

Asylum statistics for the North East- as at June 2008



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It includes the most recently available information from regional, national and some European statistics on the number of asylum seekers and their circumstances. Please note that not all the information relates to the same period largely due to the different publication dates of the source material.

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Summary

1. As at the End of **June 2008** there were **3181** asylum seekers in the North East receiving either subsistence only support or in NASS accommodation. This is a decrease of **12.49%** or **454** from the end of **March 2008 (3635)**.
2. At the end of **June 2008** there were **3140** asylum seekers in the North East in NASS accommodation, a decrease of **12.7%** or **457** from **March 2008 (1097)**. **1318 (34.49%)**, were living in **Newcastle** [Page 4 and 5].
3. At the end of **June 2008** there were **41** asylum seekers receiving subsistence only support, an increase of **+7.89%** from **March 2008(38)**. **10 (24.39%)** were living in **Newcastle**, **14 (34.15%)** were living in Middlesbrough [page 4] (NECARS figures).
4. The main nationalities of asylum seekers in the North East are **Iraqi (15.15%)**, **Iranian (13.49%)**, and **Zimbabwe (7.98%)**. [Page 6] (NECARS figures).
5. The total number of asylum seekers in the UK who are supported by NASS (The National Asylum Support Service) is **30,555**, a decrease of **-9.77%** (**33,865**) from the previous quarter. The **North West** has the highest number with **5,680** followed by **Greater London** which has gone from second to third place with **5,290**, **Yorkshire and Humberside 5,000**, The **North East** is in sixth place with **2350** [Page 7&8] (Home Office figures).
6. **5,720** Asylum applications in the quarter nationally (United Kingdom) this was **13.27%** lower than the previous quarter, (**6,595**). The main countries of origin were “**Zimbabwe (900)**, **Afghanistan” (760)**, “**Eritrea” (515)**, “**Islamic Republic Iran” (510)**. And the “**Pakistan” (480)** [Page 9] (Home Office and UNHCR Figures).
7. The number applying for NASS support nationally in Q2 was **4,225**, a decrease of **-13.27%** from the previous quarter **4,930**. In Q1 2008The main nationalities applying for NASS support were “**Republic of Iraq”** with 715 applications (**14.99%**), the “**Islamic Republic of Iran”** with **615** applications (**12.89%**), **Eritrea** with **455** applications (**9.54%**) and Somalia with **405** applications (**8.49%**). [Page 10] (Home Office figures).
8. A total of **5,040** asylum applications received initial decisions, **+13.64%** lower than the previous quarter **4,435**. The number awaiting a decision was was **8,700** in Q1 2008 it was **8,800**; it was **6,900** at the end of December 2007; it was 4,800 at the end of September 2007; **4,500** at the End of **June 2007** and was **5,800** at the end of **March 2007**. **20%** of initial decisions were granted asylum in **Q2 2008** [Page 11] (Home Office figures).
9. Successful applications for Section 4 (‘Hard Case’) in Q2 2008 **2,220**; **+18.4%** higher than previous quarter **1,895%** [Page 12] (Home Office figures).
10. **2,475** appeals were received in **Q2 2008 +18.14%** higher than previous quarter (**2,095**) and **3,000** appeals were ongoing in **Q1 and Q2 2008**, in **Q4 of 2007** this figure was 4,000. [Page 13] (Home Office figures).
11. **52,587** applications received in countries in the EU27; in the 2nd Quarter 2008 (April-June). [Page 14] (Home Office figures).
12. **168,900** new asylum requests made during the first half of 2007 (April-June) (Page 15)

Supported Asylum Seekers in the Region – including dependants

Asylum seekers supported by the local authorities

- In the North East there are 10 different Local Authorities where the majority of asylum seekers are accommodated. The Chart below shows individual asylum seekers supported in NASS accommodation.

