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## CONTROL OF IMMIGRATION: QUARTERLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY, UNITED KINGDOM

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### MAIN POINTS

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#### BORDER CONTROL

- In Q4 2009, the overall number of visas issued was 423,595, an increase of 16 per cent compared with Q4 2008 (364,060). 375,040 were issued to main applicants and 48,555 to dependants.

#### ASYLUM

- The number of applications for asylum, excluding dependants, was 30 per cent lower in Q4 2009 (4,765) compared with Q4 2008 (6,775).
- In Q4 2009, 6,400 initial asylum decisions were made, excluding dependants, an increase of 36 per cent compared with Q4 2008 (4,700). 77 per cent of initial decisions were refusals, 13 per cent were grants of asylum and 10 per cent were grants of Humanitarian Protection or Discretionary Leave.

#### ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

- In Q4 2009, 16,340 persons were removed or departed voluntarily from the UK, 3 per cent lower than in Q4 2008 (16,820). There was a fall of 8 per cent to 2,605 for those leaving who had claimed asylum (including dependants) and a decrease of 2 per cent to 13,735 for non-asylum cases.

#### MANAGED MIGRATION

##### After-entry applications to vary leave to remain

- The number of decisions<sup>1</sup> on applications to vary conditions of leave decreased by 6 per cent in Q4 2009 (82,660) compared with Q4 2008 (87,770).
- Of the total decisions in Q4 2009, 81 per cent (67,235) were grants of an extension, and 19 per cent (15,425) were refusals.
- Of the 67,235 grants, there were 53,585 grants of an extension of leave to remain (excluding dependants) in Q4 2009 relating to in-country applications under the Points Based System.

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<sup>1</sup> Excluding settlement, asylum cases and dependants of principal applicants.

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## Settlement decisions<sup>2</sup>

- The number of decisions on applications for settlement in the UK, excluding EEA and Swiss nationals, rose by 50 per cent in Q4 2009 (56,300) compared with Q4 2008 (37,635).
- Of the total decisions in Q4 2009, 93 per cent were grants and 7 per cent were refusals.
- The number of persons granted settlement in the UK rose by 46 per cent in Q4 2009 (52,140) compared with Q4 2008 (35,730). There were increases in employment-related grants (up 34 per cent to 20,715), family formation and reunion grants (up 55 per cent to 18,545) and other grants, including those on a discretionary basis and where the category of grant is unknown (up 70 per cent to 12,095). These were partly offset by a decrease in asylum-related grants (down 30 per cent to 780).

## Worker Registration Scheme

- In total there were 28,495 initial applicants to the Worker Registration Scheme (WRS) in Q4 2009, compared to 30,600 in Q4 2008 and 52,765 in Q4 2007. The number of approved WRS applicants in Q4 2009 was 26,650, compared to 28,835 in Q4 2008 and 50,820 in Q4 2007.
- Approved initial applicants from Poland fell to 12,125 in Q4 2009 from 16,970 in Q4 2008. However, approved initial applicants from Latvia and Lithuania showed increases to 5,035 and 4,250 in Q4 2009 from 1,965 and 2,710 in Q4 2008 respectively, with Latvia recording a new high and more than doubling from Q4 2008 levels.

## British citizenship

- Applications for British citizenship rose by 30 per cent in Q4 2009 (51,315) compared with Q4 2008 (39,325).
- The number of persons granted British citizenship in the UK increased by 15 per cent to 44,870 in Q4 2009 compared to Q4 2008 (38,955).

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<sup>2</sup> Data relate to the number of people and include dependants of principal applicants.

## PROVISIONAL 2009 ANNUAL COMPARISONS ON CONTROL OF IMMIGRATION

### BORDER CONTROL

- In 2009, the overall number of visas issued was 1,996,500, an increase of 2 per cent compared with 2008 (1,954,830). 1,718,110 were issued to main applicants and 278,385 to dependants.
- The number of student visas issued to main applicants was 273,610, an increase of 31 per cent compared with 2008 (208,800).

### ASYLUM

- The number of applications, excluding dependants, for asylum was 6 per cent lower in 2009 (24,250) compared to 2008 (25,930).
- In 2009, 24,550 initial asylum decisions, excluding dependants, were made, an increase of 27 per cent compared with 2008 (19,400). Total figures for 2009 show 73 per cent of initial decisions were refusals, 17 per cent were grants of asylum and 10 per cent were grants of Humanitarian Protection or Discretionary Leave.

### ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

- In 2009, 64,750 persons were removed or departed voluntarily from the UK, 5 per cent lower than 2008 (67,980). Compared to 2008, there was a fall of 16 per cent to 10,815 for those leaving who had claimed asylum (including dependants), and a fall of 2 per cent to 53,930 for non-asylum cases.

### MANAGED MIGRATION

#### After-entry applications to vary leave to remain

- The number of decisions on applications to vary conditions of leave increased by 4 per cent in 2009 (300,460) compared with 2008 (288,985).
- There were 138,820 grants of leave to remain (excluding dependants) in 2009 relating to in-country applications under the Points Based System.

#### Settlement decisions

- The number of decisions on applications for settlement in the UK, excluding EEA and Swiss nationals, rose by 30 per cent from 158,085 in 2008 to 205,835 in 2009.
- Grants of settlement rose by 30 per cent from 148,740 in 2008 to 192,680 in 2009. There were increases in employment-related categories (up 34 per cent to 81,220), family formation and reunion grants (up 27 per cent to 70,155) and other grants, including those on a discretionary basis and where the category of grant is unknown (up 33 per cent to 38,345). There was a decrease in asylum-related grants (down 20 per cent to 2,965).

#### Worker Registration Scheme

- In total there were 113,445 initial applicants to the Worker Registration Scheme (WRS) in 2009, compared to 166,700 in 2008 and 217,975 in 2007. The number of approved WRS applicants in 2009 was 106,390, compared to 158,545 in 2008 and 210,805 in 2007.

- Approved initial applicants from Poland fell to 54,715 in 2009 from 103,115 in 2008. However, applicants from Latvia more than doubled to a record new high of 15,385 in 2009 from 6,980 in 2008. Applicants from Lithuania and Estonia, the other two Baltic countries, increased to 14,720 and 1,135 in 2009 from 11,560 and 945 in 2008 respectively.

### British citizenship

- The total number of citizenship decisions made in 2009 was 215,005, an increase of 55 per cent compared to 2008 (138,465). The number of decisions made in 2009 has recovered from the comparatively low level in 2008 when staff resources were temporarily transferred from decision-making to deal with administration of an increase in new applications. This followed publication of the green paper "The Path to Citizenship: Next Steps in Reforming the Immigration System" in February 2008.
- The number of persons granted British citizenship in 2009, compared to 2008, rose by 58 per cent from 129,375 to 203,865.

## INTRODUCTION

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This Statistical Summary aims to give users an overview of the work of the UK Border Agency. This information is grouped by key operational area of the UK Border Agency – i.e. border control, asylum, managed migration, and enforcement and compliance.

The report contains a mixture of National Statistics, identified by the use of the symbol **(NS✓)** in the section overviews, and management information. Supplementary tables that accompany this bulletin include information by country of nationality. These tables are available from <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html>.

This bulletin provides figures for the 2009 conclusion measure and the total number of foreign national prisoners removed in 2009.

### What's new

The bulletin publishes a provisional figure for the total number of fresh claims by asylum applicants and the number of refugees resettled in 2009. It is the first time these figures have been included in the quarterly bulletin.

