants, by nationality, 1992 to 2000

Nationality	Number of grants to principal applicants								
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999 (3)	2000 (3)(P)
Europe									
Albania	*	*	–	–	–	*	*	25	25
Czech Republic	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*	10
FRY	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	70	1,355	935	6,290	275
Poland	–	–	–	–	*	*	*	*	20
Romania	–	–	5	5	5	5	*	5	15
Russia	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5	5	*	*	25
Turkey	460	340	90	50	55	85	40	85	180
Ukraine	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	–	5	–	*	15
Other Former USSR	5	–	5	10	5	10	5	10	65
Other Former Yugo.	*	–	25	285	1,080	405	70	50	110
Other	5	–	5	5	*	5	–	15	50
Total	470	345	130	355	1,220	1,870	1,060	6,480	790
Americas									
Colombia	*	5	5	*	10	20	150	5	60
Ecuador	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	25
Other	*	*	5	10	5	15	25	*	35
Total	5	5	10	10	15	35	175	5	120
Africa									
Algeria	*	10	20	15	30	105	310	475	65
Angola	10	10	5	*	10	10	5	20	70
Dem. Rep. Congo	10	5	10	15	15	20	10	15	145
Ethiopia	10	20	5	5	10	20	35	20	40
Gambia	–	–	–	10	15	5	10	*	5
Ghana	5	5	5	*	5	10	10	–	40
Ivory Coast	–	–	*	*	10	40	50	–	15
Kenya	*	5	–	*	5	15	5	15	50
Nigeria	–	–	*	*	15	65	100	–	20
Rwanda	–	–	5	–	*	80	145	20	85
Sierra Leone	*	*	5	*	5	5	10	5	95
Somalia	25	45	5	10	15	985	2,330	130	5,310
Sudan	150	740	30	10	55	60	55	40	110
Tanzania	–	–	*	–	*	–	*	*	5
Uganda	10	5	15	5	5	5	5	5	20
Zimbabwe	–	–	–	–	*	*	–	–	20
Other	5	25	10	*	10	30	235	35	245
Total	225	865	115	80	210	1,460	3,315	785	6,340
Middle East									
Iran	110	100	100	165	195	155	125	55	390
Iraq	190	185	380	570	470	255	510	315	845
Other	55	55	45	50	80	100	60	45	115
Total	350	340	520	785	745	510	695	415	1,350
Asia									
Afghanistan	10	*	5	15	25	20	35	15	375
Bangladesh	–	*	–	–	*	–	*	*	20
China	15	15	15	10	10	25	5	5	40
India	–	*	5	*	5	*	*	*	40
Pakistan	*	–	5	10	5	10	5	25	125
Sri Lanka	40	10	10	20	5	55	50	20	900
Other	–	10	10	*	–	*	5	*	50
Total	65	35	50	60	50	115	100	65	1,545
Other, and nationality not known	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	65	225
Total	1,115	1,590	825	1,295	2,240	3,985	5,345	7,815	10,375
Acceptances for settlement of South East Asian refugees (including dependants)	615	510	255	70	20	–	–	–	–

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

(2) Information is of initial determination decisions, excluding the outcome of appeals or other subsequent decisions

(3) Exclude cases where asylum has been granted under the backlog criteria

(P) Provisional figures.

3. Initial decisions made on applications received

Table 3.2 Cases⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ not recognised as refugees but granted exceptional leave, excluding dependants, by nationality, 1992 to 2000

Nationality	Number of grants to principal applicants								
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999 (3)	2000 (4)(P)
Europe									
Albania	*	*	—	*	—	*	—	*	35
Czech Republic	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
FRY	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	40	210	75	85	815
Poland	—	*	*	*	*	5	*	—	20
Romania	10	5	5	10	5	5	*	*	20
Russia	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	*	5	5	5	45
Turkey	1,535	855	55	35	20	25	30	15	135
Ukraine	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	—	—	*	—	35
Other Former USSR	5	*	10	10	5	5	15	5	75
Other Former Yugo.	*	55	1,265	740	295	150	45	5	50
Other	5	—	10	5	*	*	*	5	30
Total	1,555	915	1,345	800	365	405	175	120	1,265
Americas									
Colombia	10	10	15	5	5	25	60	5	60
Ecuador	—	—	—	*	—	*	10	—	20
Other	*	*	5	5	5	5	*	15	50
Total	10	10	20	10	5	30	70	15	125
Africa									
Algeria	5	10	10	10	15	5	15	30	45
Angola	5	5	*	5	25	110	60	40	200
Dem. Rep. Congo	10	10	5	15	35	40	405	45	180
Ethiopia	2,210	1,575	45	35	55	35	10	5	80
Gambia	*	—	*	*	5	—	5	—	10
Ghana	20	10	25	15	5	10	50	5	35
Ivory Coast	—	5	—	—	5	5	10	—	15
Kenya	5	50	*	15	15	10	5	5	90
Nigeria	*	10	5	5	10	30	65	5	90
Rwanda	—	5	—	*	*	35	15	60	165
Sierra Leone	—	5	10	20	15	10	35	280	575
Somalia	2,210	3,075	1,575	2,205	3,580	1,015	375	55	3,575
Sudan	115	660	20	5	10	15	*	5	70
Tanzania	*	15	5	*	*	5	5	—	10
Uganda	1,160	1,125	45	50	25	100	70	15	30
Zimbabwe	10	35	*	*	*	5	5	—	10
Other	65	235	55	90	95	120	155	185	385
Total	5,820	6,825	1,815	2,475	3,900	1,555	1,285	740	5,560
Middle East									
Iran	605	130	25	25	40	25	295	20	255
Iraq	1,210	300	220	175	135	295	500	320	2,455
Other	735	370	55	30	125	75	10	15	100
Total	2,550	800	300	230	305	395	805	355	2,810
Asia									
Afghanistan	205	85	*	695	415	635	1,500	1,180	695
Bangladesh	15	5	*	*	*	5	—	5	35
China	15	5	10	15	5	15	15	5	130
India	460	30	30	50	15	20	30	10	45
Pakistan	405	35	25	25	15	45	15	15	120
Sri Lanka	4,265	2,420	105	95	25	15	10	10	285
Other	30	—	10	15	—	*	*	5	65
Total	5,395	2,575	180	895	480	730	1,575	1,225	1,375
Other, and nationality not known	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	15	355
Grand Total	15,325	11,125	3,660	4,410	5,055	3,115	3,910	2,465	11,495

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

(2) Information is of initial determination decisions, excluding the outcome appeals or other subsequent decisions

(3) Exclude cases where exceptional leave has been granted under the backlog criteria

(4) May include some cases where exceptional leave has been granted under the backlog criteria

(P) Provisional figures.

3. Initial decisions made on applications received

Table 3.3 Refusals⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ of asylum and exceptional leave, excluding dependants, by nationality, 1992 to 2000

Nationality	Number of refusals of principal applicants								
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999 (4)	2000 (5)(P)
Europe									
Albania	*	5	20	70	45	175	260	175	1,875
Czech Republic	–	–	*	5	50	210	180	275	1,775
FRY	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	445	380	565	460	13,830
Poland	15	55	90	435	830	860	1,070	520	1,765
Romania	90	170	520	555	760	635	1,155	345	2,695
Russia	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	100	65	85	55	900
Turkey	645	710	1,000	910	1,330	1,475	1,015	290	2,090
Ukraine	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	50	190	430	80	1,045
Other Former USSR	25	30	185	185	225	545	1,260	465	3,285
Other Former Yugo.	125	125	475	835	215	170	140	180	1,280
Other	70	70	300	285	855	1,325	1,095	220	605
Total	980	1,155	2,595	3,280	4,910	6,030	7,260	3,065	31,145
Americas									
Colombia	20	80	390	210	365	380	810	155	1,775
Ecuador	–	*	15	35	105	740	1,000	135	650
Other	25	35	150	190	235	265	95	60	470
Total	45	115	555	435	710	1,385	1,905	350	2,900
Africa									
Algeria	10	115	410	720	1,835	655	180	160	1,330
Angola	3,845	1,510	370	645	575	535	90	35	425
Dem. Rep. Congo	4,810	1,700	680	905	1,025	255	110	50	990
Ethiopia	145	65	325	475	260	185	60	35	355
Gambia	–	–	–	280	480	430	165	15	30
Ghana	1,210	925	1,610	1,960	2,265	1,330	425	130	225
Ivory Coast	870	180	320	455	425	175	285	75	265
Kenya	15	50	575	500	565	980	630	495	785
Nigeria	210	350	1,485	2,625	5,120	4,315	1,840	780	770
Rwanda	15	*	10	10	10	15	35	150	440
Sierra Leone	20	155	715	925	1,295	380	525	120	480
Somalia	320	210	150	185	235	305	100	120	2,365
Sudan	125	75	145	60	95	205	65	50	395
Tanzania	–	15	45	365	740	485	140	30	60
Uganda	305	435	405	430	300	525	120	55	480
Zimbabwe	5	15	20	45	90	115	45	105	525
Other	2,645	885	420	565	635	845	640	465	1,860
Total	14,550	6,675	7,695	11,155	15,950	11,740	5,465	2,875	11,780
Middle East									
Iran	60	50	150	190	240	170	125	75	2,815
Iraq	40	30	45	50	60	110	90	100	2,220
Other	175	225	640	440	320	260	135	110	945
Total	275	310	835	685	620	540	350	285	5,975
Asia									
Afghanistan	10	25	10	40	50	75	65	90	1,515
Bangladesh	45	55	115	120	450	555	275	375	870
China	40	45	265	665	470	1,380	1,500	200	5,480
India	1,160	1,115	1,415	1,960	3,690	2,395	1,450	750	2,125
Pakistan	1,015	755	1,970	1,640	2,620	2,870	1,950	990	3,720
Sri Lanka	215	260	955	1,225	2,115	1,710	1,950	1,945	6,875
Other	135	145	95	105	80	240	145	70	1,015
Total	2,615	2,405	4,825	5,750	9,475	9,225	7,335	4,415	21,600
Other, and nationality not known	–	25	–	–	10	20	*	40	2,280
Grand Total	18,465	10,690	16,500	21,300	31,670	28,945	22,315	11,025	75,680