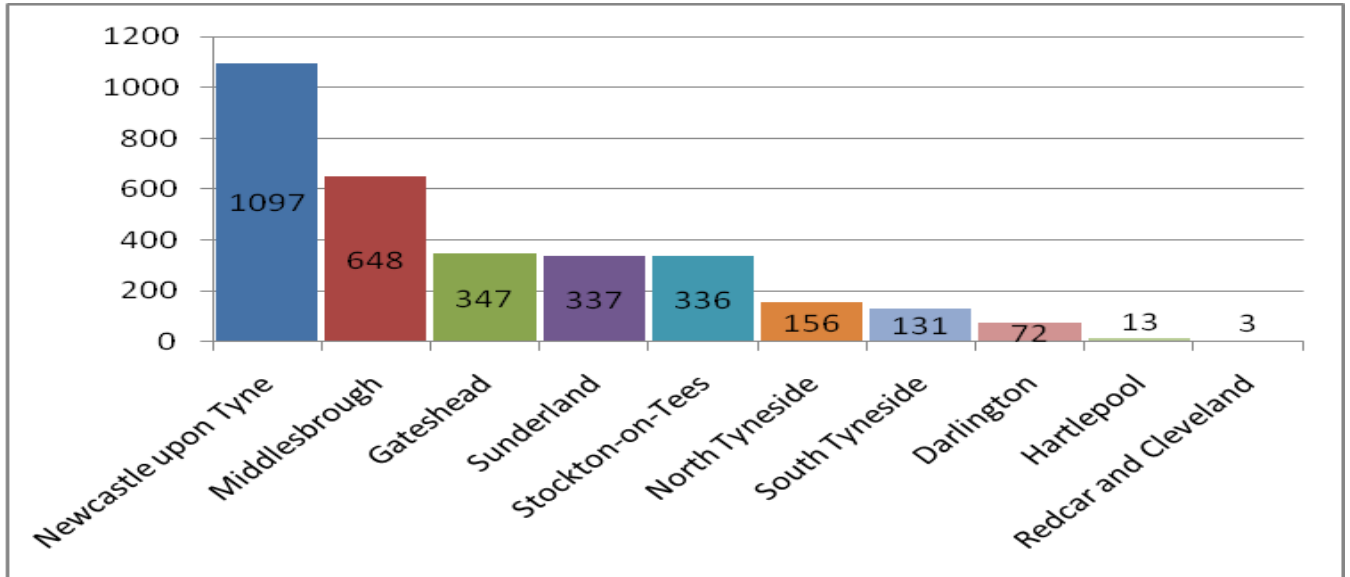


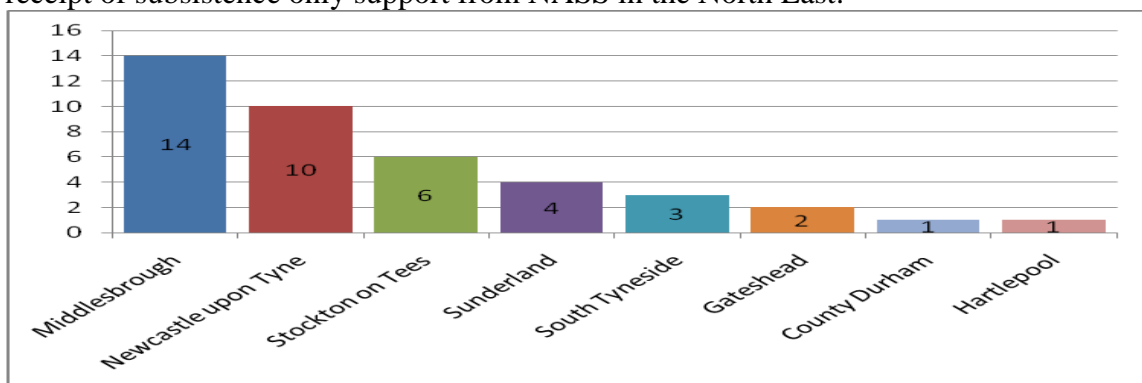
Figure 1

Subsistence Only (SO) supported Asylum seekers

There are 41* (50 using Home office figures)¹ asylum seekers in the **North East** who are not in NASS accommodation and receive only subsistence (cash) support from NASS. In total there are 6,495 (Home office figures) clients getting only subsistence support throughout the country. The North East had 0.77% of this number². 4,390 (67.59%) of all asylum seekers in receipt of subsistence only support were located in London.

Figure 2

The table below shows by Local Authorities the number of individual asylum seekers in receipt of subsistence only support from NASS in the North East:



Note: *Figures based on NASS data which may differ from Home office provisional figures.

¹ Home office figures are often rounded up to the nearest 5 and small variations may be as a result of data being collected on different days “Control of Immigration Quarterly Statistical summary: April 2008-June 2008” Table 5.

² This percentage is based on Home office figures, Ibid.

Number of households in NASS accommodation in the North East

There were **1999** households made up of **3140** individuals in the North East at the start of July 2008. This table shows numbers of households & individuals in each Local Authority area sub-divided by accommodation providers:

Town	PROVIDER	Number of Households	Number of individuals
DARLINGTON			
	NESPARS (NECARS) ³	44	72
	Totals	44	72
GATESHEAD			
	Angel Group Housing	90	150
	Kimberley Group Housing	28	41
	NESPARS (NECARS) ³	134	156
	Totals	252	347
HARTLEPOOL			
	Kimberley Group Housing	6	13
	Totals	6	13
MIDDLESBROUGH			
	Angel Group Housing	97	124
	Kimberley Group Housing	227	356
	NESPARS (NECARS) ³	88	168
	Totals	412	648
NEWCASTLE upon TYNE			
	Angel Group Housing	221	329
	Kimberley Group Housing	42	69
	NESPARS (NECARS) ³	411	699
	Totals	674	1097
NORTH TYNESIDE			
	Angel Group Housing	35	49
	Kimberley Group Housing	56	107
	Totals	91	156
REDCAR and CLEVELAND			
	Angel Group Housing	3	3
	Totals	3	3
SOUTH TYNESIDE			
	Angel Group Housing	7	11
	Kimberley Group Housing	8	24
	NESPARS (NECARS) ³	39	96
	Totals	54	131
STOCKTON on TEES			
	Angel Group Housing	11	14
	Kimberley Group Housing	137	202
	NESPARS (NECARS) ³	71	120
	Totals	219	336
SUNDERLAND			
	Kimberley Group Housing	104	146
	NESPARS (NECARS) ³	140	191
	Totals	244	337
Grand Total		1999	3140

Figure 3

Note: Figures taken from NASS monthly figures as at the seventh July 2008 and not Home Office Statistics.

³ NECARS is now known as NESPARS and NESMP split from them in a restructure, however NASS have been still been recording it as NECARS.

Nationality of Supported Asylum Seekers in Region – including dependants

Top ten Nationalities in the North East

The totals below represent the number of asylum seekers residing in NASS accommodation at the start of July 2008⁴ or in receipt of subsistence only support.

As at the start of July 2008:

- There were 71 different known Nationalities in the North East at the start of July 2008*.

The top 20 nationalities in the North East region at the start of April 2008 are shown below:

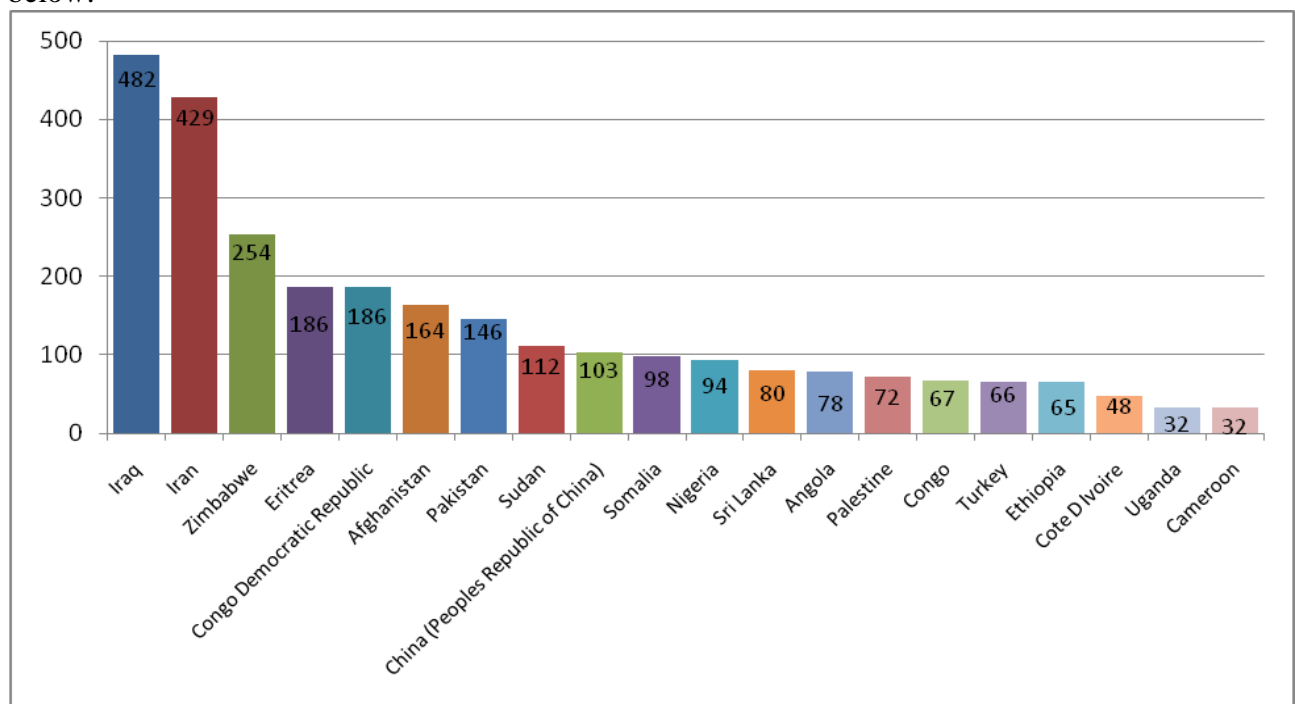


Figure 4

- *1 client' nationalities is listed as unknown, 1 Client is listed as "Stateless Person (Article 1 of 1954 Convention)" and 10 are "not Stated" these are not counted in the 72.
- Nationalities are Nationalities of political national entities (countries) recognised by the UK (including Kosovo which had special UN status, Kosovo is still constitutionally considered by Serbia a part of Serbia, however on the 17th of February 2008 the local parliament in Kosovo declared unilateral independence which was recognised by many member states of the United Nations including the United Kingdom. Also included is one person from the "Western Sahara" which is on a United Nations list of non self governing territories but is considered by many United Nations member states to be a part of Morocco and is a disputed area. It does not represent ethnic groups or autonomous/disputed nationalities within recognised political entities (with the exception of Kosovo and "Western Sahara").

⁴ Data taken on 7th July 2008.

Asylum seekers in different regions of the UK

The totals below represent the numbers of asylum seekers who are currently in NASS accommodation or are in receipt of subsistence (cash) only support. They reflect the numbers of new applicants granted support and exclude applications for those for whom support has ceased. These figures do not include asylum seekers who are not supported by NASS.

As at the end of June 2008:

- **6,495** asylum seekers were receiving subsistence only support.
- **24,606** asylum seekers were supported in NASS accommodation.
- **1,025** asylum seekers were supported in initial accommodation
- Thus a total asylum seekers were 31,580 in receipt of NASS support as at the end of Q2 of 2008 which is **6,75%** lower than the previous quarter (**April-08 =33,865**).

The chart below shows the number of asylum seekers supported by NASS Subsistence only, and by accommodation and subsistence, in different regions of the UK as at the end of June 2008.

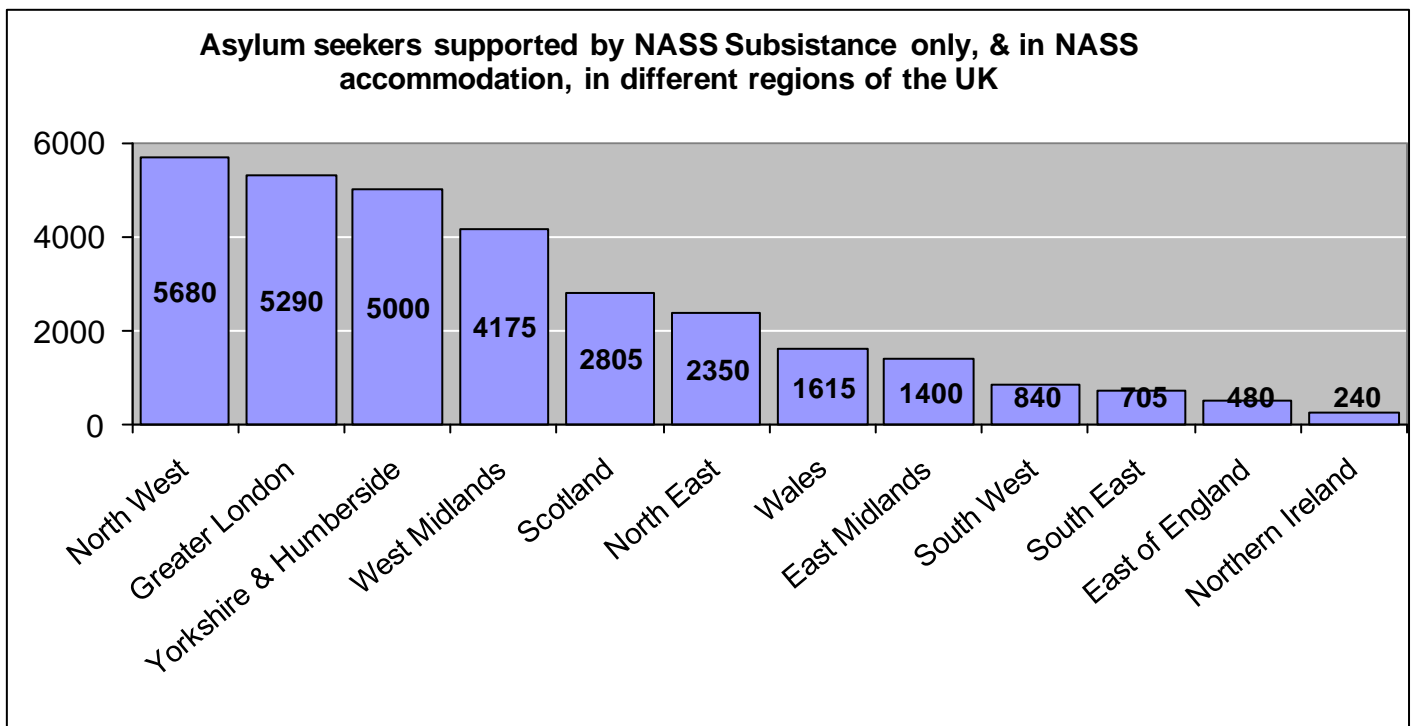


Figure 5

- ◆ The regions with the highest populations of asylum seekers supported by NASS in order of numbers were: North West (18.59%), Greater London (17.31%) (Moving from 3rd place to 2nd place), Yorkshire and Humberside (16.36%) (Moving from 2nd place to 3rd place), West Midlands (13.66%), Scotland (9.18), the **North East** is in sixth place with **7.69%** of all the asylum seekers supported by NASS in the UK.