Quarterly and annual figures on 'Persons removed from the United Kingdom on leaving detention, held solely under Immigration Act powers' by country of nationality are published for the first time in the supplementary tables.

### Future developments

Future issues of the bulletin will contain quarterly statistics for additional topics, depending on data quality and resource. From Q1 2010, the number of fresh claims by asylum applicants will be published on a quarterly basis.

To coincide with the publication of this Statistical Summary, a consultation has also been launched on the publication of monthly asylum application data:  
<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html>.

### Conventions

All data, except percentages or unless otherwise stated, in this publication have been rounded to the nearest 5. Percentages are generally given to the nearest percentage point. Data in some of the tables in this bulletin may not sum to the totals shown or, in the case of percentages, to 100 per cent because they have been rounded independently.

All figures relating to January 2008 onwards remain provisional and subject to revision, unless otherwise stated.

The following symbols have been used in the tables:

—	nil
*	1 or 2 (used in tables where other figures have been rounded to the nearest 5)
..	not available
:	not applicable
(–)	nil per cent
(0)	less than 0.5 per cent, but greater than 0 per cent

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# 1 BORDER CONTROL

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## 1.1 UK entry clearance visas issued (Table 1)

UKvisas was integrated in April 2008 into the UK Border Agency, the Executive Agency in the Home Office responsible for managing immigration control. The UKBA International Group now manages visa-issuing sections around the world. There are currently over 100 nationalities that require a visa to come to the UK, covering three-quarters of the world population. Apart from EEA and Swiss nationals, those wanting to come to the UK for over 6 months, or to work, also require a visa.

Entry clearance visas can be classified into three categories:

- Temporary: the applicant has met the requirements for admission to the UK as a visitor, student or temporary worker and must renew the visa before it expires.
- Leading to settlement: at the end of a certain length of time, usually between two and five years, the applicant can make an application for 'indefinite leave to remain'.
- Settlement: a visa permitting a person to remain indefinitely in the UK.

The figures of entry clearance visas issued show intentions to visit rather than actual arrivals. Dependants are allocated an entry clearance category according to the circumstances of their application. It may not be the same as the category allocated to main applicant.

### Key findings for Q4 2009:

- In Q4 2009, the overall number of visas issued was 423,595, an increase of 16 per cent compared with Q4 2008 (364,060). 375,040 were issued to main applicants and 48,555 to dependants.

Of the visas issued to main applicants:

- The number of student visas issued was 61,715, an increase of 92 per cent compared with Q4 2008 (32,165).
- The number of other temporary visas issued was 287,685, an increase of 11 per cent compared with Q4 2008 (260,180).
- The number issued for reasons leading to settlement was 22,555, a decrease of 19 per cent compared to Q4 2008 (27,875). Visas issued for employment reasons declined by 36 per cent to 11,710, with visas issued for family reasons increasing by 13 per cent to 10,840.
- The number of settlement visas issued was 3,090, an increase of 62 per cent compared with Q4 2008 (1,910).

### Key findings for 2009:

- In 2009, the overall number of visas issued was 1,996,500, an increase of 2 per cent compared with 2008 (1,954,830). 1,718,110 were issued to main applicants and 278,385 to dependants.

Of the visas issued to main applicants:

- The number of student visas issued was 273,610, an increase of 31 per cent compared with 2008 (208,800).

- The number of other temporary visas issued was 1,339,815, an increase of 0.4 per cent compared with 2008 (1,334,315).
- The number issued for reasons leading to settlement was 93,690, a decrease of 21 per cent compared to 2008 (119,250). Visas issued for employment reasons declined by 26 per cent to 55,300, with visas issued for family reasons decreasing by 14 per cent to 38,385.
- The number of settlement visas issued was 11,005, an increase of 37 per cent compared with 2008 (8,035).

**Table 1a: Entry clearance visas to the United Kingdom issued, by main category, Q1 2007 to Q4 2009**

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Temporary (1)</i>		<i>Leading to Settlement (1)</i>		<i>Settlement (1,2)</i>	<i>Dependants</i>
		<i>Students (3)</i>	<i>Other (4)</i>	<i>Employment (5)</i>	<i>Family (6)</i>		
2007 Q1	448,755	31,435	322,925	21,340	13,580	3,875	55,595
2007 Q2	634,205	51,230	448,085	19,935	11,045	2,940	100,965
2007 Q3	610,210	113,995	377,800	20,745	13,335	2,715	81,620
2007 Q4	379,270	26,885	280,300	16,390	11,070	2,070	42,555
2008 Q1	395,040	29,480	283,190	18,490	12,020	2,100	49,760
2008 Q2	605,235	31,485	431,560	18,120	11,280	1,975	110,815
2008 Q3	590,495	115,670	359,385	19,725	11,740	2,050	81,925
2008 Q4	364,060	32,165	260,180	18,295	9,580	1,910	41,930
2009 Q1	386,660	32,355	274,295	17,335	10,910	1,950	49,815
2009 Q2	576,410	24,655	422,550	13,665	8,390	2,335	104,815
2009 Q3	609,835	154,885	355,285	12,590	8,245	3,630	75,200
2009 Q4	423,595	61,715	287,685	11,710	10,840	3,090	48,555

(1) Excludes dependants of main visa applicant.

(2) Includes spouse/civil partner and other family settlement (both indefinite leave), and Certificate of Entitlement.

(3) Includes Tier 4 of the Points Based System.

(4) Includes visitors and working holidaymakers, Tier 5 of the Points Based System, and Transit.

(5) Includes Tiers 1 and 2 of the Points Based System, Highly Skilled Migrant Programme, and Work Permit Holders.

(6) Includes fiancé(e)/proposed civil partner, and spouse/civil partner (probationary period).

## 1.2 Passenger arrivals (Table 2) (NS✓)

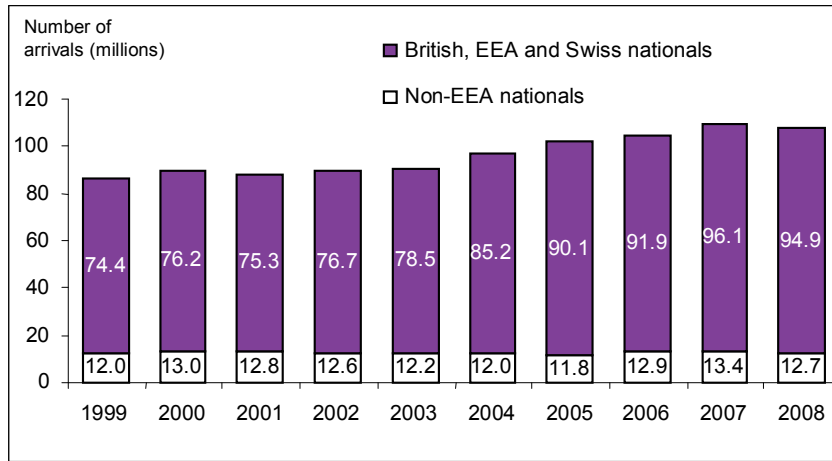
The statistics of total passengers entering the UK are derived from a range of sources and include all persons entering the UK. The number of journeys across the border by non-EEA nationals is derived from landing cards presented to immigration officers at the border crossing point. This excludes: EEA nationals; passengers who enter as members of HM or NATO forces; officers or members of the crew of ships, aircraft or Channel Tunnel trains; those who land briefly in the UK in transit without passing through immigration control; and any passengers who enter the UK from other parts of the Common Travel Area<sup>3</sup>. The data are of the number of journeys made; a person who makes more than one journey is counted on each occasion, either in a specific category, if given fresh leave to enter, or in 'passengers returning'.