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

(2) Information is of initial determination decisions excluding the outcome of appeals or other subsequent decisions

(3) Includes refusals on the grounds that the applicant had arrived from a safe third country and non-compliance refusals, for failure to provide evidence to support the asylum claim within a reasonable period: see explanatory note 6.

(4) Exclude cases where an application has been refused under the backlog criteria.

(5) May include some cases where an application has been refused under the backlog criteria.

(P) Provisional figures.

4. Applications and decisions

Table 4.1 Applications received for asylum in the United Kingdom, excluding dependants, and initial decisions⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ by nationality, 1999

Nationality	Applications received (4)	Decisions							
		Total decisions		Cases considered under normal procedures					
				Recognised as a refugee and granted asylum	Not recognised as a refugee but granted exceptional leave	Refusals		Total refused	Refused asylum and exceptional leave after full consideration (5)
						(5)	(5)		
		(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
Europe									
Albania	1,310	230 (100)	25 (12)	*	(0)	175 (87)	80 (40)		
Czech Republic	1,790	275 (100)	*	(0)	–	(0)	275 (100)	230 (84)	
FRY	11,465	7,750 (100)	6,290 (92)	85 (1)		460 (7)	85 (1)		
Poland	1,860	545 (100)	*	(0)	–	(0)	520 (100)	475 (91)	
Romania	1,985	440 (100)	5 (1)	*	(0)	345 (99)	140 (41)		
Russia	685	305 (100)	*	(2)	5 (6)	55 (92)	35 (56)		
Turkey	2,850	2,055 (100)	85 (22)	15 (3)		290 (75)	135 (34)		
Ukraine	775	110 (100)	*	(1)	–	(0)	80 (99)	40 (48)	
Other Former USSR	2,640	615 (100)	10 (2)	5 (1)		465 (97)	380 (79)		
Other Former Yugo.	2,715	305 (100)	50 (21)	5 (2)		180 (78)	150 (64)		
Other	200	595 (100)	15 (6)	5 (2)		220 (92)	200 (84)		
Total	28,280	13,230 (100)	6,480 (67)	120 (1)		3,065 (32)	1,950 (20)		
Americas									
Colombia	1,000	395 (100)	5 (2)	5 (2)		155 (96)	135 (83)		
Ecuador	610	165 (100)	–	(0)	–	(0)	135 (100)	10 (7)	
Other	420	155 (100)	*	(3)	15 (18)	60 (80)	55 (72)		
Total	2,025	715 (100)	5 (2)	15 (4)		350 (94)	200 (53)		
Africa									
Algeria	1,385	905 (100)	475 (71)	30 (5)		160 (24)	75 (12)		
Angola	545	405 (100)	20 (24)	40 (41)		35 (35)	*	(1)	
Dem. Rep. Congo	1,240	1,345 (100)	15 (15)	45 (40)		50 (45)	15 (12)		
Ethiopia	455	260 (100)	20 (31)	5 (12)		35 (57)	5 (9)		
Gambia	30	80 (100)	*	(6)	–	(0)	15 (94)	15 (94)	
Ghana	195	1,685 (100)	–	(0)	5 (3)	130 (97)	115 (86)		
Ivory Coast	190	265 (100)	–	(0)	–	(0)	75 (100)	65 (89)	
Kenya	485	790 (100)	15 (3)	5 (1)		495 (96)	470 (91)		
Nigeria	945	1,725 (100)	–	(0)	5 (1)	780 (99)	655 (83)		
Rwanda	820	295 (100)	20 (10)	60 (26)		150 (65)	70 (31)		
Sierra Leone	1,125	820 (100)	5 (2)	280 (69)		120 (30)	40 (10)		
Somalia	7,495	350 (100)	130 (42)	55 (18)		120 (39)	5 (1)		
Sudan	280	195 (100)	40 (43)	5 (3)		50 (54)	30 (35)		
Tanzania	80	170 (100)	*	(3)	–	(0)	30 (97)	25 (80)	
Uganda	420	255 (100)	5 (5)	15 (20)		55 (75)	50 (68)		
Zimbabwe	230	115 (100)	–	(0)	–	(0)	105 (100)	105 (100)	
Other	2,510	1,060 (100)	35 (5)	185 (27)		465 (68)	320 (47)		
Total	18,435	10,720 (100)	785 (18)	740 (17)		2,875 (65)	2,075 (47)		
Middle East									
Iran	1,320	415 (100)	55 (37)	20 (13)		75 (50)	15 (10)		
Iraq	1,800	745 (100)	315 (43)	320 (43)		100 (14)	5 (1)		
Other	1,045	260 (100)	45 (27)	15 (9)		110 (64)	60 (35)		
Total	4,165	1,420 (100)	415 (39)	355 (34)		285 (27)	80 (8)		
Asia									
Afghanistan	3,975	1,295 (100)	15 (1)	1,180 (92)		90 (7)	20 (2)		
Bangladesh	530	615 (100)	*	(0)	5 (2)	375 (98)	315 (83)		
China	2,625	470 (100)	5 (2)	5 (1)		200 (97)	155 (75)		
India	1,365	945 (100)	*	(0)	10 (1)	750 (99)	655 (86)		
Pakistan	2,615	1,250 (100)	25 (2)	15 (1)		990 (96)	885 (86)		
Sri Lanka	5,130	2,630 (100)	20 (1)	10 (0)		1,945 (99)	1,700 (86)		
Other	1,225	155 (100)	*	(3)	5 (4)	70 (93)	35 (51)		
Total	17,465	7,355 (100)	65 (1)	1,225 (21)		4,415 (77)	3,775 (66)		
Nationality not known	785	285 (100)	65 (55)	15 (11)		40 (34)	35 (29)		
Grand Total	71,160	33,720 (100)	7,815 (37)	2,465 (12)		11,025 (52)	8,110 (38)		

(1) Provisional figures (other than percentages) rounded to the nearest 5, with * = 1 or 2

(2) Decision figures do not necessarily relate to applications received in 1999

(3) Information is of initial decisions, excluding the outcome of appeals or other subsequent decisions.

(4) 1999 figures may exclude some cases lodged at Local Enforcement Offices.

