

Asylum statistics for the North East- as at September 2004



This publication includes data for the 3rd Quarter (Q3) of 2004, relating to July to September 2004.

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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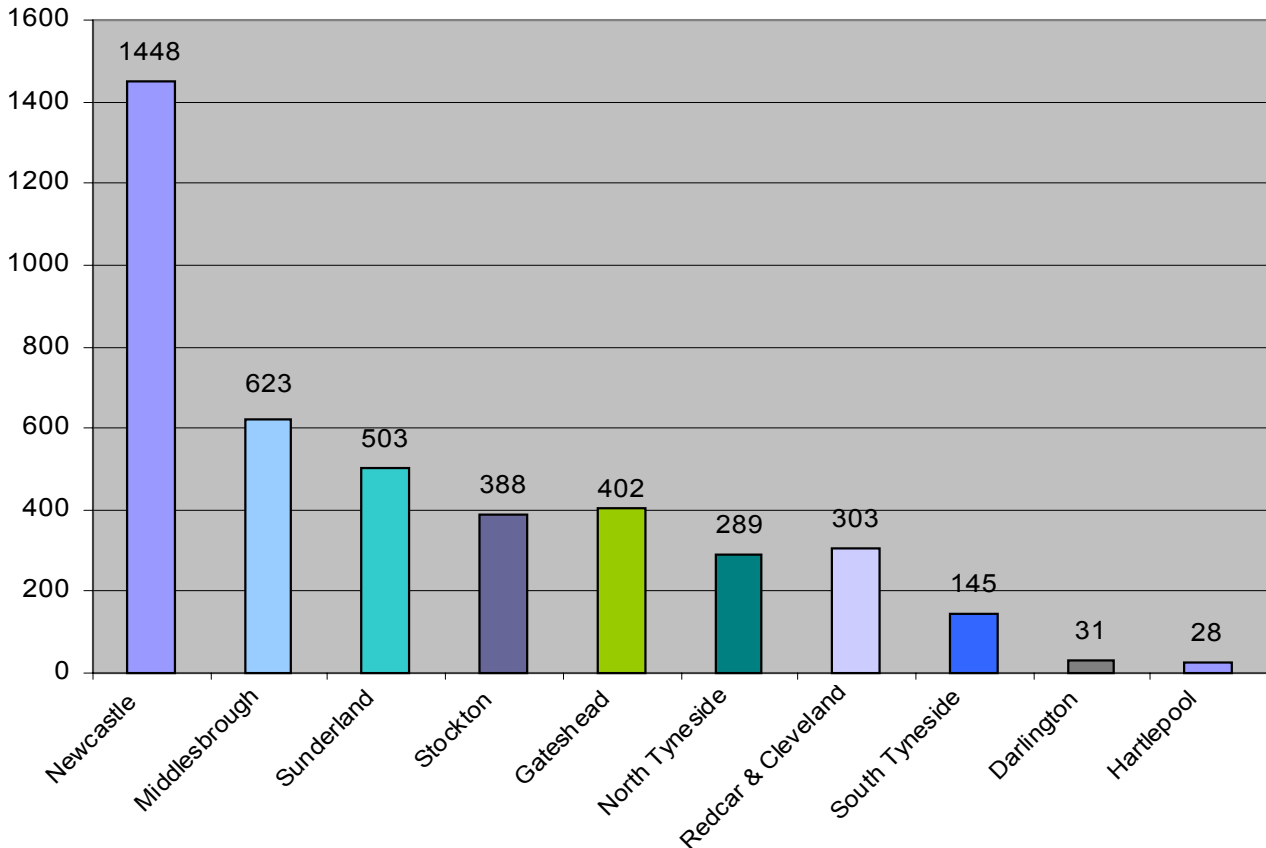
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Summary

1. As at September 2004 there were 4159 asylum seekers in the North East, a decrease of (8.7%) from June 2004. The majority, 1448 (34.81%), are living in Newcastle upon Tyne [Page 4 and 5]
2. The main nationalities of asylum seekers in the North East are Iranian (13%), Iraqi (9%) and Congolese (7%). [Page 6]
3. The total number of asylum seekers in the UK who are supported by NASS (The National Asylum Support Service) is 64,410, a decrease of 9% from the previous quarter. Greater London has the largest number with 16,165 followed by South East 4,300. [Page 7]
4. Asylum applications in the quarter nationally have reached 8,605, an increase of 9% from the previous quarter. The main countries of origin were Iran (14.35%), the Iraq (11%) and Somalia (9%). [Page 8]
5. The number applying for NASS support nationally was 9,920 an increase of 33% from the previous quarter. The main countries of origins were Iran (12%), Iraq (9.2%) and Somalia (8%). [Page 9]
6. A Total of 11,215 asylum applications received initial decisions, 4% lower than the previous quarter. Hence the number awaiting a decision fell to 10,300. 3% of initial decisions were granted asylum in Q3. [Page 10]
7. 8,800 appeals were received and 11,965 were determined, 15% lower than in the previous quarter. [Page 11].
8. 346,600 asylum applications were made to European countries (EU + Switzerland and Norway) in 2003. UK received the largest number in 2002, but France was on top of the list in 2003. [Page 12]
9. Persons of Concern to UNHCR – By, Major Internally Dispersed persons to UNHCR, Global population of 9.7 million as at end 2003, Origins of Refugee populations in 2003(10 largest) and population of concern to UNHCR map . [Page 13 - 15]