- ◆ Below is a table showing the number of asylum seekers in receipt of subsistence only support and clients in NASS accommodation by region:

Government Office Region (GOR)	In receipt of Subsistence only support	Supported in NASS accommodation
North West	365	5,315
Yorkshire and Humberside	285	4,715
Greater London	4,390	885
West Midlands	345	3,830
Scotland	90	2,715
North East*	50	2,300
Wales	50	1,565
East Midlands	235	1,165
South West	75	765
South East	380	325
East of England	220	260
Northern Ireland	10	230

Figure 6

- *Taken from the Home office report and not NASS monthly figures.

(The 840 discrepancy between those supported in NASS accommodation in the North East provided by NASS earlier in this report and the Home office figures in Figure 6 is in part due to the Home office rounding of figures, part due to the different days the “snapshots” of those in accommodation, and mostly it is due to those in “initial accommodation” not being recorded on the subsistence or dispersal statics used. The different dates and rounding of figures also explains the discrepancy of 09 from the Home Office figure 50, and NASS figure 41).

Asylum applications – National

Number of applications for the past 10 quarters

- Applications: 5,720 this is **13.27%** lower than previous quarter (6,595)

Applications for asylum (excluding dependants) in the UK decreased by **-13.27%** to 5,720 in Q2 2008, **-4.00%** in Q1 2008 to 6,595 from in Q4 2007 (6,870), in that quarter it had increased by 16.74% from the previous quarter, and is **+15.32%** more than Q2 2007 (4,960).

Including dependants the number of applications to the UK decreased by **-11.23%** in Q2 2008 (6,840) from Q1 2008 (7,705), from Q2 2007 (6,030) to Q2 2008 it increased **13.43%**.

The Chart below shows the number of applications by primary applicants not including dependants for the past 10 quarters (since Q1 2006):

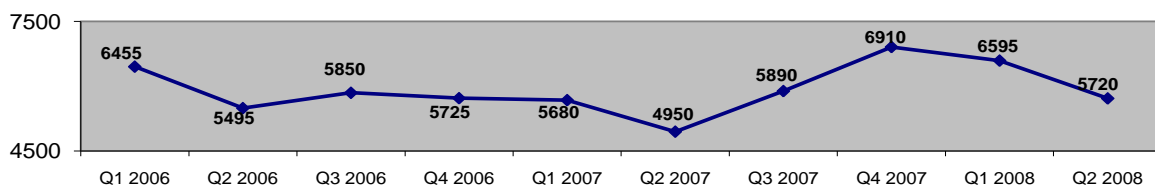


Figure 7⁵

The top ten nationalities applying for asylum in Q1 of 2008⁶

The largest nationality applying for asylum in Q1 of 2008 was Zimbabwe 900 applications, which was also last quarter's biggest country of asylum, in Q2 2008 Zimbabwe gave 905 applications. Afghanistan gave 760 applications in Q1 2008 it gave 870 applications and was therefore down **12.64%**

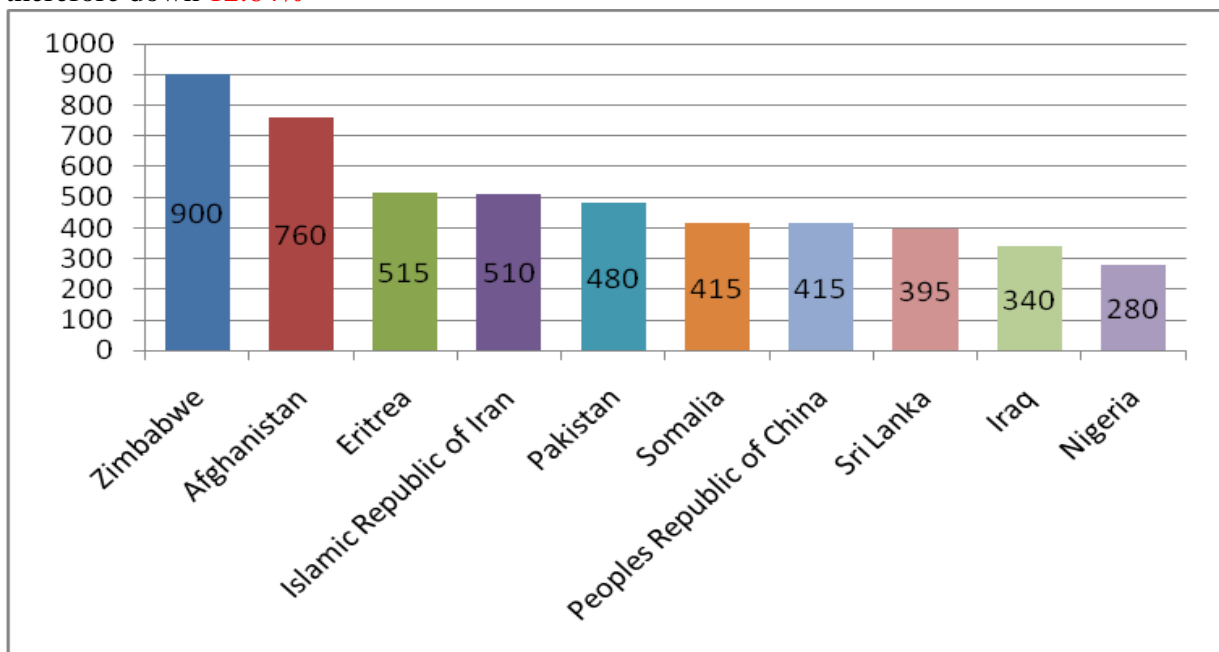


Figure 8

⁵ Any Modifications in figure 7 on the figures previously published in the earlier reports is due to later home office revisions.