### Key findings for 2008:

- The estimated number of international arrivals from outside the Common Travel Area fell by 2 per cent to 107.6 million in 2008. 12.7 million were estimated to be non-European Economic Area (non-EEA) nationals, a 6 per cent drop on 2007.

<sup>3</sup> The Common Travel Area consists of the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland.

Figure 1a: Total passenger arrivals 1999 to 2008



- An estimated 7.0 million non-EEA visitors were admitted in 2008 compared with 7.6 million in 2007, a decrease of 7 per cent. Business visitors decreased by 6 per cent to 1.6 million whilst ordinary visitors decreased by 7 per cent to 5.4 million.
- An estimated 227,000 non-EEA students were admitted in 2008 compared with 358,000 in 2007, a decrease of 37 per cent. However, 2008 was the first complete year in which the student visitor rules were in place and persons in this category accounted for around 144,000 arrivals. In total, these data show a 3 per cent rise in student arrivals from 361,000 to 371,000.
- 112,000 non-EEA nationals were admitted as work permit holders or as their dependants in 2008, compared with 128,000 in 2007, down 12 per cent.
- In February 2008 the UK Border Agency began a phased implementation of a new Points Based System<sup>4</sup> that rationalised many of the current entry routes to the UK. A total of 4,300 persons were recorded as entering the UK in 2008 under this new process. 75 per cent (3,240) were main applicants and 25 per cent (1,060) were dependants.

<sup>4</sup> Further information about the Points Based System is available at: <http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/managingborders/managingmigration/apointsbasedsystem/howitworks>

### 1.3 Non-asylum passengers initially refused entry<sup>5</sup> (NS✓)

Individuals seeking to enter the UK present themselves, on arrival at a "port of entry" (either by air, sea or land ports), to an Immigration Officer (IO). IOs have the power to conduct further examination on passengers who arrive in the UK. The powers are in accordance with paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 2 to the Immigration Act 1971. An IO may examine a person who has arrived in the UK in order to determine the following: whether or not they are a British Citizen; whether or not they may enter without leave; or whether:

- they have been given leave to enter which is still in force;
- they should be given leave to enter and for what period and on what conditions (if any);  
or
- they should be refused leave to enter.

A person who is initially refused entry may subsequently be detained or granted temporary admission in the UK. This may be due to: an outstanding asylum claim; an appeal against a refusal of entry; or to allow travel arrangements to be made or removal directions to be set.

#### Key findings for Q4 2009:

- In Q4 2009, 5,380 non-asylum passengers were initially refused leave to enter at border control points, 18 per cent lower than in Q4 2008 (6,555). Of these passengers, 1,130 (21 per cent) were initially refused at juxtaposed controls.

#### Key findings for 2009:

- In 2009, 22,530 non-asylum passengers were initially refused leave to enter at border control points, 15 per cent lower than in 2008 (26,590). Of these passengers, 4,685 (21 per cent) were initially refused at juxtaposed controls.

**Table 1b: Non-asylum passengers initially refused entry, Q1 2007 to Q4 2009**

	<i>Total</i>	<i>of these refused at juxtaposed controls</i>
2007 Q1	7,155	1,390
2007 Q2	6,960	1,435
2007 Q3	6,930	1,510
2007 Q4	7,100	1,295
2008 Q1	6,970	1,275
2008 Q2	6,385	1,200
2008 Q3	6,685	1,260
2008 Q4	6,555	1,190
2009 Q1	5,710	990
2009 Q2	5,680	1,210
2009 Q3	5,760	1,355
2009 Q4	5,380	1,130

<sup>5</sup> Includes EEA nationals and cases dealt with at juxtaposed controls.

## 2 ASYLUM

### 2.1 Asylum applications (Tables 3 - 4) (NS✓)

Asylum is protection given by a country to someone who is fleeing persecution in their own country. It is given under the 1951 United Nations Convention 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".

#### Key findings for Q4 2009:

- The number of applications, excluding dependants, for asylum was 30 per cent lower in Q4 2009 (4,765) compared with Q4 2008 (6,775).
- Including dependants, the number of applications to the UK decreased by 27 per cent in Q4 2009 (5,895) compared with Q4 2008 (8,130).
- Including dependants, the estimated number of applications to the EU27 decreased by 9 per cent in Q4 2009 (61,100)<sup>6</sup> compared with Q4 2008 (67,200)<sup>6</sup>. The UK ranks 13<sup>th</sup> amongst European Union 27 countries in terms of asylum seekers per head of population.

#### Key findings for 2009:

- The number of applications, excluding dependants, for asylum show a decrease of 6 per cent in 2009 (24,250) compared to 2008 (25,930).
- Including dependants, the number of applications to the UK show a decrease of 5 per cent in 2009 (29,845) compared with 2008 (31,315).
- Including dependants, the estimated number of applications to the EU27 remained relatively consistent in 2009 (242,400)<sup>6</sup> compared with 2008 (241,300)<sup>6</sup>. The UK ranks 13<sup>th</sup> amongst European Union 27 countries in terms of asylum seekers per head of population.

**Table 2a: Asylum applications, excluding dependants, Q1 2007 to Q4 2009**

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Port</i>	<i>In-country</i>
2007 Q1	5,720	820	4,895
2007 Q2	4,960	810	4,150
2007 Q3	5,885	1,040	4,845
2007 Q4	6,870	965	5,900
2008 Q1	6,645	705	5,940
2008 Q2	5,830	655	5,175
2008 Q3	6,685	685	6,000
2008 Q4	6,775	680	6,095
2009 Q1	8,380	545	7,835
2009 Q2	6,045	470	5,575
2009 Q3	5,055	500	4,555
2009 Q4	4,765	485	4,280

<sup>6</sup> Figures rounded to the nearest hundred.

## Fresh claims

When a human rights or asylum claim has been refused or withdrawn or treated as withdrawn under paragraph 333C of Immigration Rule 353 and any appeal relating to that claim is no longer pending, the decision maker will consider any further submissions and, if rejected, will then determine whether they amount to a fresh claim. The submissions will amount to a fresh claim if they are significantly different from the material that has previously been considered. The submissions will only be significantly different if the content:

- had not already been considered; and
- taken together with the previously considered material, created a realistic prospect of success, notwithstanding its rejection.

## Key findings for 2009:

- The number of fresh claims, excluding dependants, for asylum was 4 per cent lower in 2009 (855) compared to 2008 (895).

## 2.2 Initial asylum decisions (Table 3) (NS✓)

### Key findings for Q4 2009:

- 6,400 initial decisions, excluding dependants, were made in Q4 2009, an increase of 36 per cent compared with Q4 2008 (4,700).
- The number of cases (excluding dependants) recorded as awaiting an initial decision was 6,900<sup>6</sup> at the end of December 2009 (10,600<sup>6</sup> at the end of December 2008).
- 13 per cent of initial decisions in Q4 2009 were to grant asylum compared with 20 per cent in Q4 2008. 10 per cent of initial decisions were to grant Humanitarian Protection or Discretionary Leave compared with 12 per cent in Q4 2008. 77 per cent of initial decisions in Q4 2009 were refusals compared with 68 per cent in Q4 2008.

### Key findings for 2009:

- 24,550 initial asylum decisions, excluding dependants, were made in 2009, an increase of 27 per cent compared with 2008 (19,400).
- Annual totals for 2009 show that 73 per cent of initial decisions were refusals, 17 per cent grants of asylum and 10 per cent grants of Humanitarian Protection or Discretionary Leave.