Supported Asylum Seekers in the Region – including dependants

- 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.



Subsistence Only (SO) supported Asylum seekers

There are **160** asylum seekers in the **North East** who are not in NASS accommodation and receive only subsistence (cash) support from NASS. In total there are 22,935 clients getting only subsistence support throughout the country. The North East had less than 1% of this number. 16,165 (70%) of all asylum seekers in receipt of subsistence only support were located in London.

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

Local Authority	Number of SO Individuals
NEWCASTLE	45
MIDDLESBROUGH	40
GATESHEAD	25
OTHERS	55

Number of households in NASS accommodation in the North East

There were **2320** households made up of **4159** individuals in the North East as at the end of September 2004. The table below shows the number of households and individuals in each Local Authority area sub-divided by accommodation provider:

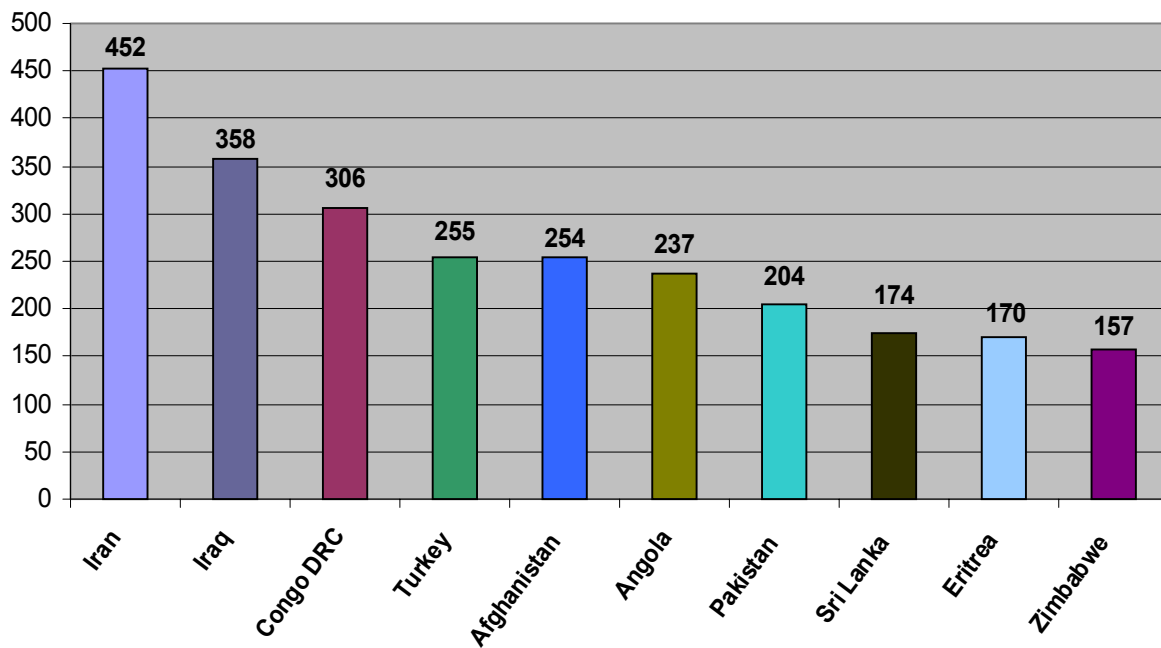
Town	PROVIDER	Number of Households	Number of individuals
DARLINGTON			
	NECARS	18	31
	Totals	18	31
GATESHEAD			
	NECARS	112	217
	ROSELODGE LIMITED	71	139
	ANGEL GROUP	21	40
	GATESHEAD Asylum Support Team	1	3
	Newcastle City Asylum Team	1	3
	Totals	206	402
HARTLEPOOL			
	NECARS	11	27
	Newcastle City Asylum Team	1	1
	Totals	12	28
MIDDLESBROUGH			
	LEENA HOMES LTD	266	368
	NECARS	79	194
	ROSELODGE LIMITED	51	55
	MIDDLESBROUGH BC	1	6
	Totals	397	623
NEWCASTLE			
	NECARS	301	733
	ANGEL GROUP	337	472
	ROSELODGE LIMITED	182	236
	Newcastle City Asylum Team	3	7
	Totals	823	1448
NORTH TYNESIDE			
	NECARS	115	274
	ROSELODGE LIMITED	7	15
	Totals	122	289
REDCAR and CLEVELAND			
	NECARS	99	303
	Totals	99	303
SOUTH TYNESIDE			
	NECARS	48	145
	Totals	48	145
STOCKTON			
	NECARS	77	140
	ROSELODGE LIMITED	104	124
	LEENA HOMES LTD	59	123
	Totals	240	387
SUNDERLAND			
	NECARS	138	257
	ADELPHI HOTELS LIMITED	112	124
	ROSELODGE LIMITED	105	122
	Totals	355	503
Grand Total		2320	4159