⁶ Taken from "Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialised countries" (UNHCR) Table 11 page 20. The data source for this quarterly report differs from Last Quarters Report which was Home Office data, last quarters numbers are different from those in that report for that reason.

NASS applications - National

Number of NASS applications made in the past 10 quarters

- **Total applications: 4,225 in Q2 2008 which was -3.24% lower than previous quarter.**
 - The number of applications for NASS support in **Q2 2008** was **4,225 -11.42%** on **Q1 2008 4,770, -3.24%** on **Q4 2007** which was **4,930(excluding dependents) +18.94%** higher than **Q3 (4,145)** which in turn was **+22.27%** higher than **Q2 2007 (3,390)** and **+4.26%** higher than **Q1 2007 (4,575)**.
 - In **Q2 2008 3,355 (79%)** of applications were from single adults and **970 (21%)** were from family groups. In **Q1 2008 3,920 (82%)** of applications were from single adults and **850 (18%)** from family groups. In **Q4 2007, 3,300 (80%)** applications were from single adults and **850 (20%)** were from family groups.

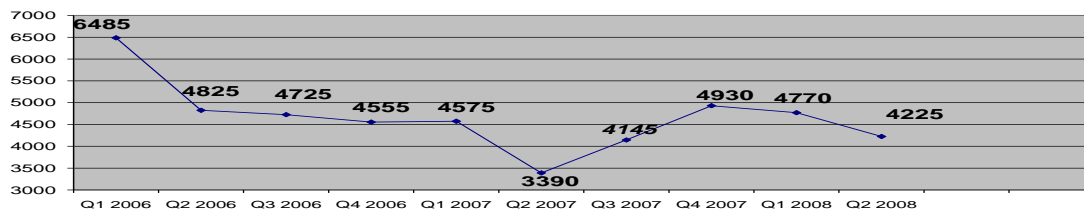


Figure 9

- **Support type⁷:**
 - In Q1 2008 **3,290 (69%)** of applications were for accommodation and subsistence support this is a decrease of **-4.5%** on Q4 2007 and **940 (20%)** of applications were for subsistence only support a decrease of **-6%**. In Q4 2007, **3,445 (70%)** applications were for accommodation and subsistence support this was an increase of **21.52%** on Q3 (2,835) and **1,000 (20%)** of applications were for subsistence only support an increase of **25%** on Q3 (850).
 - The remaining 11% of applications this quarter were classified as invalid or unknown.

Top Ten Nationalities applying for NASS support:

In the last quarter applications rose from five of the top ten nationalities and fell from four and remained the same from one.

Applications from **Iraq** rose by **+6.72%**, **Afghanistan** rose by **+27.78%**, **Sri Lanka** by **+29.73%** **Pakistan** rose by **11.11%**. Applications from **Iran** fell by **-7.52%**, **Eritrea** by **-27.2%**, **Somalia** by **-3.57%** and applications from the **“Peoples Republic of China”** fell by **-26.47%**. Applications from **Zimbabwe** remained the same.

Figure 10

Republic of Iraq	715
Islamic Republic of Iran	615
Eritrea	455
Somalia	405
Zimbabwe	375
Afghanistan	345
Sri Lanka	240
Pakistan	200
Peoples Republic of China	125
Nigeria	95
Others	1,195
Total	4,770

⁷ This section could not be updated as the Home office did not publish the figures for Q2 in the New “Control of Immigration: Quarterly Statistical Summary United Kingdom report. Figures from Home Office: Asylum Statistics: 1st Quarter 2008 United Kingdom (p7).

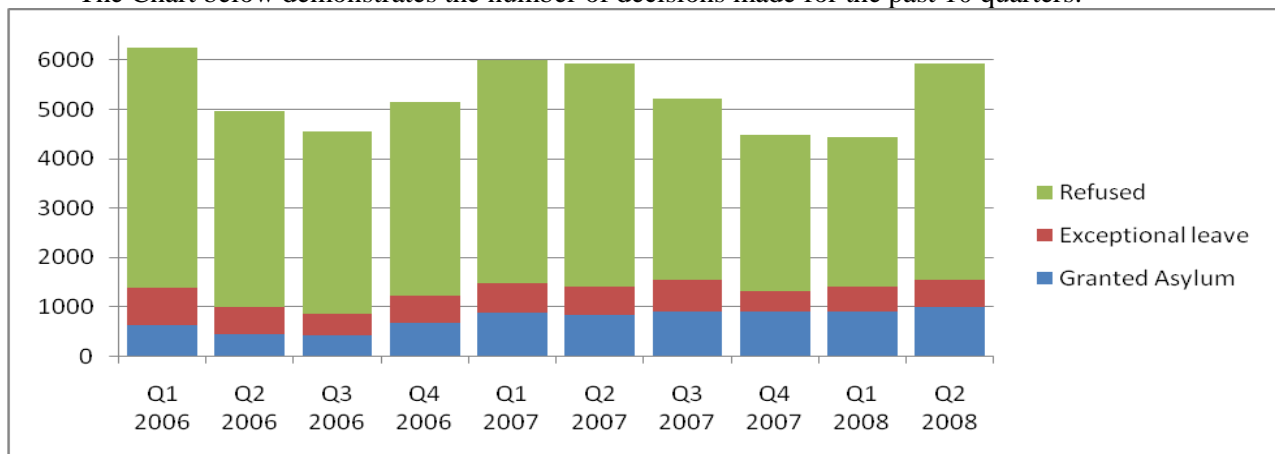
Asylum application initial decisions – National⁸

Number of decisions made for the past 10 quarters

• Initial Decisions in Q2 2008: 5,040; 13.64% higher than previous quarter

- 5,040 initial decisions were made in Q2 2008, 13.64% higher than in Q1 2008 (4,435) and 15% lower than the level of applications.
- The number of cases (excluding dependants) awaiting an initial decision was 8,700 at the end of June 2008 (8,800 at the end of March 2008, 6,900 at the end of December 2007, 4,800 at the end of September 2007, 4,500 at the end of June 2007, 4,900 at the end of March 2007).
- 20% of initial decisions in Q2 2008 were to grant asylum compared with 21% of initial decisions in Q1 2008, 16% of initial decisions in Q4 2007, and 17% for Q3 2007. 11% of initial decisions granted humanitarian protection or discretionary leave compared with 10% of Q4 and 9% for Q3. 68% were refusals compared to 73% of initial decisions in Q4 2007 and 71% for Q3 2007.

