



Asylum Statistics: December 1999 United Kingdom

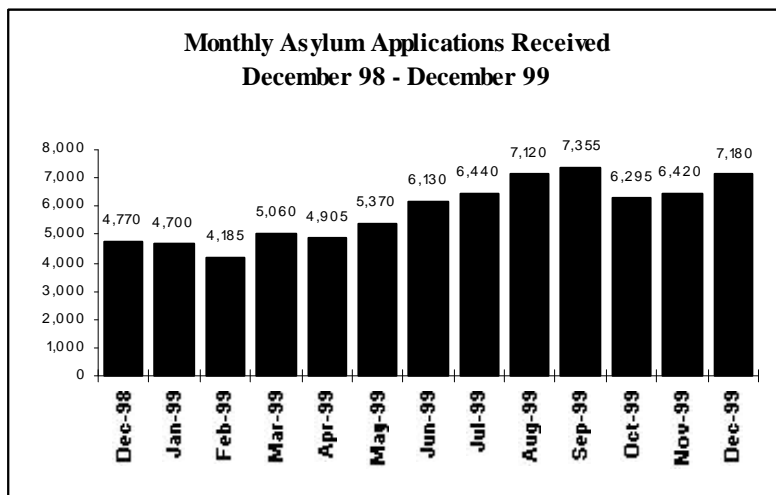


Applications

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Applications for asylum in the United Kingdom rose to 7,180 in December compared to 6,420 in November.

Applications over the last three months (October to December 1999) averaged at 6,630 per month. This was 38 per cent higher than the monthly average for the same period of 1998 (4,800).



- Federal Republic of Yugoslavia⁽¹⁾ and Sri Lanka largest nationalities.

Applications from Sri Lanka and nationals of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia are by far the largest applicant nationalities. This is the second time since July 1998 that Somalia is not in the top two applicant nationalities.

An average of 550 applications were received per month from Sri Lanka between October and December 1999 and 1,070 from the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Asylum applications received

Dec-98	4,770
Jan-99	4,700
Feb-99	4,185
Mar-99	5,060
Apr-99	4,905
May-99	5,370
Jun-99	6,130
Jul-99	6,440
Aug-99	7,120
Sep-99	7,355
Oct-99	6,295
Nov-99	6,420
Dec-99	7,180

Provisional data.

Main nationalities

December-99

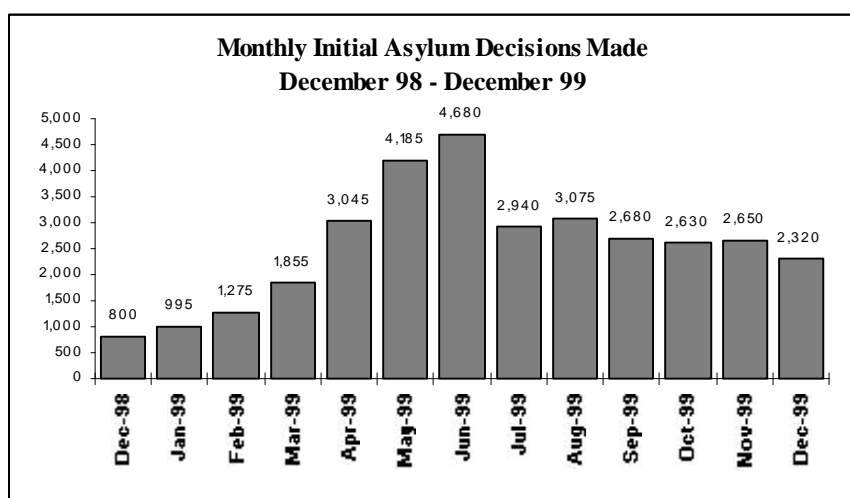
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	795
Sri Lanka	755
China	385
Somalia	385
Afghanistan	380
Poland	350
Turkey	305
Pakistan	300
Romania	240
Russia	240
Czech Republic	205
Iran	180
Iraq	160
Burundi	135
Other Nats	2,355

Provisional data.

Decisions

The number of decisions made in December fell to 2,320 from 2,650 in November, due to seasonal factors.

The proportion of decisions to recognise as a refugee and grant asylum in cases dealt with under normal procedures rose from 8 per cent in March to 74 per cent in May before falling back to 13 per cent in December. These changes are due to the processing of applications from nationals of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia coming from Kosovo.



Initial Asylum Decisions Made	
Dec-98	800
Jan-99	995
Feb-99	1,275
Mar-99	1,855
Apr-99	3,045
May-99	4,185
Jun-99	4,680
Jul-99	2,940
Aug-99	3,075
Sep-99	2,680
Oct-99	2,630
Nov-99	2,650
Dec-99	2,320

Provisional data.

⁽¹⁾ Federal Republic of Yugoslavia comprises of Kosovo, Montenegro and Serbia. Former Yugoslavia comprises of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Macedonia and Slovenia.