Nationality of Supported Asylum Seekers in Region – including dependants

The totals below represent the number of asylum seekers currently residing in NASS accommodation or in receipt of subsistence only support.

As at end September 2004:

- There were 82 different Nationalities in the North East
- The top 10 nationalities in the North East region are shown below:



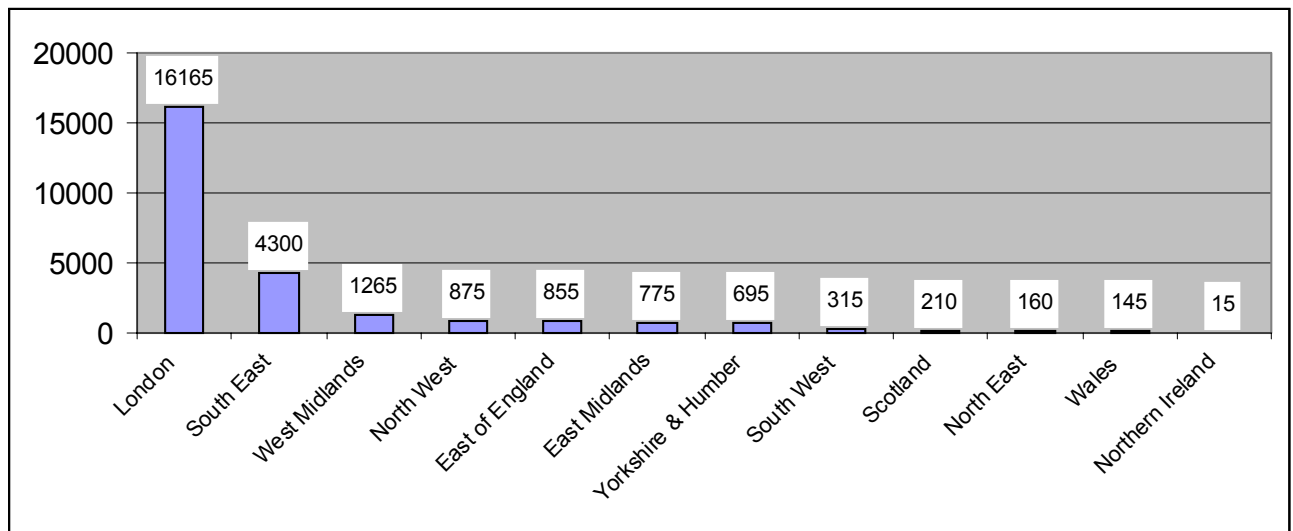
Supported Asylum Seekers by Region – including dependants

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 September 2004:

- 22,935 asylum seekers were receiving subsistence only support
- 41,475 asylum seekers were supported in NASS accommodation
- Thus a total 64,410 asylum seekers were in receipt of NASS support as at the end of Q3 of 2004 which is 9% lower than the previous quarter (Jun-04 = 70,600)

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 September 2004.



- ♦ The regions with the highest populations of asylum seekers supported by NASS in order of numbers were: Greater London (70%), South East (6%), West Midlands (5.5%), North West (4%), East of England (4%), the **North East** is in tenth place with 1% 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:

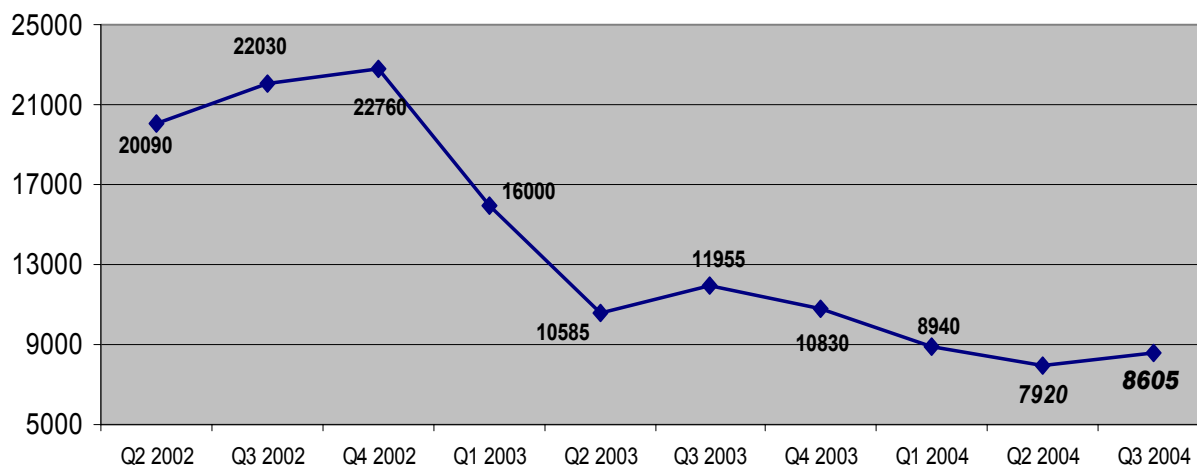
Government Office Region (GOR)	In receipt of Subsistence only support	Supported in NASS accommodation
Greater London	16165	1475
Yorkshire & the Humber	695	9210
West Midlands	1265	6800
North West	875	6720
Scotland	210	5665
North East	160	4165
East Midlands	775	2720
Wales	145	2280
South East	1465	720
East of England	855	565
South West	315	1060
Northern Ireland	15	100

Asylum applications - National

- **Applications: 8,605 9% higher than previous quarter**

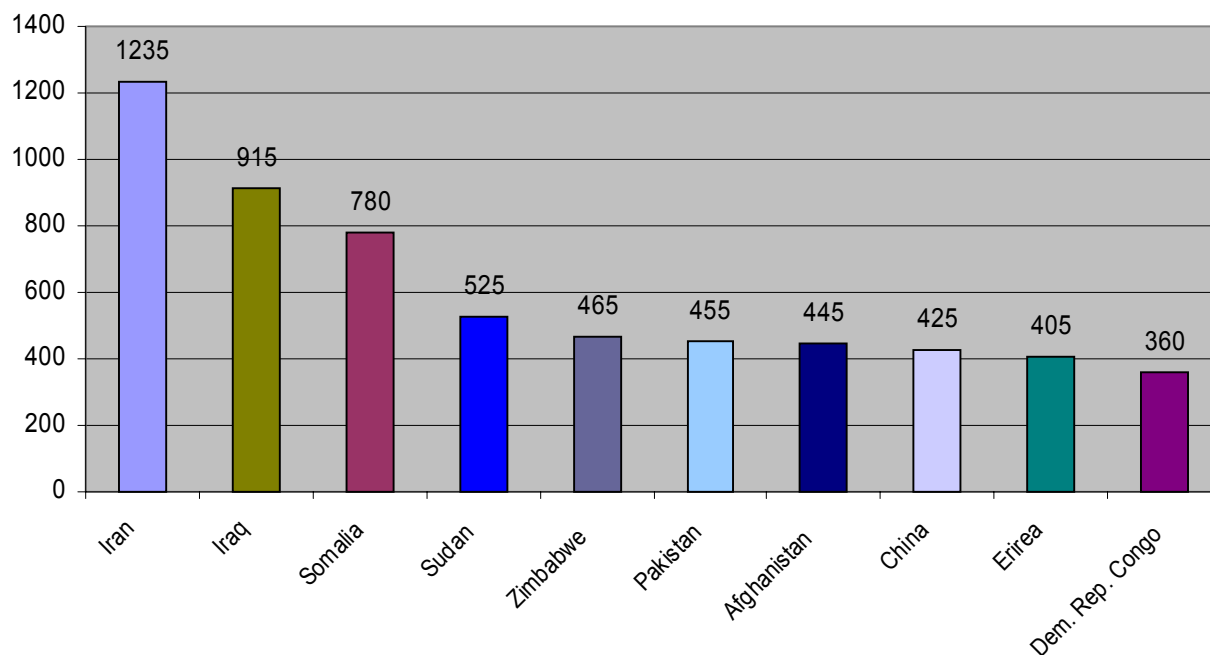
Applications for asylum (excluding dependants) in the UK in Q3 of 2004 totalled 8,605 8% less than Q3 (7,920).