The Chart below demonstrates the number of decisions made for the past 10 quarters:



	Q1 2006	Q2 2006	Q3 2006	Q4 2006	Q1 2007	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008
Granted Asylum	626	448	415	670	885	840	915	900	915	995
Exceptional leave	751	540	445	550	595	560	620	420	485	560
Refused	4,883	3,984	3,695	3,930	4,525	4,535	3,685	3,165	3,035	4,385

Figure 11 Number of decisions made for the past 10 quarters

The Chart below shows the number of Initial decisions made for the period from Q1 of 2005 to Q2 of 2008:

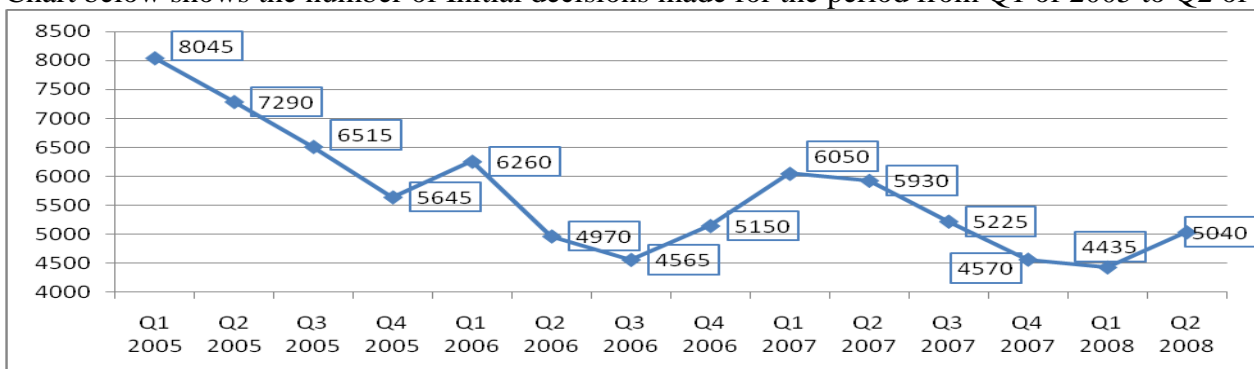


Figure 12

⁸ All figures on this page come from p7-8 and Table 2b "Control of immigration quarterly statistical Summary, United Kingdom April-June 2008".

Support under section 4 ('Hard Case') of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 is provided in the form of accommodation and food, and other basic essential items. Individuals are generally eligible for section 4 support if their asylum application has been finally determined as refused, but they are destitute and there are reasons that temporarily prevent them from leaving the United Kingdom. These reasons are:

- Taking reasonable steps to leave the UK or place themselves in a position in which they can leave the UK; or
 - unable to leave UK by reason of a physical impediment to travel or some medical reason; or
 - unable to leave UK because there is no current viable route of return to the country of origin; or
 - taking reasonable steps to leave the UK or place themselves in a position in which they can leave the UK; or
 - permission has been obtained to proceed with a judicial review against a decision relating to the person's asylum claim; or the provision of support is otherwise necessary to avoid a breach of the person's human rights.
- The number of successful applications for section 4 support in Q2 2008 was (2,220) **+18.4%** higher than in Q1 2008 (1,875).

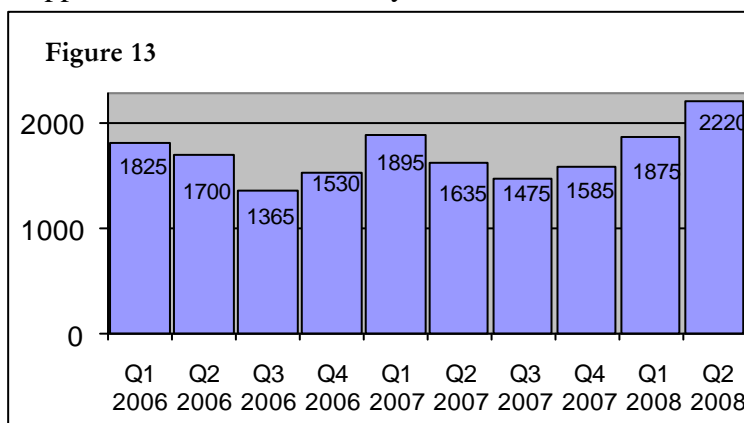


Figure 14

* Figures on this page from "Control of immigration quarterly statistical Summary, United Kingdom April-June 2008" also from Home Office: Asylum Statistics: 1st Quarter 2008 United Kingdom.

Asylum appeals - National

On 4 April 2005, the commencement of section 26 of *The Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004* introduced the appeals system under the *Asylum and Immigration Tribunal (AIT)*. All outstanding work from the *Immigration Appellate Authority* has been transferred to an equivalent appeal stage within the AIT, in line with transitional provisions. Data on determinations refer to cases dealt with by *Immigration Judges*. All appeals figures are provisional and subject to change.

Appeals received

- ◆ Appeals received by AIT in Q2: 2,475, this is **-18.14%** higher than previous quarter (2,095).

Appeals determined

- Appeals determined decreased in Q2 2008 by **-4.71%** (2,325) on Q1 2008 (2,440), which decreased by **-22.29%** on Q4 2007 and was **-42.09%** lower than in Q2 2007 (4,015).
- The proportion of appeals dismissed was **75%** in Q2 2008, it was **72%** in Q1 2008, **70%** in Q4 2007 in Q3 2007 this figure was **73%**, whilst **20%** of appeals were allowed, in Q1 2008 **21%** of appeals were allowed and in Q4 2007 **25%** of appeals were allowed, the figure in Q2 2007 and Q3 2007 was **23%**.
- The total asylum work in progress at the AIT at the end of Q2 (June) 2008 was 3,000, in Q1 (March) 2008 it was also 3,000, in Q4 (December) 2007 was 4,000 in Q2 and Q3 of 2007 this figure was 5,000.