**Table 2b: Initial asylum decisions, excluding dependants, Q1 2007 to Q4 2009**

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Grants of asylum</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Granted HP or DL</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Refused asylum, HP or DL</i>	<i>%</i>
2007 Q1	6,050	900	15%	595	10%	4,555	75%
2007 Q2	5,930	835	14%	560	9%	4,530	76%
2007 Q3	5,225	910	17%	620	12%	3,695	71%
2007 Q4	4,570	900	20%	420	9%	3,250	71%
2008 Q1	4,455	915	21%	480	11%	3,060	69%
2008 Q2	5,010	995	20%	560	11%	3,455	69%
2008 Q3	5,230	870	17%	565	11%	3,795	73%
2008 Q4	4,700	945	20%	560	12%	3,195	68%
2009 Q1	5,145	1,485	29%	625	12%	3,035	59%
2009 Q2	5,770	1,015	18%	630	11%	4,125	72%
2009 Q3	7,240	865	12%	680	9%	5,695	79%
2009 Q4	6,400	810	13%	640	10%	4,950	77%

## 2.3 Asylum appeals (Table 5) (NS✓)

The Asylum and Immigration Tribunal (AIT) hears and decides appeals against decisions made by the UK Border Agency. The Immigration Judge will decide whether the appeal against the decision is successful or not (this is known as the decision being 'allowed' or 'dismissed').

### Key findings for Q4 2009:

- 4,770 appeals were received by the AIT in Q4 2009, 61 per cent higher than Q4 2008 (2,965).
- The number of appeals determined increased by 57 per cent in Q4 2009 (4,665) from Q4 2008 (2,970).
- The proportion of appeals dismissed was 65 per cent in Q4 2009, whilst 30 per cent of appeals were allowed.
- The asylum work in progress total at the AIT as at 31 December 2009 was 5,000<sup>7</sup>.

### Key findings for 2009:

- In 2009, there were 15,350 appeals received by the AIT, 44 per cent higher than 2008 (10,660).
- In 2009, there were 14,595 appeals determined, 36 per cent higher than 2008 (10,720).
- In 2009, the proportion of appeals dismissed was 66 per cent, whilst 28 per cent of appeals were allowed.

**Table 2c: Asylum appeals determined by AIT Q1 2007 to Q4 2009**

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Allowed</i>	<i>% Dismissed</i>	<i>% Withdrawn</i>	<i>%</i>
2007 Q1	3,675	745	20%	2,695	73%
2007 Q2	4,015	920	23%	2,865	71%
2007 Q3	4,105	930	23%	2,970	72%
2007 Q4	3,150	790	25%	2,205	70%
2008 Q1	2,430	515	21%	1,750	72%
2008 Q2	2,330	460	20%	1,735	74%
2008 Q3	2,985	745	25%	2,105	70%
2008 Q4	2,970	755	25%	1,995	67%
2009 Q1	2,720	695	26%	1,865	69%
2009 Q2	2,800	720	26%	1,945	70%
2009 Q3	4,410	1,345	31%	2,845	64%
2009 Q4	4,665	1,390	30%	3,035	65%

<sup>7</sup> Source: The Asylum and Immigration Tribunal (AIT). Figure based on a snapshot of work in progress, at the end of December 2009, from the AIT database ARIA. Figure rounded to the nearest thousand.

## 2.4 Timeliness of case processing to a conclusion

The conclusion measure follows a month's cohort of asylum claims (principal applicants only) through a 182 day period to see if they are concluded<sup>8</sup>. A case is deemed to be concluded if the applicant is granted Asylum, Humanitarian Protection or Discretionary Leave, is successful at appeal, removed from the UK or, in some cases, if the applicant has withdrawn their application.

The provisional figures for the cohort of June 2009 are:

There were 1,885 applications:

- 130 (7 per cent) of the applications were unsubstantiated cases, these are applicants who fail to substantiate their claim for asylum through attendance at the substantive interview and who are found to have absconded from their registered address.
- 245 (13 per cent) had been refused asylum and exhausted their appeal rights but may not be removed from the UK because there is a general legal barrier to removing individuals to the country that the claimant is a national of.
- Of the remaining 1,510 new applications eligible for conclusion, 915 (61 per cent) were concluded within six months by the end of December 2009.

Of the 1,510 applications eligible for conclusion, 560 (37 per cent) were granted and 340 (23 per cent) were removed from the UK with a further 10 (1 per cent) concluded by other means.

## 2.5 Resettlement scheme

The main resettlement scheme available for refugees, the Gateway Protection Programme, was set up under the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002. The Gateway Protection Programme is part of a balanced immigration strategy of tackling abuse of the asylum system by people not in need of protection whilst opening managed migration routes; and offering protection for those fleeing persecution without forcing them into the hands of people traffickers. The first refugees arrived in the UK under the programme in March 2004. The programme offers a legal route for genuinely deserving cases and will help to ensure that we are offering protection to those who need it.

In addition there is also the Mandate resettlement scheme, a UK programme specifically for those refugees with a resettlement need who already have close ties to the UK, usually through a close relative.

Key findings for 2009:

- In 2009, there were 855 refugees who arrived in the UK under the Gateway Protection Programme, this compared with 640 in 2008. In 2009, 90 refugees were also resettled in the UK under the Mandate scheme.

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<sup>8</sup> The methodology for the calculation of the conclusion rate is documented on page 18 of the Public Service Agreement (PSA) 3: Delivery Agreement as published by HM Treasury  
[http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/pbr\\_csr07\\_psa3.pdf](http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/pbr_csr07_psa3.pdf)

## 2.6 Asylum support applications (NS✓)

Asylum support was set up to provide for asylum seekers while they await a decision on their asylum application. Asylum seekers who applied for asylum support could receive: accommodation only (where they were allocated accommodation in a dispersal area and must otherwise support themselves); subsistence only (where they received cash to support themselves but must find their own accommodation); or accommodation and subsistence (where they were allocated accommodation in a dispersal area and cash to support themselves).

### Key findings for Q4 2009:

- The number of applications for asylum support in Q4 2009 was 3,940, 17 per cent lower than Q4 2008 (4,720).
- In Q4 2009, 3,130 (79 per cent of the total) applications were from single adults and 810 (21 per cent of the total) from family groups.

## 2.7 Supported asylum seekers including dependants (Tables 6 - 7) (NS✓)

### Key findings as at the end of Q4 2009:

- The total number of asylum seekers<sup>9</sup> in receipt of asylum support in Q4 2009 (29,150) was 11 per cent lower than at the end of Q4 2008 (32,580).
- 4,670 asylum seekers were receiving subsistence only support<sup>10</sup>.
- 23,845 asylum seekers were supported in dispersal accommodation<sup>11</sup>.
- 635 asylum seekers were supported in initial accommodation.

**Table 2d: Asylum seekers supported, Q1 2007 to Q4 2009**

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Subsistence only support</i>	<i>In dispersed accommodation</i>	<i>In initial accommodation</i>
2007 Q1	48,800	10,935	36,785	1,075
2007 Q2	48,995	10,865	37,280	850
2007 Q3	48,470	10,160	37,060	1,250
2007 Q4	44,495	8,900	34,150	1,440
2008 Q1	33,865	6,820	25,940	1,105
2008 Q2	31,580	6,495	24,060	1,025
2008 Q3	32,170	6,600	24,290	1,280
2008 Q4	32,580	6,195	25,145	1,240
2009 Q1	33,165	6,020	25,895	1,250
2009 Q2	31,500	5,120	25,535	845
2009 Q3	29,895	4,900	24,170	820
2009 Q4	29,150	4,670	23,845	635

<sup>9</sup> Including dependants. Excludes unaccompanied asylum seeking children supported by local authorities, estimated at around 4,600 in December 2009.