4. Applications and decisions

**Table 4.1 Applications received for asylum in the United Kingdom, excluding dependants, and initial decisions⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
by nationality, 1999 (continued)**

Decisions						Applications withdrawn	Applications outstanding at end of year	Nationality
Cases considered under normal procedures				Backlog clearance exercise				
Refusals		Refused on non-compliance grounds		Granted asylum or exceptional leave under backlog criteria	Refused under backlog criteria			
Refused on safe third country grounds	(5)		(5)	(6)(7)	(5)			
	%		%		%			
80	(40)	15	(6)	30	(90)	5	n/a	Europe
10	(4)	30	(11)	*	(100)	–	n/a	Albania
235	(3)	140	(2)	875	(96)	40	n/a	Czech Republic
*	(–)	40	(8)	20	(73)	5	n/a	FRY
70	(20)	135	(39)	45	(50)	45	n/a	Poland
15	(21)	10	(15)	190	(78)	50	n/a	Romania
145	(37)	10	(3)	1,520	(91)	150	n/a	Russia
25	(33)	15	(17)	25	(86)	5	n/a	Turkey
40	(9)	45	(10)	120	(91)	10	n/a	Ukraine
25	(12)	5	(2)	60	(79)	15	n/a	Other Former USSR
15	(5)	5	(3)	315	(88)	40	n/a	Other Former Yugo.
660	(7)	450	(5)	3,195	(90)	370	n/a	Other
						265		Total
								Americas
15	(9)	5	(4)	215	(92)	20	n/a	Colombia
125	(93)	–	(–)	25	(93)	*	n/a	Ecuador
5	(4)	5	(4)	70	(84)	15	n/a	Other
145	(38)	10	(2)	310	(90)	35	n/a	Total
								Africa
60	(9)	25	(4)	205	(88)	30	n/a	Algeria
30	(31)	5	(3)	260	(83)	55	n/a	Angola
30	(26)	5	(6)	1,155	(94)	75	n/a	Dem. Rep. Congo
25	(47)	*	(2)	190	(95)	10	n/a	Ethiopia
–	(–)	–	(–)	40	(64)	20	n/a	Gambia
*	(1)	15	(10)	1,415	(91)	135	n/a	Ghana
5	(5)	5	(5)	155	(83)	30	n/a	Ivory Coast
10	(2)	15	(3)	210	(78)	60	n/a	Kenya
20	(3)	105	(13)	765	(82)	175	n/a	Nigeria
10	(4)	70	(29)	55	(85)	10	n/a	Rwanda
15	(3)	65	(16)	400	(96)	15	n/a	Sierra Leone
75	(25)	40	(14)	35	(83)	5	n/a	Somalia
15	(16)	5	(3)	100	(92)	10	n/a	Sudan
5	(13)	*	(3)	110	(79)	30	n/a	Tanzania
*	(1)	5	(5)	170	(95)	10	n/a	Uganda
–	(–)	–	(–)	10	(90)	*	n/a	Zimbabwe
55	(8)	90	(13)	325	(87)	50	n/a	Other
360	(8)	445	(10)	5,605	(89)	720	n/a	Total
								Middle East
55	(36)	5	(4)	250	(94)	15	n/a	Iran
90	(12)	5	(1)	5	(86)	*	n/a	Iraq
40	(25)	5	(4)	85	(91)	10	n/a	Other
185	(18)	15	(2)	340	(93)	25	n/a	Total
								Asia
60	(5)	5	(–)	10	(100)	–	n/a	Afghanistan
50	(13)	10	(3)	220	(94)	15	n/a	Bangladesh
25	(13)	15	(8)	245	(93)	20	n/a	China
60	(8)	35	(5)	170	(92)	15	n/a	India
65	(6)	40	(4)	215	(97)	5	n/a	Pakistan
205	(10)	40	(2)	620	(94)	35	n/a	Sri Lanka
20	(29)	10	(14)	80	(96)	5	n/a	Other
480	(8)	160	(3)	1,555	(94)	95	n/a	Total
–	(–)	5	(5)	135	(81)	30	n/a	Nationality not known
1,830	(9)	1,085	(5)	11,140	(90)	1,275		Grand Total

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

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

(7) Includes cases where asylum or exceptional leave has been granted under the backlog criteria

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

4. Applications and decisions

Table 4.2 Applications received for asylum in the United Kingdom, excluding dependants, and initial decisions⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ by nationality, 2000^(P)

Nationality	Applications received (4)	Decisions							
		Total decisions		Cases considered under normal procedures (5)					
				Recognised as a refugee and granted asylum	Not recognised as a refugee but granted exceptional leave	Refusals			
	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	Total refused (6)	Refused asylum and exceptional leave after full consideration (6)	(6)	(6)	
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Europe									
Albania	1,490	1,940 (100)	25 (1)	35 (2)	1,875 (97)	1,480 (76)			
Czech Republic	1,200	1,800 (100)	10 (1)	10 (1)	1,775 (99)	1,565 (87)			
FRY	6,070	15,125 (100)	275 (2)	815 (5)	13,830 (93)	10,860 (73)			
Poland	1,015	1,820 (100)	20 (1)	20 (1)	1,765 (98)	1,445 (80)			
Romania	2,160	2,800 (100)	15 (1)	20 (1)	2,695 (99)	1,590 (58)			
Russia	1,000	1,195 (100)	25 (3)	45 (5)	900 (92)	530 (54)			
Turkey	3,990	3,695 (100)	180 (7)	135 (6)	2,090 (87)	1,095 (46)			
Ukraine	770	1,270 (100)	15 (1)	35 (3)	1,045 (96)	760 (70)			
Other Former USSR	2,505	3,795 (100)	65 (2)	75 (2)	3,285 (96)	2,250 (66)			
Other Former Yugo.	2,265	1,550 (100)	110 (8)	50 (3)	1,280 (89)	1,110 (77)			
Other	415	920 (100)	50 (7)	30 (4)	605 (88)	450 (65)			
Total	22,880	35,915 (100)	790 (2)	1,265 (4)	31,145 (94)	23,125 (70)			
Americas									
Colombia	505	2,090 (100)	60 (3)	60 (3)	1,775 (94)	1,600 (84)			
Ecuador	445	800 (100)	25 (3)	20 (3)	650 (94)	490 (70)			
Other	465	705 (100)	35 (6)	50 (9)	470 (85)	330 (60)			
Total	1,420	3,595 (100)	120 (4)	125 (4)	2,900 (92)	2,420 (77)			
Africa									
Algeria	1,635	1,935 (100)	65 (4)	45 (3)	1,330 (93)	760 (53)			
Angola	800	1,025 (100)	70 (10)	200 (29)	425 (61)	205 (30)			
Dem. Rep. Congo	1,030	2,005 (100)	145 (11)	180 (14)	990 (75)	610 (46)			
Ethiopia	415	895 (100)	40 (9)	80 (17)	355 (75)	220 (47)			
Gambia	50	75 (100)	5 (10)	10 (20)	30 (71)	15 (39)			
Ghana	285	420 (100)	40 (14)	35 (11)	225 (75)	155 (52)			
Ivory Coast	445	365 (100)	15 (4)	15 (4)	265 (91)	90 (31)			
Kenya	455	1,620 (100)	50 (6)	90 (10)	785 (85)	535 (58)			
Nigeria	835	1,215 (100)	20 (2)	90 (10)	770 (87)	415 (47)			
Rwanda	760	720 (100)	85 (12)	165 (24)	440 (64)	150 (22)			
Sierra Leone	1,330	1,560 (100)	95 (8)	575 (50)	480 (42)	145 (13)			
Somalia	5,020	11,325 (100)	5,310 (47)	3,575 (32)	2,365 (21)	695 (6)			
Sudan	415	895 (100)	110 (19)	70 (12)	395 (68)	270 (47)			
Tanzania	60	160 (100)	5 (5)	10 (13)	60 (82)	40 (54)			
Uganda	740	740 (100)	20 (4)	30 (6)	480 (90)	250 (46)			
Zimbabwe	1,010	595 (100)	20 (3)	10 (2)	525 (94)	435 (79)			
Other	2,635	3,055 (100)	245 (10)	385 (15)	1,860 (75)	950 (38)			
Total	17,920	28,610 (100)	6,340 (27)	5,560 (23)	11,780 (50)	5,945 (25)			
Middle East									
Iran	5,610	3,690 (100)	390 (11)	255 (7)	2,815 (81)	1,595 (46)			
Iraq	7,475	5,530 (100)	845 (15)	2,455 (45)	2,220 (40)	825 (15)			
Other	1,330	1,470 (100)	115 (10)	100 (8)	945 (82)	595 (51)			
Total	14,415	10,690 (100)	1,350 (13)	2,810 (28)	5,975 (59)	3,020 (30)			
Asia									
Afghanistan	5,555	2,590 (100)	375 (15)	695 (27)	1,515 (59)	460 (18)			
Bangladesh	795	1,250 (100)	20 (2)	35 (4)	870 (94)	560 (60)			
China	4,000	5,860 (100)	40 (1)	130 (2)	5,480 (97)	3,665 (65)			
India	2,120	2,435 (100)	40 (2)	45 (2)	2,125 (96)	1,185 (53)			
Pakistan	3,165	4,715 (100)	125 (3)	120 (3)	3,720 (94)	2,445 (62)			
Sri Lanka	6,395	9,050 (100)	900 (11)	285 (4)	6,875 (85)	5,115 (63)			
Other	1,205	1,330 (100)	50 (4)	65 (6)	1,015 (90)	480 (43)			
Total	23,230	27,230 (100)	1,545 (6)	1,375 (6)	21,600 (88)	13,910 (57)			
Nationality not known	450	3,165 (100)	225 (8)	355 (12)	2,280 (80)	1,730 (60)			
Grand Total	80,315	##### (100)	10,375 (11)	11,495 (12)	75,680 (78)	50,145 (51)			

(1) Provisional figures (other than percentages) rounded to the nearest 5, with * = 1 or 2

(2) Decision figures do not necessarily relate to applications received in 2000

(3) Information is of initial decisions, excluding the outcome of appeals or other subsequent decisions.