Appeals determined by Immigration (IAA/AIT)

The Chart below shows the number of appeals determined by the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal (AIT), formerly called Immigration Appellate Authority (IAA) Adjudicators

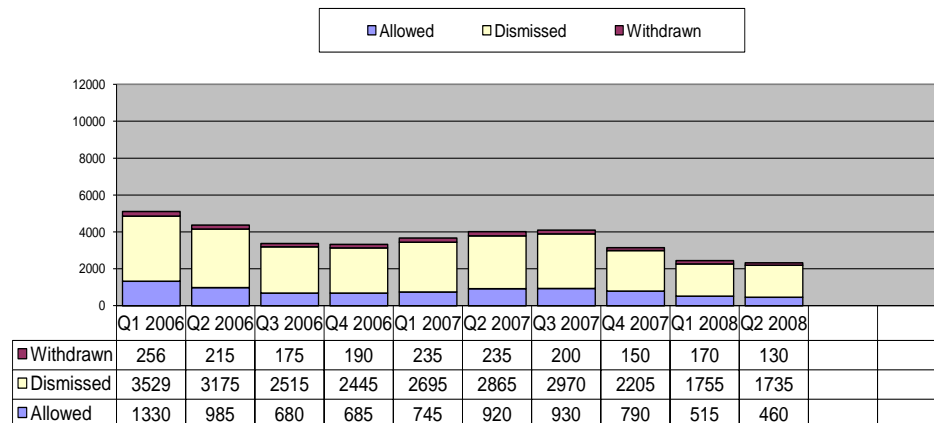


Figure 15

- Figures on this page from page 8 and table 2c “Control of immigration quarterly statistical Summary, United Kingdom April-June 2008” also from Home Office: Asylum Statistics: 1st Quarter 2008 United Kingdom.

Applications to European Countries/ Non European Countries, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007,

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Applications received for asylum in Europe and elsewhere, including dependants, for 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, Q1 to Q4 of 2007 and Q1 and Q2 2008. Figure 16

Country	2004	2005	2006	2007 Q1	2007 Q2	2007 Q3	2007 Q4	2008 Q1	2008 Q2
Austria	24,630	22,460	13,350	3,064	2,645	2,948	3,264	2,812	2,535
Belgium	15,360	15,960	11,590	2,802	2,728	2,565	3,020	2,941	2,777
Denmark	3,240	2,260	1,920	603	376	407	486	533	448
Finland	3,900	3,570	2,330	308	296	451	379	395	636
France	65,600	49,730	30,750	7,656	7,037	6,774	7,691	7,849	8,175
Germany	35,600	28,910	21,030	4,430	3,791	5,172	5,140	5,760	4,965
Greece	4,500	9,050	12,270	7,446	7,148	5,063	4,916	5,249	4,863
Ireland	4,800	4,320	4,310	1,065	911	970	1,039	924	929
Italy	9,700	9,550	10,350	7,580	7,580	7,580	7,580	4,966	6,115
Luxembourg	1,600	800	520	101	97	124	104	99	99
Netherlands	9,800	12,350	14,470	1,660	1,373	1,845	2,224	2,656	3,109
Portugal	100	110	130	67	76	37	41	31	62
Spain	5,600	5,250	5,300	2,333	1,849	1,440	1,841	1,150	1,211
Sweden	23,200	17,530	24,320	9,228	8,393	9,423	9,163	7,049	5,221
United Kingdom	40,600	30,840	28,320	6,750	5,920	7,090	8,140	7,705	6,840
Total EU15	250,300	224,200	182,400	48,100	43,200	45,500	48,100	50,199	47,985
Cyprus	9,900	7,750	4,550	1,651	1,649	1,381	2,108	1,117	896
Czech Republic	5,500	4,160	3,020	464	382	471	561	582	349
Estonia	*	10	10	1	5	1	2	3	3
Hungary	1,600	1,610	2120	509	696	770	1,444	701	517
Latvia	*	20	10	4	9	19	2	4	5
Lithuania	200	120	140	47	21	15	33	33	33
Malta	1,000	1,170	1,270	257	140	405	577	478	623
Poland	8,100	6,860	4,430	717	659	1,526	4,214	1,503	1,507
Slovakia	11,400	3,550	2,870	670	822	796	382	172	247
Slovenia	1,300	1,600	520	62	121	140	104	42	72
Total EU25	289,100	251,300	201,400	52,400	47,700	51,000	57,500	54,754	52,237
Bulgaria	1,100	820	640	231	209	232	303	236	181
Rumania	700	590	460	87	115	278	179	189	169
Total EU27	290,900	252,700	202,500	52,800	48,100	51,500	58,000	55,179	52,587
Other Europe									
Norway	7,900	5,400	5,320	1,215	1,233	1,927	2,153	2,479	2,924
Switzerland	14,200	10,800	11,170	3,142	2,450	2,408	2,844	2,786	3,159
Total Europe	313,100	268,200	218,300	57,000	51,700	55,700	62,900	60,444	58,670
Non-Europe									
Australia	3,300	3,200	3,520	912	1,039	1,022	998	940	1024
Canada	25,500	19,740	22,910	5,890	5,490	7,587	9375	8,408	8,411
USA	63,000	48,770	51,880	13,486	13,525	10,800	11,400	12,340	13,039
Grand Total	400,700	340,100	295,600	77,300	71,700	75,000	85,200	82,132	81,144

Figures rounded to the nearest 100 with * = between 1 and 49.

- Figures on this page from Home Office: Asylum levels and Trends first half 2009 (table 1) Asylum levels and Trends 2009 (table 1) and Asylum levels and Trends 2008 (table 1).

** Taken from the data available, however some countries still to submit additional data. Italy the data for 2007 and 2008 is from 2009 full year figures and divided by the quarters.