<sup>10</sup> From Q2 2009 any cases with an invalid application status are excluded.

<sup>11</sup> Includes 'accommodation only' and 'accommodation and subsistence' supported cases.

## 2.8 Applicants supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (NS✓)

Support under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 is provided in the form of accommodation and vouchers to cover the cost of 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 UK.

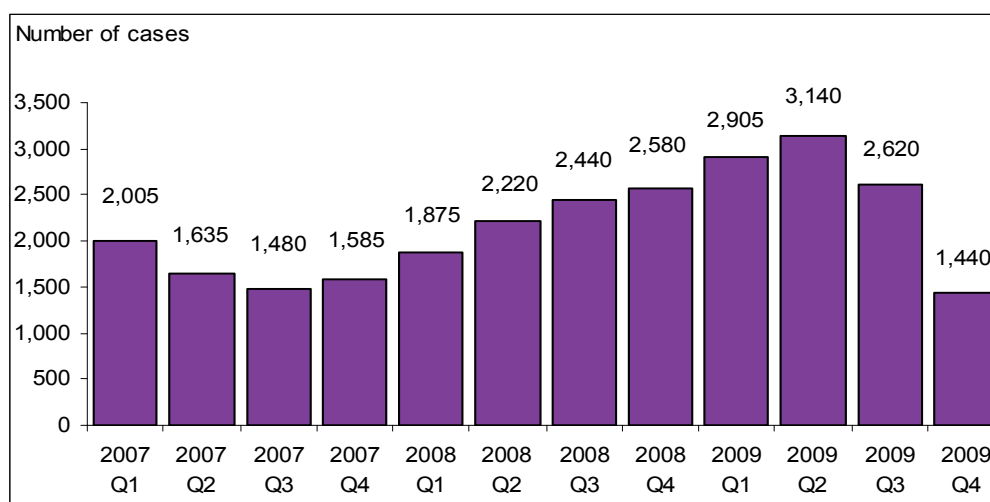
### Key findings for Q4 2009:

- 1,440 decisions to grant Section 4 support were recorded in Q4 2009, 44 per cent lower than in Q4 2008 (2,580).
- As at the end of Q4 2009, 11,655 applicants, excluding dependants, were in receipt of Section 4 support, 13 per cent higher than in Q4 2008 (10,295).

### Key findings for 2009:

- 10,105 decisions to grant Section 4 support were recorded in 2009, 11 per cent higher than in 2008 (9,110).

**Figure 2a: Decisions to grant Section 4 support, Q1 2007 to Q4 2009**



### 3 ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

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The UK Border Agency seeks to remove persons who do not have any legal right to stay in the UK. This includes persons who:

- enter, or attempt to enter, the UK illegally (including persons entering clandestinely and by means of deception on-entry);
- overstay their period of legal right to remain in the UK;
- breach their conditions of leave;
- are subject to deportation action; and
- persons who have been refused asylum.

Some may depart under Assisted Voluntary Return Programmes run by the International Organization for Migration. They could also return voluntarily, to either their country of origin or a country that will accept them, after notifying the UK Border Agency of their intention to leave prior to their departure. From 2005 onwards, other voluntary departures show persons who it has been established left the UK without informing the immigration authorities.

#### 3.1 Total removals and voluntary departures<sup>12</sup> (Table 8.3) (NS✓)

Key findings for Q4 2009:

- In Q4 2009, 16,340 persons were removed or departed voluntarily from the UK, 3 per cent lower than in Q4 2008 (16,820).
- Of those leaving in Q4 2009, 6,240 persons were initially refused entry at port (26 per cent lower than in Q4 2008), 5,025 were enforced removals and notified voluntary departures (10 per cent higher than in Q4 2008), 1,190 persons left under Assisted Voluntary Return Programmes (8 per cent higher than in Q4 2008), and 3,890 were other voluntary departures (46 per cent higher than in Q4 2008).
- 1,400<sup>13</sup> foreign national prisoners were removed in Q4 2009.

Key findings for 2009:

- In 2009, 64,750 persons were removed or departed voluntarily from the UK, 5 per cent lower than 2008 (67,980).
- Of those leaving in 2009, 29,060 persons were initially refused entry at port (10 per cent lower than in 2008), 19,005 were enforced removals and notified voluntary departures (11 per cent lower than in 2008), 4,945 persons left under Assisted Voluntary Return Programmes (15 per cent higher than in 2008), and 11,740 were other voluntary departures (17 per cent higher than in 2008).

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<sup>12</sup> Includes enforced removals, persons refused entry at port and subsequently removed (including cases dealt with at juxtaposed controls), notified voluntary departures, persons leaving under Assisted Voluntary Return Programmes and persons who it has been established left the UK without informing the immigration authorities. Figures will under record due to data cleansing and data matching exercises that take place after the extracts are taken.

<sup>13</sup> These figures are based on provisional management information and, as per all removals and voluntary departures figures, are subject to change. They have not been quality assured under National Statistics protocols, and are not identified separately in the published statistics on removals and voluntary departures. The figures include notified, assisted and other forms of voluntary departures. All cases are considered for an exclusion order by the UK Border Agency where there is a legal framework to do so.

- 5,535<sup>13</sup> foreign national prisoners were removed in 2009, 3 per cent higher than in 2008 (5,395). The UK Border Agency's target for 2009 was to remove 5,800 foreign national prisoners and the target for 2009/10 is to remove 6,000 foreign national prisoners.

**Table 3a: Total removals and voluntary departures, Q1 2007 to Q4 2009**

	<i>Asylum cases, principal</i>	<i>Asylum cases, dependants</i>	<i>Non-asylum cases</i>	<i>Total</i>
2007 Q1	3,230	290	11,460	14,975
2007 Q2	3,355	300	11,740	15,390
2007 Q3	3,240	220	12,680	16,145
2007 Q4	2,885	185	13,785	16,855
2008 Q1	3,075	215	13,860	17,150
2008 Q2	3,080	185	12,665	15,930
2008 Q3	3,260	240	14,575	18,080
2008 Q4	2,620	195	14,005	16,820
2009 Q1	2,605	200	13,035	15,840
2009 Q2	2,400	135	12,980	15,515
2009 Q3	2,725	145	14,185	17,055
2009 Q4	2,425	180	13,735	16,340

**Table 3b: Removals of foreign national prisoners (R), Q1 to Q4 2009**

	<i>number of departures</i>
2009 Q1	1,405
2009 Q2	1,320
2009 Q3	1,415
2009 Q4	1,400
<b>2009 Total</b>	<b>5,535</b>

(R) Figures have been revised due to data cleansing and data matching exercises that took place after the extracts were taken.

### 3.2 Removals and voluntary departures of asylum seekers (Table 8.1) (NS✓)

Persons who have claimed asylum and whose claims have been refused, and have exhausted any rights of appeal which would suspend removal, can be:

- refused entry at port and subsequently removed;
- removed as a result of enforcement action (by deportation, administrative or illegal entry powers); or
- removed under Third Country provisions without substantive consideration of their asylum claim.

Persons who have claimed asylum may also depart at any stage of the asylum process under Assisted Voluntary Return Programmes run by the International Organization for Migration. They could also return voluntarily, to either their country of origin or a country that will accept them, after notifying the UK Border Agency of their intention to leave prior to their departure. From 2005 onwards, "other voluntary departures" show persons who it has been established left the UK without informing the immigration authorities.