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

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

4. Applications and decisions

**Table 4.2 Applications received for asylum in the United Kingdom, excluding dependants, and initial decisions⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
by nationality, 2000^(P) (continued)**

Decisions						Applications withdrawn	Applications outstanding at end of year	Nationality		
Cases considered under normal procedures (5)				Backlog clearance exercise						
Refusals		Refused on non-compliance grounds		Granted asylum or exceptional leave under backlog criteria	Refused under backlog criteria					
Refused on safe third country grounds	(6)		(6)	(7)(8)	(6)	(7)(9)	(6)			
	%		%		%		%			
50	(3)	345	(18)	5	(80)	*	(20)	60	n/a	Europe
5	(-)	205	(12)	*	(100)	-	(-)	80	n/a	Albania
95	(1)	2,880	(19)	165	(82)	35	(18)	240	n/a	Czech Republic
*	(-)	320	(18)	10	(50)	10	(50)	95	n/a	FRY
70	(3)	1,030	(38)	45	(63)	30	(37)	65	n/a	Poland
10	(1)	360	(37)	185	(84)	35	(16)	35	n/a	Romania
145	(6)	850	(35)	1,215	(94)	80	(6)	40	n/a	Russia
20	(2)	265	(24)	155	(88)	20	(12)	55	n/a	Turkey
20	(1)	1,015	(30)	320	(86)	50	(14)	155	n/a	Ukraine
*	(-)	170	(12)	80	(75)	30	(25)	25	n/a	Other Former USSR
10	(1)	150	(22)	210	(89)	25	(11)	35	n/a	Other Former Yugo.
430	(1)	7,590	(23)	2,395	(88)	320	(12)	885	n/a	Other
										Total
30	(2)	145	(8)	180	(95)	10	(5)	15	n/a	Americas
45	(6)	120	(17)	100	(96)	5	(4)	10	n/a	Colombia
*	(-)	135	(25)	135	(89)	15	(11)	45	n/a	Ecuador
75	(2)	405	(13)	420	(93)	30	(7)	70	n/a	Other
										Total
20	(1)	550	(38)	415	(83)	85	(17)	45	n/a	Africa
10	(1)	210	(31)	240	(72)	90	(28)	10	n/a	Algeria
30	(2)	350	(27)	610	(89)	75	(11)	20	n/a	Angola
5	(1)	130	(27)	390	(93)	30	(7)	15	n/a	Dem. Rep. Congo
-	(-)	15	(32)	30	(88)	5	(12)	5	n/a	Ethiopia
-	(-)	70	(23)	90	(72)	35	(28)	15	n/a	Gambia
25	(8)	150	(51)	70	(95)	5	(5)	5	n/a	Ghana
10	(1)	240	(26)	625	(90)	70	(10)	30	n/a	Ivory Coast
10	(1)	345	(39)	290	(86)	45	(14)	40	n/a	Kenya
5	(1)	285	(41)	30	(94)	*	(6)	5	n/a	Nigeria
10	(1)	320	(28)	365	(90)	40	(10)	25	n/a	Rwanda
30	(-)	1,645	(15)	55	(78)	15	(22)	50	n/a	Sierra Leone
20	(3)	110	(19)	300	(94)	20	(6)	10	n/a	Somalia
*	(3)	20	(25)	80	(95)	5	(5)	5	n/a	Sudan
*	(-)	230	(43)	195	(94)	10	(6)	15	n/a	Tanzania
-	(-)	90	(16)	35	(88)	5	(12)	10	n/a	Uganda
30	(1)	880	(35)	520	(92)	50	(8)	50	n/a	Zimbabwe
200	(1)	5,635	(24)	4,345	(88)	585	(12)	345	n/a	Other
										Total
35	(1)	1,185	(34)	210	(89)	25	(11)	40	n/a	Middle East
70	(1)	1,320	(24)	10	(89)	*	(11)	20	n/a	Iran
30	(3)	320	(28)	295	(96)	10	(4)	40	n/a	Iraq
135	(1)	2,825	(28)	515	(93)	40	(7)	100	n/a	Other
										Total
35	(1)	1,020	(39)	10	(100)	-	(-)	25	n/a	Asia
50	(5)	260	(28)	290	(90)	35	(10)	15	n/a	Afghanistan
45	(1)	1,770	(31)	165	(79)	45	(21)	30	n/a	Bangladesh
40	(2)	905	(41)	175	(78)	50	(22)	45	n/a	China
40	(1)	1,235	(31)	685	(91)	65	(9)	95	n/a	India
170	(2)	1,590	(20)	895	(90)	100	(10)	45	n/a	Pakistan
5	(-)	530	(47)	170	(84)	30	(16)	35	n/a	Sri Lanka
380	(2)	7,310	(30)	2,385	(88)	320	(12)	290	n/a	Other
										Total
20	(1)	530	(19)	275	(89)	35	(11)	30	n/a	Nationality not known
1,240	(1)	24,290	(25)	10,325	(89)	1,335	(11)	1,720	89,100	Grand Total

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

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

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

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

5. Applications and initial decisions by age

Table 5.1 Applications⁽¹⁾ received for asylum in the United Kingdom, excluding dependants, by age, percentages, 1995 to 2000

Age of applicant at application date	Percentages					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Under 18 ⁽²⁾	2	3	5	10	5	8
18-20	8	8	10	9	10	9
21-24	19	20	21	20	20	19
25-29	32	29	27	26	25	27
30-34	18	17	16	16	17	17
35-39	10	11	10	9	10	9
40-49	7	8	7	7	10	8
50-59	2	2	2	2	2	2
60+	2	2	2	1	1	1
Median age						
All nationalities	27	28	27	26	27	27
Europe	26	26	25	25	27	25
Africa	27	29	27	27	27	27
Asia ⁽³⁾	28	28	27	27	27	27
Other	28	28	28	28	29	30

(1) Percentages rounded to the nearest whole per cent: information provisional and based on the cases for which the information is recorded.

(2) This figure may overstate because some applicants aged 18 or over may claim to be younger on leaving their country of origin.

(3) Including Middle East.

Table 5.2 Initial decisions⁽¹⁾ in 2000 on applications received for asylum in the United Kingdom, excluding dependants by age, percentages

Age of applicant at initial decision date	Percentages				
	Recognised as a refugee and granted asylum	Not recognised as a refugee but granted exceptional leave	Refused asylum and exceptional leave after full consideration	Refused on safe third country grounds	Refused on non-compliance grounds ⁽²⁾
	%	%	%	%	%
Under 18	5	7	5	3	6
18-20	7	8	10	8	9
21-24	16	17	20	22	19
25-29	29	28	27	31	29
30-34	18	17	18	18	17
35-39	11	10	10	9	10
40-49	8	8	9	7	8
50-59	3	3	2	2	2
60+	4	2	0	1	1
Median age					
	28	28	27	27	27

(1) Percentages rounded to the nearest whole per cent: information provisional and based on the cases for which the information is recorded.

(2) See footnote 7 to Table 1.3 and explanatory note 6.

6. Asylum applicants by number of dependants

Table 6.1 Principal applicants and dependants,⁽¹⁾ and percentages⁽²⁾ with dependants, 1992 to 2000

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
					(3)	(3)		(P)	(P)
<u>Total principal applicants</u>	24,605	22,370	32,830	43,965	29,640	32,500	46,015	71,160	80,315
of which:									
principal applicants with (1) :									
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
no dependants	86	88	88	88	87	87	87	80	90
1 dependant	6	6	5	5	6	5	5	7	4
2 dependants	4	3	3	3	3	4	4	7	3
3 dependants	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	5	2
4 dependants	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
5 or more dependants	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1
<u>Total dependants</u> (4)	7,700	5,600	9,370	11,050	7,320	8,980	12,470	20,070	18,555
<u>Total applicants</u> (4) <u>including dependants</u>	32,300	28,000	42,200	55,000	37,000	41,500	58,500	91,200	98,900

(1) Information on dependants is of those applying with the principal applicant or arriving subsequently, before the principal application was decided. Information excludes dependants who arrive after the principal decision.