The Chart below shows the number of applications for the past 10 quarters:



- **Nationalities**

The largest nationality applying for asylum in Q3 of 2004 was Iran with 1,235. Below shows the top 10 nationalities applying for asylum in the UK in Q3:

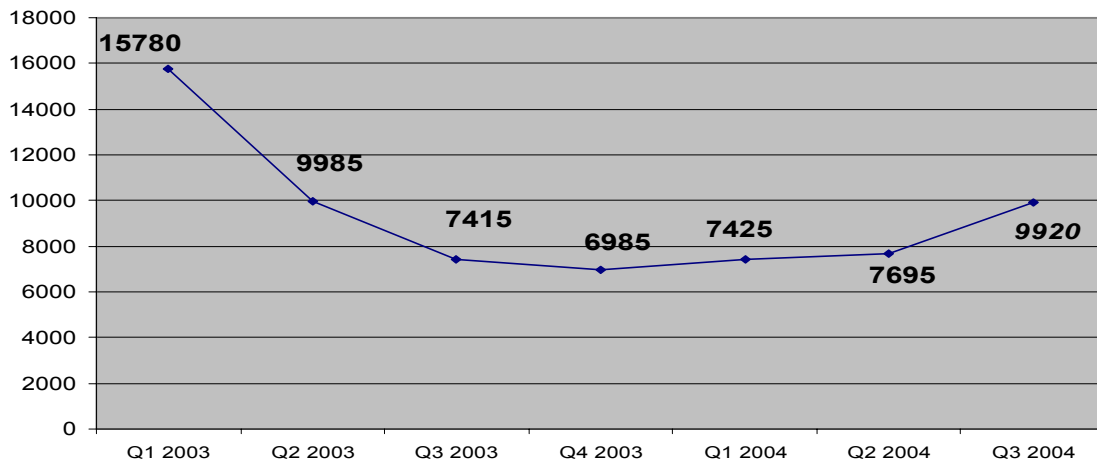


NASS applications - National

- **Total applications: 9,920 which was 29% higher than previous quarter**

The number of applications for NASS support in Q3 was 9,920 which was 29% higher than Q2 (7,695). Separately, no asylum cases were notified that they were not eligible to apply for NASS support on the grounds that their claims were not made as soon as reasonably practicable compared with 470 in Q2.

In Q3 8,690 (88%) applications were from single adults and 1,235 (12%) were from family groups.



- **Support type:**

- In Q3, **5,200 (52%)** applications were for accommodation and subsistence support and **2,865 (29%)** of applications were for subsistence only support.
- The remaining 19% of applications were classified as invalid.

- **Top Ten Nationalities applying for NASS support:**

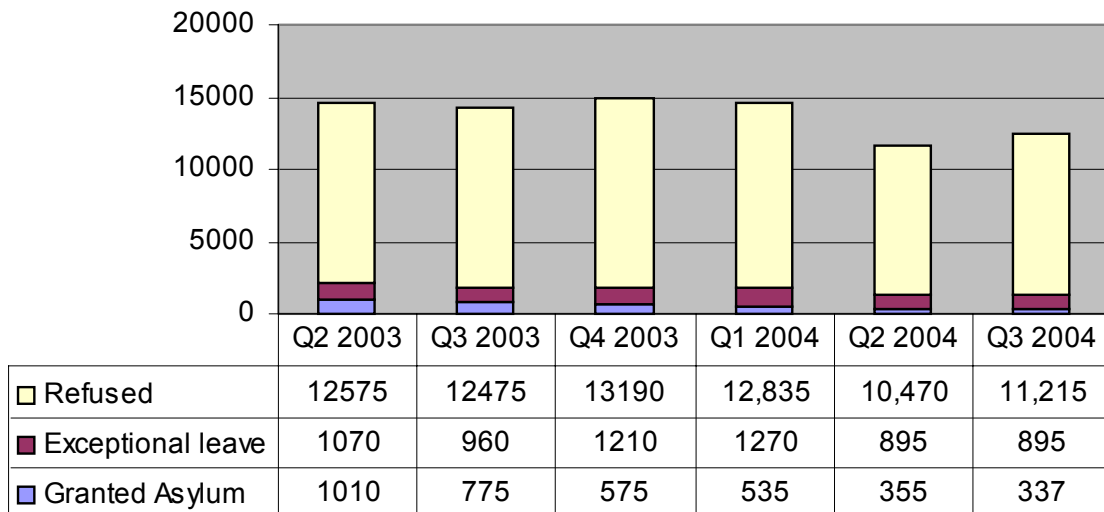
Iran	1,235
Iraq	915
Somalia	780
Sudan	525
Zimbabwe	465
Pakistan	455
Afghanistan	445
China	425
Eritrea	405
Dem. Rep. Congo.	360