#### Key findings for Q4 2009:

- In Q4 2009, 2,425 principal applicants were removed or departed voluntarily from the UK, 8 per cent lower than in Q4 2008 (2,620).

- Including dependants, 2,605 asylum seekers were removed or departed voluntarily from the UK in Q4 2009, 8 per cent lower than in Q4 2008 (2,815).
- 690 asylum seekers left under Assisted Voluntary Return schemes in Q4 2009 (650 principal applicants and 35 dependants), 13 per cent higher than Q4 2008 (610).
- 320 asylum seekers left via other types of voluntary departures in Q4 2009, 31 per cent lower than in Q4 2008 (465).

#### Key findings for 2009:

- In 2009, 10,155 principal applicants were removed or departed voluntarily from the UK, 16 per cent lower than in 2008 (12,040).
- Including dependants, 10,815 asylum seekers were removed or departed voluntarily from the UK in 2009, 16 per cent lower than in 2008 (12,875).
- 2,985 asylum seekers left under Assisted Voluntary Return schemes in 2009 (2,835 principal applicants and 150 dependants), 12 per cent higher than in 2008 (2,660).
- 1,315 asylum seekers left via other types of voluntary departures in 2009, 44 per cent lower than in 2008 (2,370).

### 3.3 Persons entering detention<sup>14</sup> (Tables 9.1 - 9.2)

Immigration legislation provides powers of detention. People are detained under Immigration Act powers in UK Border Agency Removal Centres, UK Border Agency Short Term Holding Facilities, police cells and Prison Service establishments. Detention may be used whilst identity and basis of claim are established, where there is a risk of absconding, as part of fast-track asylum procedures (in the case of straightforward asylum claims that can be decided quickly) and in support of the removal of failed asylum seekers and others who have no legal right to be in the UK.

Statistics are produced on those entering detention over a period of time.

#### Key findings for Q4 2009 (based on management information):

- A total of 6,915 people entered detention, held solely under Immigration Act powers in Q4 2009. Of these, 3,675 (53 per cent of the total) were asylum detainees.
- Of the 6,915 people entering detention in Q4 2009, 4,035 (58 per cent of the total) entered UK Border Agency Removal Centres and 2,880 (42 per cent of the total) entered UK Border Agency Short Term Holding Facilities.
- 285 children entered detention in Q4 2009. Of these, 180 (64 per cent of the total) were asylum detainees.

#### Key findings for 2009 (based on management information):

- A total of 28,005 people entered detention, held solely under Immigration Act powers in 2009. Of these, 15,580 (56 per cent of the total) were asylum detainees.
- Of the 28,005 people entering detention in 2009, 15,925 (57 per cent of the total) entered UK Border Agency Removal Centres and 12,080 (43 per cent of the total) entered UK Border Agency Short Term Holding Facilities.

<sup>14</sup> These figures are based on management information and are not subject to the detailed checks that apply for National Statistics. They are provisional and may be subject to change. Excludes persons detained in Harwich Short Term Holding Facility, police cells and Prison Service establishments.

- 1,065 children entered detention in 2009. Of these, 715 (67 per cent of the total) were asylum detainees.

### 3.4 Persons detained solely under Immigration Act powers<sup>15</sup> (Tables 10 - 12) (NS✓)

Statistics on persons detained solely under Immigration Act powers are published as a snapshot as at the last day of each quarter. They exclude people detained under both criminal and immigration powers and currently exclude people detained in Prison Service establishments on the date the snapshot was taken.

#### Key findings as at the 31 December 2009:

- A total of 2,595 persons were detained in the UK Border Agency estate, 15 per cent higher than as at the 27<sup>th</sup> December 2008 (2,250).
- 2,540 were held at UK Border Agency Removal Centres and 55 at UK Border Agency Short Term Holding Facilities.
- 1,770 persons who had sought asylum at some stage were being detained solely under Immigration Act powers (68 per cent of all detainees), 16 per cent higher than as at the 27<sup>th</sup> December 2008 (1,525). 92 per cent of asylum detainees were male.
- There were no people detained solely under Immigration Act powers recorded as being less than 18 years of age.
- Management information shows that of the 2,595 people detained, 740 had been in detention for less than 29 days, 510 for between 29 days and two months, 530 for between two and four months, 280 for between four and six months, 325 for between six months and a year, and 210 for over a year.
- Management information shows that there were no families with children held in the UK Border Agency estate under Immigration Act Powers as at the 31 December 2009.

### 3.5 Total persons leaving detention<sup>14</sup>

Statistics are produced on those leaving detention over a period of time. Upon leaving detention people can be removed from the UK, granted leave to enter/remain, granted temporary admission/release or bailed. Currently, published National Statistics are only available on persons who are removed from the UK upon leaving detention. Figures on all persons leaving detention are based on management information.

#### Key findings for Q4 2009 (based on management information):

- A total of 7,205 people left detention, held solely under Immigration Act powers in Q4 2009. Of these, 3,970 (55 per cent of the total) were asylum detainees.
- 330 children left detention in Q4 2009. Of these, 215 (65 per cent of the total) were asylum detainees.

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<sup>15</sup> Excludes persons detained in police cells and Prison Service establishments.

Key findings for 2009 (includes those leaving between 28 and 31 December 2008; based on management information):

- A total of 27,660 people left detention, held solely under Immigration Act powers in 2009. Of these, 15,335 (55 per cent of the total) were asylum detainees.
- 1,105 children left detention in 2009. Of these, 745 (67 per cent of the total) were asylum detainees.

### 3.6 Persons removed from the UK upon leaving detention<sup>15</sup> (Tables 14.1 - 14.2) (NS✓)

Key findings for Q4 2009:

- A total of 4,135 people (held solely under Immigration Act powers) were removed from the UK upon leaving detention in Q4 2009, 2 per cent lower than in Q4 2008 (4,200). Of these, 1,680 (41 per cent of the total) were asylum detainees, 1 per cent lower than in Q4 2008 (1,690).
- 165 children were removed from the UK upon leaving detention in Q4 2009, 4 per cent higher than in Q4 2008 (155).
- Of the 4,135 people removed from the UK upon leaving detention in Q4 2009, 2,585 (63 per cent of the total) left from UK Border Agency Removal Centres and 1,550 (38 per cent of the total) left from UK Border Agency Short Term Holding Facilities.

Key findings for 2009:

- A total of 16,070 people (held solely under Immigration Act powers) were removed from the UK upon leaving detention in 2009, 1 per cent lower than in 2008 (16,310). Of these, 6,710 (42 per cent of the total) were asylum detainees, 5 per cent lower than in 2008 (7,030).
- 520 children were removed from the UK upon leaving detention in 2009, 15 per cent lower than in 2008 (615).
- Of the 16,070 people removed from the UK upon leaving detention in 2009, 9,965 (62 per cent of the total) left from UK Border Agency Removal Centres and 6,100 (38 per cent of the total) left from UK Border Agency Short Term Holding Facilities.

### 4.1 After-entry applications to vary leave to remain<sup>16</sup> (Table 15) (NS✓)

Statistics on after-entry applications to vary leave to remain relate to persons wishing to extend or change the status of their stay in the UK. An individual is required to make an application for an extension or change in status before their existing permission to enter or stay has expired. Within the immigration rules, an individual may make more than one application in any given year. It is difficult to compare data across time periods because of significant changes to immigration rules.