(2) Percentages are based on the cases for which the information is recorded.

(3) Includes revisions to the number of in-country applications lodged between September 1996 and May 1997.

(4) Figures for 1992 to 2000 are estimated.

(P) Provisional figures.

7. Asylum Appeals

Table 7.1 Appeals⁽¹⁾ determined by adjudicators of the Immigration Appellate Authority, excluding dependants, 1999 and 2000

Number of principal appellants

	Appeals received by the Appeals Support Section (2)	Appeals sent to the IAA	Appeals determined by adjudicators						
			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									
January - March	1,200 ⁽⁵⁾	900 ⁽⁵⁾	6,815	1,685	25%	3,685	54%	1,450	21%
April - June	1,975	2,205	4,950	1,440	29%	2,760	56%	750	15%
July - September	1,750	2,635	4,355	1,495	34%	2,085	48%	775	18%
October - December	1,695	1,745	3,345	655	20%	2,610	78%	75	2%
Total	6,615	7,485	19,460	5,280	27%	11,135	57%	3,050	16%
2000^(P)									
January - March	2,425	2,250	2,995	600	20%	2,330	78%	60	2%
April - June	11,280	6,105	3,250	545	17%	2,640	81%	60	2%
July - September	12,645	11,120	5,205	735	14%	4,310	83%	160	3%
October - December	19,845	8,790	7,950	1,460	18%	6,300	79%	190	2%
Total	46,190	28,260	19,395	3,340	17%	15,580	80%	475	2%

(1) Figures (other than percentages) rounded to the nearest 5. Numbers might not add up due to rounding.

(2) 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 - December 2000).

(5) Estimated.

(P) Provisional figures.

7. Asylum Appeals

Table 7.2 Further appeals to the Tribunal, decisions, and the outcome of Tribunal Hearings, excluding dependants, by quarter 1999 and 2000 ⁽¹⁾

	Applications for leave to appeal to the Tribunal ⁽²⁾		Appeals to the Tribunal ⁽²⁾		Number of principal appellants Outcome of Tribunal Hearings ⁽³⁾					
	Applications	Decisions	Received	Determined	Appellant			Secretary of State		
					Allowed	Dismissed	Withdrawn	Allowed	Dismissed	Withdrawn
1999										
January - March	2,770	3,560	695	335	••	••	••	••	••	••
April - June	2,645	2,790	555	370	••	••	••	••	••	••
July - September	1,875	1,955	630	565	••	••	••	••	••	••
October - December	1,350	1,265	255	515	25% ^(R)	62% ^(R)	14% ^(R)	45%	53%	2%
Total	8,635	9,575	2,135	1,790	••	••	••	••	••	••
2000 ^(P)										
January - March	975	905	175	825	33%	45%	22%	46%	43%	11%
April - June	1,235	995	310	770	39%	52%	9%	49%	29%	22%
July - September	1,520	1,585	470	565	25%	72%	4%	42%	57%	2%
October - December	2,290	2,010	660	480	20%	79%	1%	31%	69%	0%
Total	6,020	5,490	1,615	2,635	34%	54%	12%	44%	45%	10%

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

(2) Figures based on data supplied by the Lord Chancellor's Department. Decisions and determinations do not necessarily correspond to applications and appeals received in any given quarter.

(3) Figures supplied by the Presenting Officers Unit. Figures for October - December 1999 are based on data for November - December.

Allowed includes those cases remitted to another Court.

(P) Provisional figures.

(R) Revised figures.

7. Asylum Appeals

Table 7.3 Applications for Judicial Review, and outcomes, excluding dependants, by quarter 1999 and 2000

	Applications for leave to move for Judicial Review ⁽¹⁾				Number of principal appellants		
	Applications	Decisions	of which: granted leave to move	Percentage of applicants granted leave to move ⁽³⁾	The outcome of judicial review hearings ⁽¹⁾		
					Allowed ⁽⁴⁾	Dismissed ⁽⁵⁾	Withdrawn
1999⁽²⁾							
January - March	650	195	110	57%	30	10	15
April - June	645	275	140	51%	60	*	40
July - September	••	••	••	••	••	••	••
October - December	495	590	135	23%	45	15	20
Total	••	••	••	••	••	••	••
2000^{(6)(P)}							
January - March	490	550	125	23%	60	10	10
April - June	435	455	90	20%	100	20	20
July - September	480	395	60	15%	105	30	30
October - December	515	690	280	40%	95	240	30
Total	1,920	2,095	555	26%	365	300	95

(1) Estimates based on Crown Office data. Figures rounded to the nearest 5 with * = 1 or 2

(2) Estimated figures.

(3) The number of which granted leave to move as a percentage of decisions.

(4) The decision of the respondent (in this case, the Home Office or the Lord Chancellor's Department) was quashed. These figures include consent orders whereby the JR was conceded by the responden

(5) The decision of the respondent was upheld.

(6) Figures exclude Judicial Reviews brought in cases relating to asylum support (NASS)

(P) Provisional figures.

8. Asylum applicants supported by the National Asylum Support Service

Table 8.1 Summary of applications(1) for support and other information for those applying for National Asylum Support Service support(2), in the United Kingdom, excluding dependants, for the period April 2000 to December 2000(3)

	Number of principal applicants
<u>Applications received</u>	
Accommodation and voucher support application	18,230
Voucher only support application	8,160
Accommodation only support application	30
Other applications(4)	1,180
Total	27,600
of which:	
Family cases(5)	4,720
Single adults	22,890
 Average family size of family applicants	 3.13
<u>Applications refused support</u>	310
<u>Applications where support has been terminated(6)</u>	1,560
<u>Applications awaiting allocation at end of year(7)</u>	2,970

(1) Figures are provisional and rounded to the nearest 10 with * indicating a number between 1 and 4

(2) See explanatory note 8.

(3) See explanatory note 9.

(4) Other applications include cases that are deemed invalid for receipt of NASS support (e.g. where no asylum application has been made) and cases where the support type has not yet been identified

(5) A family is defined, in this context, as any principal applicant with at least one dependant

(6) See explanatory note 10.

(7) Backlog of cases that have applied for National Asylum Support Service support and are waiting for their application to be processed

Table 8.2 Applications(1) received for National Asylum Support Service support(2) in the United Kingdom, excluding dependants, for the type of support applied for by family groups(5) and single adults, in the period April 2000 to December 2000(3)

	Number of principal applicants				
<u>Type of support applied for</u>	<u>Accommodation</u>	<u>Voucher only</u>	<u>Accommodation</u>	<u>Other(4)</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>and Voucher support</u>	<u>support</u>	<u>only support</u>	<u>applications</u>	
<u>Family/Single</u>					
Family(5)	3,480	930	10	290	4,720
Single	14,750	7,230	20	900	22,890
TOTAL	18,230	8,160	30	1,180	27,600

(1) Figures are provisional and rounded to the nearest 10 with * indicating a number between 1 and 4

(2) See explanatory note 8.

(3) See explanatory note 9.

(4) Other applications include cases that are deemed invalid for receipt of NASS support (e.g. where no asylum application has been made) and cases where the support type has not yet been identified

(5) A family is defined, in this context, as any principal applicant with at least one dependant

8. Asylum applicants supported by the National Asylum Support Service

Table 8.3 National Asylum Support Service applicants(1) and dependants(2) and percentages with dependants, in the period April 2000 to December 2000(3)

<u>Total applications</u>	27,600	
of which:		
applicants with:		%
no dependants	22,890	83%
1 dependant	1,820	7%
2 dependants	1,350	5%
3 dependants	950	3%
4 dependants	390	1%
5 or more dependants	200	1%
<u>Total dependants(2)</u>	10,050	
<u>Total applicants including dependants</u>	37,650	

(1) Figures are provisional and rounded to the nearest 10 with * indicating a number between 1 and 4.

(2) A dependant is defined as any person who accompanies the support applicant in the UK and will need to be supported

(3) See explanatory note 9.