Asylum Levels in industrialized Countries First Half 2008

This section is based on monthly asylum application data received from national asylum authorities in Europe, North America, Australia, New Zealand and Japan. The reports used to contain data from the 36 most industrialised countries but for 2007 this has been expanded to 43 industrialized countries are providing monthly statistics to UNHCR some industrialised countries such as Italy do not provide data on a monthly basis but on an annual basis, annual trends are taken from the top 51 countries.

- The number of asylum requests submitted in the 51 **industrialized countries** declined on a year on year basis since 2001, in the second half of 2006 it began to rise again, in the first half of 2007 it fell again and then in the first half it rose again by 8% to 162,500. In the first half 2008 it rose by 3.94% to 168,900⁹.
- 168,900 new asylum requests made during the first half of 2008 (January-June). This is an increase of 2.46% compared to the second half of 2007 (July-December) when the total was 164,840.
- In **Europe**, 123,600 new asylum applications were submitted during the first half of 2008, The 27 countries of the **European Union** (EU) covered by this report registered 107,800 in the first half 2008.

Countries of asylum

- The **United States** has been the top asylum destination since Q3 2005. In the first half of 2008 the **United States** received 25,400.
- **Canada** was the second highest with 16,800 in the first half of 2008
- In the **United Kingdom**, the number of new asylum requests lodged during the second quarter of 2008 fell by **-11.23%** (to 6,840) Compared to the first quarter of 2008 (from 7,705) and by **+15.54%** compared to second quarter 2007 (5,920). In 2002 the UK was the main destination for asylum seekers in 2003 it was the second main destination. The **United Kingdom** now ranks the fourth largest asylum-seeker receiving country from the 51 industrialised countries in much of 2007 it was the fifth largest (27,900), falling from third 2006-2006, in the first half of 2008 as well as **America** and **Canada** the UK received fewer applications than **France** (16,024), The UK received more application than by **Sweden** (12,300) this is a 34% decrease on the second half of 2007, **Italy** (11,081) **Germany** (10,725), **Greece**, (10,165) and **Switzerland** (5,263).
- Out of the 44 Industrialised countries in 2007 asylum claims rose by 9%, in the first half of 2008 this trend continued with a rise of 3%.

Origin of asylum-seekers

- In the 44 monthly reporting industrialised asylum countries from the third quarter 2006, “Iraq” which in Quarter 4 2007 had 11,784 or 13.94% of all claims has been leading country of origin of asylum-seekers when it replaced “The Peoples Republic of China” as the leading country which

⁹ “Asylum levels and trends in industrialised countries, first half 2009” page 3

became the second main country of origin for asylum seekers. **Iraq** remained the main country of origin of asylum seekers in the first part half of 2008 with 19,497 (Q2 2008 4,288) applications. “**The Peoples Republic of China**” remained as the second main country of origins until the second Quarter 2007 from then “**The Peoples Republic of China**” was the third main origin of asylum seekers. In the first half of 2008 it gave 8,659 (Q2 2008=4,555) applications. In the third Quarter 2007 the “**Russian Federation**” became the second main country of origin for asylum seekers, there were 9,416 (Q2 2008=4,236) asylum claims in the first half of 2008. This was followed by “**Somalia**” 7802 (Q2 2008=4,288), “**Afghanistan**” 6,605 (Q2 2008 = 3,358), “**Pakistan**” 6,434 (Q2 2008= 3,202) and “**Serbia and Montenegro**” 6,257 (Q2 2008 = 2,909)¹⁰ **Nigeria** 5,232 (Q2 2008 = 2,761), **Mexico** 5,217 (Q2 2008 = 2,700), **Sri Lanka** 4,688 (Q2 2008=2,333), **Islamic Republic of Iran** 4,615 (Q2 2008 = 2,206) Other countries lodging more than 1,000 applications in Quarter 2 2008 included **Armenia, Georgia, India, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Haiti, Columbia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Turkey, India, Bangladesh, the, the Syrian Arab Republic and Zimbabwe.**

- Among the top 40 countries of origin 20 countries recorded a decline in the number of asylum-seekers during from Q1 2008 to Q2 2008. Among those recording a decline were “Iraq” (-17.05% to 8,840), “India” (-13.62% to 1,204), “Serbia” (-13.11% to 2,909), **Việt Nam** (-11.88% to 460), **The Russian Federation** (-18.22% to 4,236), “**Republic of Côte d'Ivoire**” (-2.54% to 1,034), “**Pakistan**” (-0.93% to 3,202).
- Among the top 40 countries of origin 20 countries recorded an increase in the number of asylum-seekers during from Q1 2008 to Q2 2008. Among those recording an increase were:), **Hungary** (+234.78% to 77), “**Georgia**” (+32.44% to 1,233), “**Bangladesh**” (+14.34% to 1,483), “**Mexico**” (+7.27% to 2,700), **Syrian Arab Republic** (+10.03% to 1,284), “**Afghanistan**” (+2.57% to 3,358), “**Columbia**” (+0.3% to 1,312
- During the first half of 2008 about 12% of asylum claims were logged by nationals from Iraq in the 44 countries, this is a decrease in percentile as in the second half of 2007 of 18%, one in five were logged in **Sweden.**

Figure 17 Table of Country of Origin

Country of Origin	2005				2006				2007				2008	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Iraq	5	5	5	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Peoples Republic of China	3	2	3	3	2	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	2
Russian Federation	2	3	1	1	4	3	3	3	5	5	2	2	2	3
Somalia	11	14	9	13	11	10	5	9	7	7	5	6	4	4
Afghanistan	1	8	8	8	8	7	7	6	8	8	7	8	6	5
Pakistan	10	7	10	10	12	12	10	8	3	3	6	5	7	6
“ Serbia ”&“ Montenegro ” ¹¹	1	1	2	2	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	7
Nigeria	7	9	9	9	9	11	13	15	14	13	12	11	9	8
Mexico	22	21	14	15	18	11	9	11	9	6	8	7	8	9
Sri Lanka	15	16	19	17	15	16	14	16	11	10	12	10	11	10

¹⁰ No separate data available for both countries until Q3 2007, **Montenegro** became Independent on June 3rd 2006 ending the “**Federal Republic of Serbia & Montenegro**”, figures reported for Serbia reported from some counties may contain figures for “**Serbia**” & “**Montenegro**”.

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