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

United Kingdom																				Number of principal applicants		
Month	Applications received			Total decisions	Decisions (2)(3)												Applications withdrawn	Applications outstanding at end of period				
	Total applications	Applied at port	Applied in country		Cases considered under normal procedures								Backlog clearance exercise									
					Recognised as a refugee and granted asylum	Not recognised as a refugee but granted exceptional leave	Total refused	Refusals			Granted exceptional leave under backlog criteria	Refused on non-compliance grounds under backlog criteria										
								Refused asylum and exceptional leave after full consideration	Refused on safe third country grounds	Refused on non-compliance grounds (4)												
(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(7)(8)	(5)	(7)(9)	(5)												
1998																						
Dec ^(b)	4,770	2,495	2,275	800	50	6%	110	14%	645	80%	400	50%	220	27%	25	3%	n/a	-	n/a	-	90	64,770
Annual Total																						
	46,015	23,345	22,670	31,570	5,345	17%	3,910	12%	22,315	71%	17,465	55%	1,855	6%	2,995	9%	n/a	-	n/a	-	1,470	64,770
1999																						
Jan ^{(b)(+)}	4,700	2,200	2,500	995	15	2%	135	24%	425	74%	225	40%	190	33%	5	1%	420	100%	-	0%	45	68,430
Feb ^(b)	4,185	1,800	2,385	1,275	35	4%	110	15%	600	81%	380	51%	190	26%	25	4%	535	100%	-	0%	40	71,295
Mar ^(b)	5,060	1,905	3,150	1,855	75	8%	150	16%	710	76%	470	50%	205	22%	35	4%	915	99%	10	1%	95	74,405
Apr	4,905	1,870	3,035	3,045	890	44%	355	17%	785	39%	595	29%	170	8%	20	1%	1,010	99%	5	1%	70	76,195
May	5,370	2,360	3,015	4,185	2,235	74%	190	6%	590	20%	455	15%	105	3%	30	1%	1,150	98%	20	2%	65	77,315
Jun	6,130	2,640	3,490	4,680	2,155 ^(p)	63%	150 ^(p)	4%	1,100 ^(p)	32%	930 ^(p)	27%	140	4%	35 ^(p)	1%	1,210	95%	65	5%	90	78,680 ^(p)
Jul	6,440	2,980	3,455	2,940	610 ^(p)	39%	105 ^(p)	7%	865 ^(p)	55%	645 ^(p)	41%	185	12%	35 ^(p)	2%	1,275	94%	85	6%	95	82,080 ^(p)
Aug	7,120	2,740	4,375	3,075	245 ^(p)	17%	200 ^(p)	14%	990 ^(p)	69%	640 ^(p)	45%	100	7%	250 ^(p)	17%	1,380	84%	265	16%	60	86,065 ^(p)
Sep	7,355	2,645	4,710	2,680	245 ^(p)	18%	205 ^(p)	15%	915 ^(p)	67%	745 ^(p)	55%	100	7%	70 ^(p)	5%	910	69%	405	31%	50	90,685 ^(p)
Oct	6,295	2,550	3,740	2,630	175 ^(p)	11%	175 ^(p)	11%	1,250 ^(p)	78%	975 ^(p)	61%	145	9%	130 ^(p)	8%	790	77%	240	23%	45	94,305 ^(p)
Nov	6,420	2,510	3,910	2,650	230 ^(p)	12%	215 ^(p)	12%	1,410 ^(p)	76%	1,005 ^(p)	54%	200	11%	210 ^(p)	11%	715	90%	80	10%	30	98,045 ^(p)
Dec	7,180	3,250	3,930	2,320	170 ^(p)	13%	120 ^(p)	9%	1,045 ^(p)	78%	665 ^(p)	50%	100	7%	280 ^(p)	21%	920	93%	65	7%	40	102,870 ^(p)

(p) Provisional figures.

(1) Figures (other than percentages) rounded to the nearest 5. n/a = not applicable.

(2) Decisions do not necessarily relate to applications made in the same period.

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

(4) Paragraph 340 (paragraph 180F prior to 1 October 1994) of the Immigration Rules, for failure to provide evidence to support the asylum claim within a reasonable period, including failure to respond to invitation to interview to establish identity.

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

(6) Decision figures for December 1998 to March 1999 are low due to significant interruption to the casework operation during the transition of IND staff to Integrated Caseworking. This interruption also effects a small proportion of in-country applications in December 1998 and January 1999 which have been estimated.

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

(8) Includes a small number of cases where asylum has been granted.

(9) Includes a small number of cases where the application has been refused on substantive grounds.

(+) Port figures for January 1999 are estimated and subject to revision.

Applications⁽¹⁾ for asylum, received in the UK, excluding dependants, by nationality and location where made, December 1999

Number of principal applicants

	Applied at port	Applied in-country	Total
Europe			
Bulgaria	5	5	15
Cyprus	*	*	5
Poland	300	55	350
Romania	50	190	240
Former USSR	200	630	830
Turkey	225	80	305
Former Yugoslavia	35	810	850
Others	235	40	270
Total	1,050	1,815	2,865
Americas			
Colombia	45	20	70
Others	70	50	120
Total	115	70	185
Middle East			
Iran	125	55	180
Iraq	130	30	160
Lebanon	20	5	25
Others	80	55	135
Total	360	140	500
Africa			
Algeria	40	75	115
Angola	40	25	65
Cameroon	15	15	30
Democratic Republic of Congo	85	40	120
Ethiopia	15	15	30
Gambia	-	*	*
Ghana	10	5	15
Ivory Coast	5	25	30
Kenya	20	25	40
Liberia	*	*	5
Nigeria	45	45	90
Rwanda	25	35	55
Sierra Leone	75	30	100
Somalia	130	255	385
South Africa	15	5	15
Sudan	35	10	45
Tanzania	*	*	5
Togo	5	5	10
Uganda	5	50	60
Zimbabwe	25	*	25
Others	85	165	250
Total	675	820	1,495
Asia			
Afghanistan	275	105	380
Bangladesh	15	50	65
China	105	280	385
India	20	60	80
Pakistan	125	175	300
Sri Lanka	425	330	755
Others	5	80	90
Total	975	1,085	2,060
Other and unknown nationalities	75	-	75
Grand Total	3,250	3,930	7,180

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