Table 8.4 Applications(1) received for National Asylum Support Service support(2) in the United Kingdom, excluding dependants, by nationality and by language spoken, in the period April 2000 to December 2000(3)

Number of principal applicants

<u>Top Ten Nationalities(4)</u>		<u>Top Ten Languages(4)</u>	
<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Number of Applications</u>	<u>Language</u>	<u>Number Of Applications</u>
Iraq	5,370	Kurdish	4,890
Iran	3,460	Farsi	4,260
Afghanistan	2,840	Tamil	2,300
Sri Lanka	2,350	Arabic	1,980
Somalia	1,700	Albanian	1,810
Turkey	1,650	English	1,360
FRY	1,420	Somali	1,250
Albania	690	Turkish	1,240
Zimbabwe	550	Pushtu	930
Romania	530	French	860
Other nationalities	7,070	Other nationalities	6,720
TOTAL	27,600	TOTAL	27,600

(1) Figures are provisional and rounded to the nearest 10 with * indicating a number between 1 and 4.

(2) See explanatory note 8.

(3) See explanatory note 9.

(4) The top ten nationalities and languages are for the total period April 2000 to December 2000. Within the period the top nationalities and languages can vary.

8. Asylum applicants supported by the National Asylum Support Service

Table 8.5 As at the end of December 2000, the number of allocations(1)(2) of accommodation support and allocations(2) of voucher support by the National Asylum Support Service in the United Kingdom, including dependants, where the applicants support has not been terminated(3) by region of the United Kingdom.

<u>Allocations of accommodation support</u>		<u>Allocations of voucher only support</u>	
<u>Region</u>	<u>Allocations</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Allocations</u>
<u>England(4)</u>		<u>England(4)</u>	
East Midlands	760	East Midlands	140
East of England	0	East of England	470
Greater London	250	Greater London	6,210
North East	2,420	North East	20
North West	3,420	North West	140
South Central	200	South Central	1,330
South West	380	South West	150
West Midlands	1,350	West Midlands	140
Yorkshire and Humberside	3,550	Yorkshire and Humberside	90
Total	12,320	Total	8,680
<u>Northern Ireland</u>		<u>Northern Ireland</u>	
	0		*
<u>Scotland</u>		<u>Scotland</u>	
	1,200		120
<u>Wales</u>		<u>Wales</u>	
	20		60
Total	13,530	Total	8,870

(1) Figures are provisional and rounded to the nearest 10 with * indicating a number between 1 and 4.

(2) If a support application is successful, the applicant is allocated support from the National Asylum Support Service.

Figures for allocations of accommodation support show cases where the applicants arrival in the accommodation has been confirmed

(3) See explanatory note 10.

(4) See explanatory note 11.

9. Asylum applicants detained

Table 9.1 Number of persons recorded as being detained⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ on 30 December 1998⁽³⁾ / 4 January 1999⁽³⁾ who had sought asylum at some stage, by immigration status and by gender, stage of application and length of detention⁽⁴⁾

<u>Gender</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Illegal Entrants</u>	<u>Subject to Deportation action</u>	<u>Total</u>
Male	283	399	24	706
Female	14	15	6	35
Total	297	414	30	741

<u>Stage of application</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Illegal Entrants</u>	<u>Subject to Deportation action</u>	<u>Total</u>
Awaiting initial decision	125	295	4	424
Awaiting result of appeal	127	42	11	180
Awaiting result of further challenge or documentation for removal ⁽⁵⁾	45	77	15	137
Total	297	414	30	741

<u>Length⁽⁴⁾</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Illegal Entrants</u>	<u>Subject to Deportation action</u>	<u>Total</u>
0-1 Month	59	51	3	113
1-2 Months	68	123	3	194
2-6 Months	132	175	10	317
6-12 Months	27	43	5	75
12 Months +	11	22	9	42
Total	297	414	30	741

- (1) Persons detained solely under the powers contained in Schedule 2 or 3 of the Immigration Act 1971
- (2) These figures are approximate because of the delay in recording receptions into, and releases from, detention and the large number of persons detained for a short period.
- (3) Port figures obtained at 30 December 1998. After entry figures obtained at 4 January 1999.
- (4) In some cases the date a person enters detention may be understated due to the method of recording.
- (5) Includes those persons awaiting the result of a further appeal/other challenge or awaiting removal pending documentation.

9. Asylum applicants detained

Table 9.2 Number of persons detained⁽¹⁾ who had sought asylum at some stage, by nationality

Nationality	Number of principal applicants	
	30 December 1998 / 4 January 1999 ⁽²⁾	
Nigeria		82
India		79
Albania		54
Pakistan		50
Sri Lanka		38
Yugoslavia		38
Romania		35
Algeria		32
China		29
Poland		29
Lithuania		26
Turkey		20
Ghana		18
Ukraine		12
Bangladesh		11
Sierra Leone		10
Kenya		9
Iraq		8
Bulgaria		7
Gambia		7
Somalia		7
Egypt		6
Iran		6
Uganda		6
Afghanistan		5
Ivory Coast		5
Jamaica		4
Palestine		4
Russia		4
Congo		3
Colombia		3
Czech Republic		3
Croatia		3
Liberia		3
Latvia		3
Morocco		3
Angola		2
Cyprus		2
Libya		2
Togo		2
Tanzania		2
Thailand		2
South Africa		2
Zaire		2
Others		22
Nationality Doubtful		41
Total		741

(1) Persons detained solely under the powers contained in Schedules 2 or 3 of the Immigration Act 1971. In some cases the asylum application will have been lodged subsequent to the applicant being detained. The figures include detained asylum applicants who applied at ports, those detained in after-entry enforcement work, those awaiting removal following refusal of asylum, and those whose applications were under consideration or subject to appeal.

(2) Port cases are as at 30 December 1998, illegal entrants and those subject to deportation action are as at 4 January 1999.

Table 10.1 Removals and voluntary departures⁽¹⁾ of asylum applicants, excluding dependants, by nationality, 1997 to 2000

Nationality	Number of principal applicants													
	1997			1998			1999				2000			
	On-entry (2)	In-country (3)	Total	On-entry (2)	In-country (3,E)	Total	On-entry (2,E)	In-country (3)	VARP (4)	Total (P)	On-entry (2,E)	In-country (3,P)	VARP (4)	Total (P)
Europe														
Albania	55	35	90	55	75	130	90	..	15	..	90	..	265	..
Bulgaria	55	65	120	75	120	195	85	..	–	..	50	..	*	..
Cyprus	335	10	345	170	15	185	80	..	–	..	35	..	–	..
Hungary	5	–	5	–	–	–	–	..	–	..	5	..	–	..
Poland	695	120	815	510	115	625	760	..	–	..	1,055	..	*	..
Romania	65	240	305	65	270	335	70	..	5	..	110	..	15	..
Turkey	140	115	250	80	110	195	80	..	–	..	85	..	5	..
former Czechoslovakia	210	15	225	390	15	405	990	..	10	..	1,375	..	5	..
former USSR	160	90	255	295	235	530	470	..	5	..	480	..	25	..
former Yugoslavia	145	45	190	155	65	220	285	..	5	..	295	..	170	..
Other Europe	*	–	*	5	–	5	5	..	–	..	*	..	–	..
Total Europe	1,870	735	2,600	1,800	1,025	2,825	2,915	..	35	..	3,585	..	490	..
Americas														
Brazil	10	5	15	5	10	15	5	..	–	..	5	..	–	..
Columbia	280	10	290	195	20	215	165	..	*	..	220	..	–	..
Ecuador	150	10	160	145	25	170	195	..	–	..	120	..	–	..
Jamaica	25	25	45	25	25	50	25	..	–	..	40	..	–	..
Peru	10	*	10	5	–	5	5	..	–	..	*	..	–	..
United States of America	–	*	*	*	5	5	*	..	–	..	*	..	*	..
Other Americas	10	10	20	10	5	15	25	..	–	..	15	..	–	..
Total Americas	480	65	545	385	80	465	420	..	*	..	400	..	*	..
Middle East														
Iran	40	5	45	30	5	35	55	..	*	..	50	..	30	..
Iraq	40	*	40	35	5	40	35	..	–	..	50	..	*	..
Lebanon	30	10	45	25	5	30	35	..	–	..	25	..	5	..
Other Middle East	45	5	50	20	5	25	30	..	*	..	40	..	*	..
Total Middle East	160	25	180	105	20	130	160	..	5	..	165	..	40	..
Asia														
Afghanistan	35	*	40	10	*	15	35	..	–	..	85	..	–	..
Bangladesh	30	70	100	35	85	120	35	..	–	..	25	..	–	..
China	75	45	120	45	50	95	35	..	–	..	45	..	–	..
India	100	725	825	95	775	870	100	..	–	..	140	..	*	..
Pakistan	175	475	650	230	480	710	240	..	–	..	200	..	*	..
Sri Lanka	70	25	95	50	90	140	50	..	–	..	60	..	5	..
Other Asia	5	25	30	10	15	25	15	..	–	..	10	..	–	..
Total Asia	495	1,365	1,860	480	1,500	1,980	510	..	–	..	560	..	10	..