Asylum application initial decisions – National

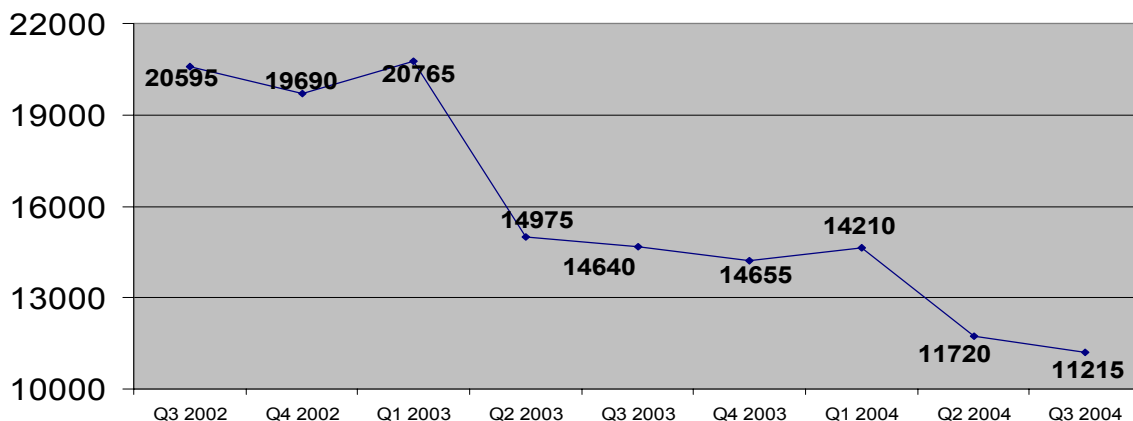
- **Initial Decisions: 11,215, 4% lower than previous quarter**

- 11,215 initial decisions were made in Q3, 4% lower than in Q2 (11,720) but remaining higher than the level of applications.
- Hence the number of cases awaiting an initial decision at the end of June continued to fall to 10,300 (28,700 at the end of September 2003). Of this total, 5,000 cases were in progress, i.e. the application had been outstanding for 6 months or less.
- 3% of initial decisions were granted asylum in Q3, the same as Q2. The proportion granted Humanitarian Protection (HP) or Discretionary Leave (DL) remained at 8%. 90% of initial decisions were refusals, a slight increase on Q2 (89%).

The Chart below demonstrates the number of decisions made for the past 5 quarters:



The Chart below shows the number of Initial decisions made for the period from Q3 of 2002 to Q3 of 2004:



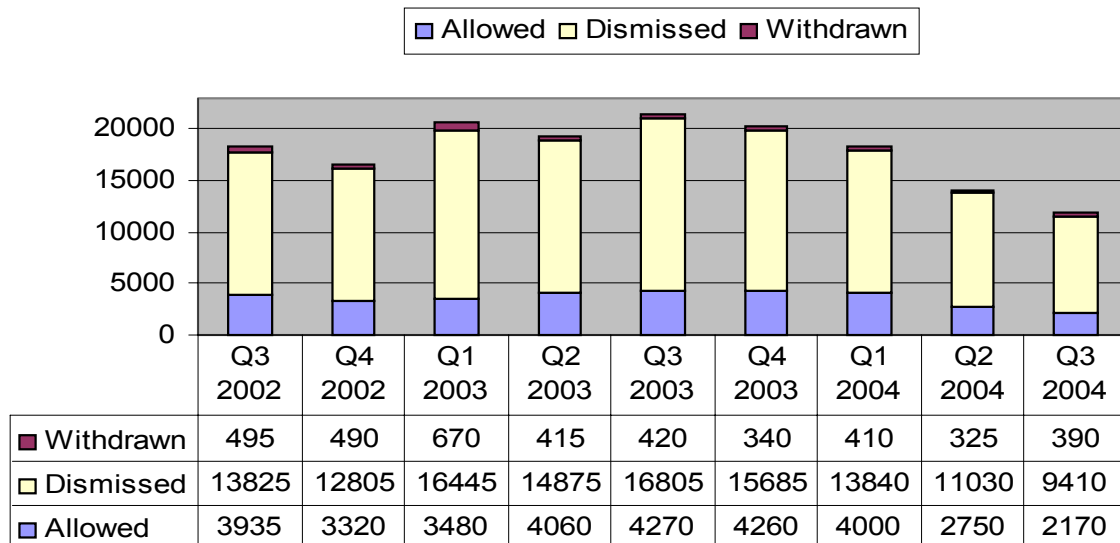
- **Timeliness of Initial Decisions**

- 84% of applications received in Q2 (April to June) 2004 had initial decisions reached and served within two months, compared with 83% for Q1 (January to March) 2004.

Asylum appeals - National

- **Appeals received: 8,800, 2% lower than previous quarter**
 - It is estimated that 8,800 appeals were received by the Home Office in Q3 of 2004, compared with 9,000 in Q2 2004.
- **Appeals determined: 11,965, 15% lower than previous quarter**
 - The number of appeals determined by adjudicators fell in Q3 by 15% to **11,965** from 14,115 in Q2 and was **44% lower** than in Q3 2003 (21,500).
 - The proportion of appeals dismissed rose to 79% in Q3 from 78% in Q2, whilst the proportion of appeals allowed fell to 18%, from 20% in Q2.