#### Key findings for Q4 2009:

- The number of decisions<sup>17</sup> on applications to vary conditions of leave, excluding dependants of principal applicants, decreased by 6 per cent in Q4 2009 (82,660) compared with Q4 2008 (87,770).
- Of the total decisions in Q4 2009, 81 per cent (67,235) were grants of an extension, and 19 per cent (15,425) were refusals.
- There was a decrease in grants of extensions of leave to remain relating to study<sup>18</sup> (down 10 per cent to 32,745).
- Employment-related grants<sup>19</sup> of an extension of leave to remain fell by 33 per cent in Q4 2009 (24,365) compared with Q4 2008 (36,400).
- There were 53,585 grants of an extension of leave to remain in Q4 2009 relating to in-country applications under the Points Based System.

#### Key findings for 2009:

- The number of decisions<sup>20</sup> on applications to vary conditions of leave, excluding dependants of principal applicants, rose by 4 per cent in 2009 (300,460) compared with 2008 (288,985).
- There was a decrease in grants of extensions of leave to remain relating to study<sup>18</sup> (down 1 per cent from 109,975 to 108,630).
- Employment-related grants<sup>19</sup> of an extension of leave to remain fell by 12 per cent in 2009 (104,365) compared with 2008 (117,965).
- There were 138,820 grants of an extension of leave to remain in 2009 relating to in-country applications under the Points Based System.

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<sup>16</sup> The variations in the number of decisions on applications to vary leave to remain may reflect changing resource priorities within the UK Borders Agency as well as policy changes and other factors.

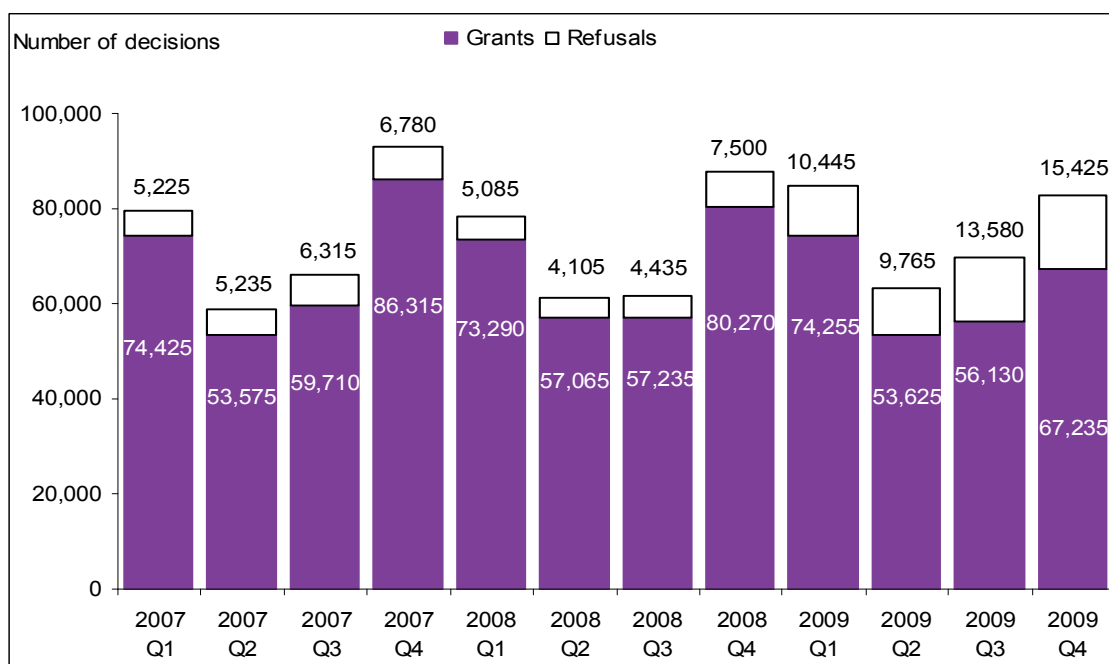
<sup>17</sup> Excluding settlement, asylum cases and dependants of principal applicants.

<sup>18</sup> Includes grants under Tier 4 of the Points Based System.

<sup>19</sup> Includes grants under Tiers 1, 2 and 5 of the Points Based System.

<sup>20</sup> Excluding settlement, asylum cases and dependants of principal applicants.

**Figure 4a: Decisions on applications for leave to remain in the United Kingdom, Q1 2007 to Q4 2009**



**Table 4a: Grants of an extension of leave to remain by broad category of grant, excluding dependants, Q1 2007 to Q4 2009**

	<i>Total grants</i>	<i>Employment-related (1)</i>	<i>Study (2)</i>	<i>Other (3)</i>
2007 Q1	74,425	25,145	38,640	10,640
2007 Q2	53,575	17,735	24,830	11,015
2007 Q3	59,710	22,620	23,835	13,255
2007 Q4	86,315	26,350	48,750	11,215
2008 Q1	73,290	26,995	34,575	11,725
2008 Q2	57,065	23,280	22,355	11,430
2008 Q3	57,235	31,290	16,735	9,210
2008 Q4	80,270	36,400	36,310	7,555
2009 Q1	74,255	31,135	33,805	9,315
2009 Q2	53,625	26,470	17,685	9,470
2009 Q3	56,130	22,400	24,395	9,335
2009 Q4	67,235	24,365	32,745	10,125

(1) Includes Tiers 1, 2 and 5.

(2) Includes Tier 4.

(3) Includes grants where the category is not known.

## 4.2 Settlement decisions<sup>21</sup> (Table 16) (NS✓)

The statistics of grants of settlement – i.e. persons subject to immigration control who are allowed to remain in the UK indefinitely – are the main available measure of long term immigration of persons subject to immigration control. The settlement figures comprise persons granted settlement on arrival at ports, and persons initially admitted to the country subject to a time limit that was subsequently removed on application to the Home Office. Following changes to the immigration rules in recent years, the majority of grants are on removal of time limit.

When comparing some aspects of settlement data, changes in the immigration rules, enlargement of the EU, and various UK Border Agency programmes need to be considered<sup>22</sup>.

### Key findings for Q4 2009:

- The number of decisions on applications for settlement in the UK, excluding EEA and Swiss nationals, rose by 50 per cent in Q4 2009 (56,300) compared with Q4 2008 (37,635).
- Of the total decisions in Q4 2009, 93 per cent (52,140) were grants and 7 per cent (4,160) were refusals.
- The number of persons granted settlement in the UK, rose by 46 per cent in Q4 2009 (52,140) compared with Q4 2008 (35,730).
- Employment-related grants of settlement rose by 34 per cent in Q4 2009 (20,715) compared with Q4 2008 (15,505).
- There were 780 asylum-related grants of settlement in Q4 2009 compared with 1,115 in Q4 2008.
- Family formation and reunion grants of settlement rose by 55 per cent in Q4 2009 (18,545) compared with Q4 2008 (12,005).
- Other grants, including those on a discretionary basis and where the category of grant is unknown, rose by 70 per cent from 7,105 in Q4 2008 to 12,095 in Q4 2009.

### Key findings for 2009:

- The number of decisions on applications for settlement in the UK, excluding EEA and Swiss nationals, rose by 30 per cent from 158,085 in 2008 to 205,835 in 2009.
- The number of persons granted settlement in the UK, rose by 30 per cent in 2009 (192,680) compared with 2008 (148,740).
- Employment-related grants of settlement rose by 34 per cent in 2009 (81,220) compared with 2008 (60,770).
- Asylum-related grants of settlement decreased by 20 per cent from 3,720 in 2008 to 2,965 in 2009.
- Family formation and reunion grants of settlement rose by 27 per cent in 2009 (70,155) compared with 2008 (55,325).