Table 10.1 Removals and voluntary departures⁽¹⁾ of asylum applicants, excluding dependants, by nationality, 1997 to 2000 (continued)

Nationality	Number of principal applicants													
	1997			1998			1999				2000			
	On-entry (2)	In-country (3)	Total	On-entry (2)	In-country (3,E)	Total	On-entry (2,E)	In-country (3,P)	VARP (4)	Total (P)	On-entry (2,E)	In-country (3,P)	VARP (4)	Total (P)
Africa														
Algeria	90	90	180	45	45	85	60	..	*	..	55	..	-	..
Angola	35	35	70	20	5	25	25	..	-	..	15	..	-	..
Dem. Rep. of Congo(4)	55	10	60	15	5	20	15	..	-	..	30	..	-	..
Egypt	5	5	10	10	5	15	5	..	-	..	5	..	-	..
Ethiopia	10	5	15	5	5	10	10	..	*	..	10	..	-	..
Gambia	40	20	55	25	25	50	30	..	-	..	25	..	-	..
Ghana	120	245	370	85	205	290	75	..	-	..	30	..	*	..
Ivory Coast	20	25	45	20	20	35	20	..	-	..	20	..	*	..
Kenya	140	20	165	105	25	130	120	..	*	..	85	..	*	..
Liberia	20	*	25	5	*	10	10	..	-	..	*	..	-	..
Libya	5	5	10	5	5	5	*	..	-	..	*	..	-	..
Mauritius	*	5	5	*	*	*	-	..	-	..	*	..	-	..
Morocco	*	5	10	5	10	10	*	..	-	..	*	..	-	..
Niger	-	-	-	5	-	5	*	..	-	..	-	..	-	..
Nigeria	210	295	505	185	335	520	185	..	*	..	110	..	-	..
Seychelles	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	..	-	..	-	..	-	..
Sierra Leone	50	20	75	15	5	20	20	..	-	..	20	..	*	..
Somalia	45	5	50	30	5	35	25	..	-	..	30	..	*	..
South Africa	15	5	20	25	10	35	10	..	-	..	25	..	-	..
Sudan	10	10	20	5	5	10	10	..	-	..	10	..	*	..
Tanzania	80	20	95	60	25	80	60	..	-	..	50	..	-	..
Uganda	45	15	55	25	10	35	30	..	-	..	20	..	*	..
Zimbabwe	15	10	25	15	5	20	30	..	-	..	70	..	*	..
Other Africa	50	20	70	45	35	80	60	..	5	..	50	..	-	..
Total Africa	1,070	865	1,935	745	780	1,530	805	..	10	..	660	..	10	..
Oceania														
Australia	-	-	-	-	*	*	*	..	-	..	*	..	-	..
Other Oceania	*	-	*	-	-	-	*	..	-	..	-	..	-	..
Total Oceania	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	..	-	..	*	..	-	..
Other	30	10	40	20	40	55	45	..	-	..	60	..	*	..
Grand Total	4,105	3,060	7,160	3,540	3,450	6,990	4,860	2,755	50	7,665	5,440	2,990	550	8,980

(1) The data are revised and include removals on safe third country grounds.

(2) For on-entry asylum applicants, the data include persons departing voluntarily up to and including the point of notification of the decision on their asylum application and persons who have had their asylum application refused and leave the country before they have exhausted their rights of appeal.

(3) For in country applicants, the data include removals under enforcement powers and those departing voluntarily following enforcement action but exclude all other voluntary departures.

(4) Persons returned under the Voluntary Assisted Returns Programme.

(E) Due to data quality issues on the main Immigration Service database, data has been estimated.

(P) Provisional figures.

11. Acceptances for settlement

Table 11.1 Grants of settlement⁽¹⁾ as refugees, and under exceptional leave arrangements, 1990 to 2000

	Number of grants											Total
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1990-00
	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
<u>Acceptances as recognised refugees⁽³⁾</u>												
– excluding dependants ⁽⁴⁾	930	745	1,275	2,845	2,255	675	1,115	2,405	4,270	9,600	••	••
– including dependants ⁽⁵⁾	1,150	950	1,635	4,435	4,090	1,615	2,970	6,740	8,145	14,150	••	••
<u>Acceptances of those not recognised as refugees but granted exceptional leave</u>												
– excluding dependants ⁽⁴⁾	205	240	505	1,145	1,030	920	3,080	2,425	2,405	12,905	••	••
– including dependants ⁽⁵⁾	265	310	825	1,810	1,850	1,605	6,475	5,040	4,485	24,515	••	••
<u>Total acceptances as refugees and under exceptional leave arrangements⁽³⁾</u>												
– excluding dependants ⁽⁴⁾	1,135	985	1,780	3,990	3,285	1,595	4,195	4,830	6,680	22,505	24,835	75,815
– including dependants ⁽⁵⁾	1,415	1,260	2,460	6,245	5,940	3,220	9,445	11,780	12,630	38,660	45,120	138,180

(1) Excludes those earlier recognised as refugees or treated under exceptional leave arrangements, but were accepted for settlement on other grounds.

(2) Figures rounded to the nearest 5.

(3) Includes refugees from South East Asia and persons granted settlement under measures aimed at reducing the pre-July 1993 asylum backlog as announced in the White Paper in July 1998.

(4) Includes dependants of refugees from South East Asia.

(5) Dependants are recorded in this table as related to persons accepted as refugees or given exceptional leave to remain only if granted settlement at the same time as the principal applicant. These figures exclude dependants that are subsequently accepted for settlement.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. This is the latest in an annual series of bulletins giving statistics on applications received for asylum in the United Kingdom and on the decisions reached.

Asylum Definitions

2. The criteria for recognition as a refugee, and hence the granting of asylum, are set out in the 1951 United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, extended in its application by the 1967 Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees. The Convention defines a refugee as a person who "owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality and unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country; or who, not having a nationality and being outside the country of his former habitual residence... is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to return to it".

3. People who are found not to be refugees within the terms of the Convention will be refused asylum. In certain circumstances they may be granted exceptional leave to remain (ELR) for an appropriate period.

4. People granted asylum are given indefinite leave to remain (settlement). Those granted exceptional leave may apply for settlement after four years with that status. (See paragraph 13 below.)

5. In addition to individual applications for asylum, there are occasional refugee programmes as part of international initiatives in response to particular problems. The Vietnamese Programme was introduced in the late 1970s. These refugees form a distinct group of people, already recognised as refugees, who are granted settlement on their arrival in the United Kingdom. Since 1979, some 25,000 South East Asian refugees were accepted for settlement (including those who were granted settlement after four years residence in the UK). The Government announced in June 1989 that it would accept a further 2,000 Vietnamese refugees from Hong Kong over the next three years.

6. Non-compliance refusals (under paragraph 340 of the immigration rules and paragraph 180F prior to 1 October 1994) are for failure to provide evidence to support the asylum claim within a reasonable period. From November 1991 these include refusals for failure to respond to invitations to interview to establish identity under the measures introduced then. Non-compliance refusals are separately identified in the manual counts of decisions from December 1991 (see paragraph 22) but were not previously identifiable from other types of refusal.

7. There is no right of appeal against the decision to refuse asylum in itself, but those so refused are subject to a separate decision on their immigration status. Applicants for asylum may appeal under section 69 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 on the basis that to remove the applicant or require him to leave would be contrary to the United Kingdom's obligations under the 1951 UN Convention relating to the Status of Refugees. Section 69 is very broadly equivalent to section 8 of the 1993 Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act, which it replaced from 2 October 2000. Immigration Appeals adjudicators

hear all asylum appeals. Those whose appeals are dismissed by adjudicators are in most cases entitled to apply for leave to appeal to the Immigration Appeals Tribunal and, if dismissed by the IAT, to the Court of Appeal, on a point of law. However, in cases where the Secretary of State has certified the refusal and the special adjudicator dismisses the appeal and upholds the certificate, there is no right of appeal to the Tribunal.

Administrative Changes

8. The National Asylum Support Service (NASS) began supporting asylum seekers on 3 April 2000. The NASS was set up to provide accommodation and/or vouchers to asylum seekers so that they can support themselves whilst they are awaiting a decision on their asylum application. Any cases that applied for asylum in the UK after the 3 April 2000 were only eligible to apply for NASS support (apart from some in-country cases that were part of the roll out - see explanatory note 9), whereas prior to 3 April 2000 asylum seekers, depending on the location of their application for asylum, could apply for support from the Department for Social Security (DSS) or local authorities. Asylum seekers that apply for NASS support can apply to: receive accommodation only (where they are allocated accommodation in a dispersal area and must otherwise support themselves); or vouchers only (where they receive vouchers to support themselves but must find their own accommodation); or accommodation and vouchers (where they are allocated accommodation in a dispersal area and vouchers to support themselves).