The Chart below shows the number of appeals determined by Immigration Appellate Authority (IAA) Adjudicators



- ♦ As at 30 September 2004, there were an estimated 7,000 appeals lodged with the Home Office which had not been sent to the IAA (a proportion of appeals lodged do not result in appeal bundles being sent to the IAA).
 - ♦ The total number of asylum appeals in progress in the IAA as at 30 September 2004, was 22,800 (10,200 at the Adjudicator Tier, 7,700 applications for permission to appeal to the Tribunal, and 4,900 Tribunal Appeals).
- **Timeliness of case processing, up to and including appeals at Immigration Appellate Authority and Immigration Appeal Tribunal**
 - ♦ 64% of applications received in the period April 2003 to March 2004 had a final decision, up to and including appeals at the IAT, within 6 months.

Applications to European Countries 2002 and 2003

In Total 346,600 asylum applications were made to European Countries (i.e. EU plus Switzerland and Norway) in 2003. The highest numbers of applications were made in France (20.4%), UK (17.6%) and Germany (14.5%). The table below shows the number of applications made to European Countries in 2002 and 2003[†]

	Number of applicants (Including dependants)		% Change	% of Total
	2002	2003		
Luxemburg	1,000	1,600	49%	0.46%
Greece	5,700	8,200	44%	2.34%
France	58,100	62,000	7%	17.69%
Sweden	33,000	31,400	-5%	8.96%
Spain	6,200	5,900	-4%	1.68%
Norway	17,500	15,600	-11%	4.45%
Belgium	21,400	19,300	-10%	5.51%
Finland	3,400	3,200	-4%	0.91%
Austria	39,400	32,400	-18%	9.25%
Switzerland	26,100	20,800	-20%	5.94%
Denmark	5,900	4,600	-23%	1.31%
Netherlands	18,700	13,400	-28%	3.82%
Germany	71,100	50,600	-29%	14.44%
Ireland	11,600	7,900	-32%	2.25%
UK	103,100	60,000	-42%	17.12%
Portugal	200	100	-56%	0.03%
Italy	7300	13,500	85%	85%
TOTAL EU	386,100	313,900	-19%	100%

- Asylum applications to European Countries, including dependants, per 1,000 population 2003[†]

	Applications in 2003 (Including dependants)	Applications in 2003 per 1,000 of population
Austria	32,400	3.9
Sweden	31,400	3.5
Norway	15,600	3.4
Luxembourg	1,600	3.1
Switzerland	20,800	2.9
Ireland	7,900	2.0
Belgium	19,300	1.9
France	62,000	1.0
UK	60,000	1.0
Denmark	4,600	0.8
Netherlands	13,400	0.8
Greece	8,200	0.7
Germany	50,600	0.6
Finland	3,200	0.6
Spain	5,900	0.1
Portugal	100	0.0
Italy	13,500	0.2
Total EU	313,900	0.8

Source: Home office quarterly reports. All figures are provisional and subject to change

[†] Figures rounded to the nearest 100

Asylum seekers and refugees worldwide

- **Persons of Concern to UNHCR – By Category**

Region	Refugees	Asylum Seekers	Returned Refugees	Internally Displaced*	Stateless & Various	Total 1 st Jan 2004
Asia	3,635,700	48,800	713,700	1,565,400	224,200	6,187,800
Africa	3,135,800	166,100	345,100	571,600	66,500	4,285,100
Europe	2,207,100	366,500	35,600	1,038,500	594,600	4,242,300
North America	585,600	392,500	-	-	-	978,100
Latin America & Caribbean	38,300	7,200	300	1,244,100	26,500	1,316,400
Oceania	69,600	4,400	-	-	400	74,400
Total	9,672,100	985,500	1,094,700	4,419,600	912,200	17,084,100

* Includes 232,800 IDP's who returned home in 2003

The Representative of the U.N. Secretary-General on Internally Dispersed Persons estimates there are between 20-25 million IDP's worldwide, with major concentrations in Sudan, Angola, Colombia, Liberia, Sri Lanka, Bosnia-Herzegovina and some countries of the former Soviet Union. UNHCR helps an estimated 4.4 million of these people.