9. When the National Asylum Support Service began on 3 April 2000, there was an operational roll out period. At each stage of the roll out particular asylum seekers became eligible to apply for NASS support. Initially (3 April 2000 – 16 April 2000) only new port asylum applicants and new in-country asylum applicants who made their claim in Northern Ireland and Scotland were eligible to apply for NASS support. Then, in a series of stages beginning on 17 April and ending 29 August, new in-country asylum applicants in different regions of England and Wales became eligible. Finally, in England and Wales responsibility for supporting asylum applicants receiving an initial negative decision on their application on or after 25 September transferred from local authorities under the interim scheme to the National Asylum Support Service.

10. Asylum applicants who are in receipt of NASS support can have their support terminated for various reasons. If an asylum seeker receives refugee status or exceptional leave to remain they are entitled to apply for DSS support and therefore has their support terminated by NASS. Conversely, if an asylum seekers receives a final negative decision, and is a single applicant or a family with no children under 18 they also have their support terminated – families with children under 18 remain supported until they are removed from the UK. Also support can be terminated if asylum seekers do not abide by the regulations set out when the support is provided to the asylum seekers, for example, if the asylum seeker does not move in to the allocated accommodation.

11. The English regions include the following counties:
East Of England – Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, and Suffolk

East Midlands – Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, and Rutland

Greater London – London and Middlesex

North East – Cleveland, Durham, Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

North West – Cheshire, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Lancashire, and Merseyside

South Central – Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, East Sussex, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Kent, Oxfordshire, Surrey, and West Sussex

South West – Avon, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Somerset, and Wiltshire

West Midlands – Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, West Midlands, and Worcestershire

Yorkshire and Humberside – Humberside, North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire

The tables also include figures for Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales

12. The ‘Dublin Convention’ came into force on 1 September 1997. It provides a mechanism to determine, according to set criteria, the Member State responsible for examining applications for asylum lodged in Member States of the European Communities; and for the transfer of an applicant between Member States. Prior to the introduction of the ‘Dublin Convention’ an applicant was normally returned to the state where he embarked to the United Kingdom, but, under Dublin, the responsible state in many cases is not the state of embarkation.

Legislative and Procedural Changes

13. 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 reducing it for those granted exceptional leave from seven to four years. In early 1999, the Home Office established units to implement further measures outlined in the White Paper. Many people who applied for asylum prior to July 1993 and were still awaiting 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 were considered on a similar basis.

14. On 2 October 2000, Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 came into force. This superseded all previous legislation on asylum appeals. It introduced a comprehensive one-step appeals process replacing the old system of multiple appeals. Applicants will be required to set out in a statement all the reasons, outside the scope of the original application, why they wish to enter or remain in the United Kingdom. An applicant can make only one application. Anything he says to add to it or change it until such time as a decision is made is a variation of that application that will attract only one decision and one appeal. One problem in the past has been immigration applicants applying for asylum after an immigration appeal has been dismissed in order to delay removal. The “one-stop” system addresses this problem, whilst allowing for genuine changes in circumstances.

15. As from 2 October 2000 the term ‘special adjudicator’ became defunct. The appeal against refusal of refugee status is now made to an adjudicator.

Statistical Coverage

16. Figures for applications and decisions in this Bulletin do not include certain cases that were allowed to remain on an exceptional basis, without applying for asylum, because of the situation in the country of origin. The main such cases during the years covered by the bulletin are nationals of Kuwait and certain other Middle Eastern countries who were allowed to remain exceptionally during the events in the Gulf in 1990 and early 1991. The figures also do not include certain particularly vulnerable individuals from the former Yugoslavia and their dependants received in the UK under arrangements announced on 30 November 1992 and 6 August 1995. Under the first of these, as at 21 April 1998, 976 principal applicants and 1,239 dependants had arrived. Under the second arrangement 453 persons, including dependants, had entered the United Kingdom. Prior to these arrangements, 68 sick and wounded ex-detainees arrived from Bosnia in September 1992. This group were exceptionally allowed immediate family reunion and have been joined subsequently by an estimated 120 dependants.

17. The main data presented in this bulletin do not include Kosovars evacuated from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia under the humanitarian operation which began in April 1999 nor the number of grants of temporary exceptional leave given to Kosovars who arrived in the United Kingdom outside the evacuation programme. Some of these applied for asylum in 2000 at the end of their exceptional leave. The number of asylum applications from nationals of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY) rose in 1999 by 55 per cent to 11,465. FRY is comprised of Kosovo, Serbia and Montenegro but the majority of FRY applications are thought to be from Kosovars. The United Kingdom gave substantive consideration to large numbers of asylum applications lodged by nationals of FRY in 1999. In addition to consideration of these asylum applications, the Government announced that the United Kingdom was willing to receive people from Kosovo whom the UNHCR had classified as being vulnerable and in need of evacuation, together with their dependants¹. These persons were admitted on an exceptional basis for twelve months and as such are not included in the statistics of persons applying for asylum. As at the end of June 1999 4,346 people, including dependants, had arrived. The evacuation programme closed at the beginning of July 1999. Since then a further 63 people had arrived on subsequent medical evacuation flights. At the end of July 2000 over 3,300 Kosovars had returned to FRY.

18. The figures for applications only relate to the initial application for asylum. They exclude applications to upgrade exceptional leave to remain to refugee status and for further extensions of exceptional leave to remain. Grants of ELR are only recorded in the statistics on the first occasion that it is granted, not again when it is extended.

19. There is no provision in the Immigration Rules to seek asylum in the UK from abroad. However, exceptionally, some cases are referred to the Home Office from overseas diplomatic posts. If entry clearance is granted exceptionally, and the applicant subsequently travels to the UK and applies for asylum, the application would be included in the figures in the same way as other applications. Limited information is available on applications that are processed abroad. The British High Commission (BHC) in New Delhi

¹ See explanatory note 16.

received, including associated dependants, some 1,935 applications from nationals of Afghanistan between 1988 and 1992. Of these applications, the BHC in New Delhi processed locally and refused 1,895 applications, including dependants, between 1988 and 1992. In 1991, the BHC in Lagos processed locally 40 applications from nationals of Liberia and, in 1995, the BHC in Dhaka received 5 applications by nationals of Somalia which were subsequently withdrawn. No overseas applications are recorded as having been lodged since 1992.

20. Annual information on persons detained who had sought asylum is not available but snapshots of the situation on particular days of the year have been taken. The figures shown in Tables 9.1 and 9.2 are for those asylum seekers recorded as being held in detention (solely under powers contained in the Immigration 1971) on 30 December 1998 and 4 January 1999.

21. The available information on dependants, shown in Tables 1.2 and 6.1, is for those who apply with the principal applicant, or who arrive subsequently but before the initial decision on the principal applicant is made. Information on dependants who arrive after the initial decision is not available.

22. Application figures since 1991 and decision figures from December 1991 are derived from manual counts of cases as they arrive and when decisions are taken. These figures only relate to principal applicants, excluding dependants. For this reason, and to give a clearer picture of trends, the application and decision figures for all years shown in the main detailed tables in this bulletin and the eight previous issues (12/92 through to 17/00) similarly exclude dependants, which were included in the figures in earlier issues of this bulletin. Table 1.2 shows summary figures both including and excluding associated dependants (see explanatory note 21) for comparison. However when comparing applications received in Western European countries, estimates for dependants have been included to make the figures as compatible as possible.

23. Decision figures for 1991 may understate because a proportion were not recorded on the computer system. This under-recording may be greater for refusals than for other decisions. This has a cumulative effect on the number of applications shown as still outstanding. The figures for applications outstanding up to the end of 1991 are therefore maxima, which overstate the true situation and are rounded substantially to indicate their approximate nature. However, the figures shown for later years in tables 1.1, 4.1 and 4.2 are based on full counts of cases outstanding in November 1992, November 1993, December 1996 and August 2001 and are therefore more accurate estimates.

24. The components in some of the tables in this bulletin may not add to the totals shown because they have been rounded independently. The following symbols have been used in the tables:

- nil
- * 1 or 2 where figures have been rounded to the nearest 5
- .. not available
- † 5 or less where figures have been rounded to the nearest 10

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