- **Major IDP Populations of Concern to UNHCR**

Internally displaced persons: 4,419,600
(At 1st January 2004)

Country	IDP
Columbia	1,244,100
Azerbaijan	575,600
Liberia	531,600
Sri Lanka	386,100
Russian Federation	368,200
Bosnia – Herzegovina	327,200
Georgia	260,260
Serbia – Montenegro	256,900
Afghanistan	184,300
Cote d'Ivoire	38,000

Note: The Figures included here do not necessarily represent the total number of IDP's in the countries concerned

The UNHCR extends protection or assistance to certain groups who were not included in the Office's original mandate, but whom the U.N. Secretary-General or the U.N. General Assembly have requested the agency to assist. They include 4.4 million internally displaced persons (IDP's) who are caught in situations similar to refugees, but who have stayed in their own countries rather than cross an international frontier.

The overall number of IDP's in UNHCR's care fell by 460,000 in 2003. More than 82,000 Afghans returned to their towns and villages as did 76,700 Sri Lankan's, 40,300 in Bosnia and Herzegovina and 19,700 persons in the Russian Federation.

But as civil war in Columbia continued, 294,100 persons were displaced there during the same period, bringing the total number of concern to the refugee agency in that country to 1,244,000, the highest in the world. Although a degree of normalcy had been restored in West Africa, 265,000 people in Liberia and Côte d'Ivoire sought safety elsewhere in their countries. And though many Afghans did go back to more peaceful parts of that country, 184,300 were still displaced at end 2003. Overall however, Afghan IDP's, who had been the second largest single group of concern to UNHCR in 2002, fell to ninth position in 2003.

- **Refugees: 9.7 Million**

The global population of 9.7 million as at the end of 2003 constitutes a net decrease of 10 percent over the previous year's figure of 10.6 million refugees. It was the second consecutive year in which the figure dropped sharply. Over the past two years, Afghanistan has seen the biggest wave of returns, though an additional 2 million Afghan refugees remained in exile. There were other significant repatriations to Angola, Sierra Leone and Burundi. New Refugee displacement totalled nearly 290,000, the largest occurring in Sudan (112,200).

- **Origin of Major Refugee Populations in 2003 [Ten Largest Groups]**

Country of Origin	Main Countries of Asylum	Total
Afghanistan	Pakistan / Iran	2,13,6000
Sudan	Uganda / Chad / Ethiopia / Kenya / D.R.Congo / Central Africa Rep.	606,200
Burundi	Tanzania / D.R. Congo / Zambia / South Africa Rwanda	531,600
Democratic Rep. Congo	Tanzania / Congo / Zambia / Burundi / Rwanda Angola / Uganda	435,400
Palestinians	Saudi Arabia / Iraq / Egypt / Libya / Algeria	427,900
Somalia	Kenya / Yemen / Untied Kingdom / Ethiopia Djibouti / USA	402,200
Iraq	Iran / Germany / Netherlands / Sweden Untied Kingdom	368,500
Vietnam	China / Germany / USA / France	363,200
Liberia	Guinea / Côte d'Ivoire / Sierra Leone / Ghana /USA	353,300
Angola	Zambia / D.R. Congo / Namibia / South Africa	329,600

- **Population of Concern to UNHCR**

From the UNHCR Global report 2003, an assessment of the year in review and a look at populations of concern.



Populations of concern to UNHCR							
Subregion	Refugees	Asylum-seekers	Returned refugees	Others of concern			Total population of concern
				IDPs of concern to UNHCR	Returned IDPs	Various	
1 Central Africa and the Great Lakes	1,052,744	14,902	110,587	100,000	-	-	1,278,233
2 East and Horn of Africa	959,266	29,991	14,619	-	-	-	1,003,876
3 West Africa	776,450	28,149	71,323	569,655	-	15,000	1,460,577
4 Southern Africa	306,198	107,298	132,985	-	-	-	546,481
5 North Africa	183,625	299	14	-	-	29,500	213,438
6 The Middle East	538,961	15,780	55,313	-	-	5,340	615,394
7 South-West Asia	2,109,201	977	645,753	184,269	82,067	-	3,022,267
8 Central Asia	83,057	2,052	265	-	-	-	85,374
9 South Asia	318,952	784	7,937	386,104	76,722	-	790,499
10 East Asia and the Pacific	511,507	21,751	-	-	-	72,083	605,341
11 South-Eastern Europe	318,526	3,168	30,213	596,645	51,470	85,000	1,085,022
12 Eastern Europe	257,072	10,479	159	1,204,044	20,043	511,613	2,003,410
13 Central Europe and the Baltic States	22,208	20,537	-	-	-	500	43,245
14 Western Europe	1,908,036	373,055	-	-	-	-	2,251,091
15 North America and the Caribbean	586,529	387,629	-	-	-	-	974,158
16 South America	15,732	6,994	113	2,039,795	-	109	2,062,743
17 Central America and Mexico	21,556	189	58	-	-	-	21,803
Total	9,969,620	1,024,034	1,069,339	5,080,512	230,302	719,145	18,062,952

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