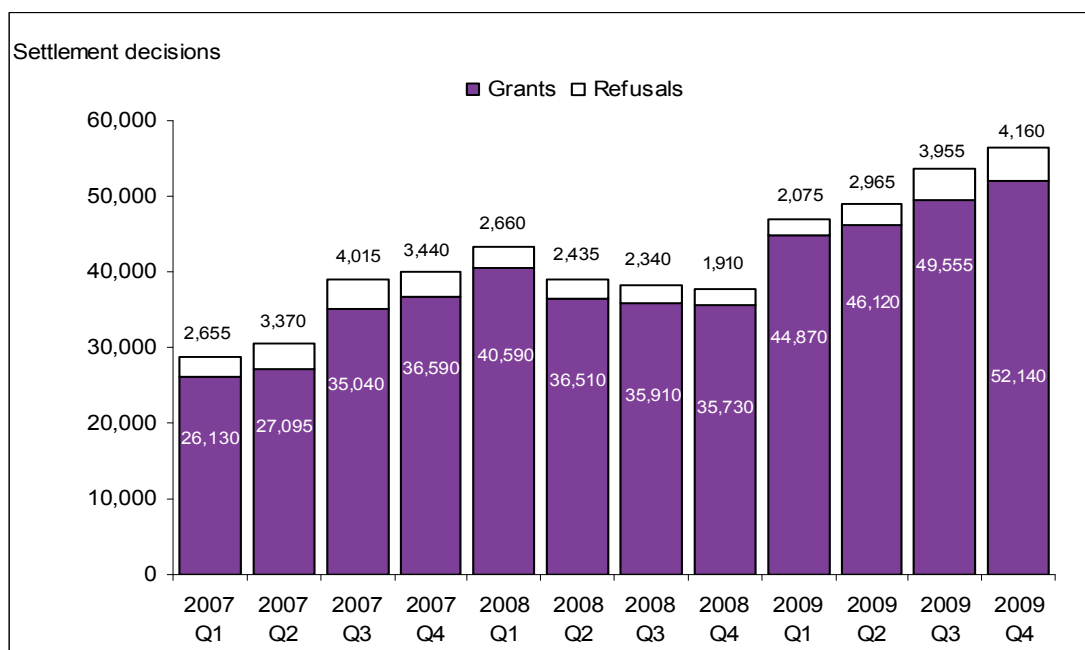
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<sup>21</sup> The variations in the number of decisions on applications to vary leave to remain may reflect changing resource priorities within the UK Borders Agency as well as policy changes and other factors.

<sup>22</sup> See footnotes to the tables.

- Other grants, including those on a discretionary basis and where the category of grant is unknown, rose by 33 per cent in 2009 (38,345) compared with 2008 (28,930).

**Figure 4b: Grants and refusals of settlement, Q1 2007 to Q4 2009**



**Table 4b: Grants of settlement by broad category of grant, Q1 2007 to Q4 2009**

	<i>Total Employment (1)</i>	<i>Asylum (2)</i>	<i>Family formation and reunion</i>	<i>Other (3) (4)</i>
2007 Q1	26,130	2,750	14,810	2,655
2007 Q2	27,095	7,195	11,905	1,975
2007 Q3	35,040	14,020	13,000	6,720
2007 Q4	36,590	13,250	11,110	11,285
2008 Q1	40,590	15,775	13,530	10,570
2008 Q2	36,510	14,755	15,495	5,610
2008 Q3	35,910	14,730	14,290	5,645
2008 Q4	35,730	15,505	12,005	7,105
2009 Q1	44,870	17,550	19,860	6,655
2009 Q2	46,120	19,835	16,965	8,720
2009 Q3	49,555	23,120	14,780	10,880
2009 Q4	52,140	20,715	18,545	12,095

(1) In April 2006, the qualifying period for settlement in all employment-related categories changed from 4 to 5 years, delaying grants of settlement that would otherwise have occurred earlier. This led to a fall in the number of grants between Q2 2006 and Q2 2007 inclusive after which grants returned to previous levels.

(2) Asylum-related grants of settlement were at high levels between Q3 2006 and Q2 2007 due to the Family Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) exercise and due to grants to persons given exceptional leave four years previously.

(3) Data from Q3 2007 include persons granted indefinite leave outside the immigration rules under measures aimed at clearing the backlog of outstanding unresolved cases.

(4) Includes grants where the category is not known.

### 4.3 Worker Registration Scheme and benefit applications (Tables 17 - 18)

On 1 May 2004, ten countries – Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia – joined the European Union (EU). From that date, nationals of Malta and Cyprus have had full free movement rights and rights to work, throughout the EU. Prior to enlargement, existing EU member states had the right to regulate access to their labour markets by nationals of the other eight countries – the ‘Accession 8’, ‘or ‘A8’. The UK Government put in place transitional measures to regulate A8 nationals’ access to the labour market (via the Worker Registration Scheme) and to restrict access to benefits.

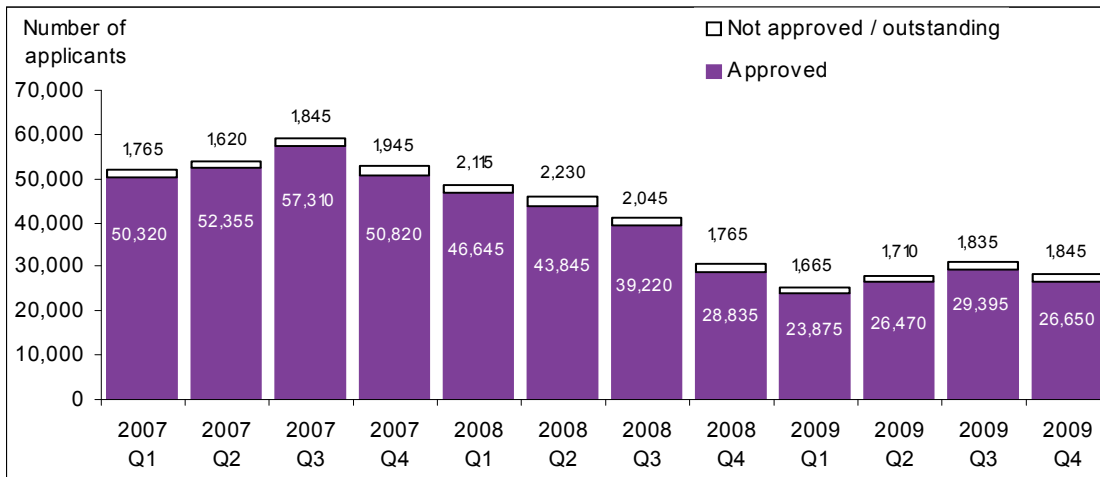
#### Key findings for Q4 2009:

- In total there were 28,495 initial applicants to the Worker Registration Scheme (WRS) in Q4 2009, compared to 30,600 in Q4 2008 and 52,765 in Q4 2007. The number of approved WRS applicants in Q4 2009 was 26,650, compared to 28,835 in Q4 2008 and 50,820 in Q4 2007.
- Approved initial applicants from Poland fell to 12,125 in Q4 2009 from 16,970 in Q4 2008. However, approved initial applicants from Latvia and Lithuania showed increases to 5,035 and 4,250 in Q4 2009 from 1,965 and 2,710 in Q4 2008 respectively, with Latvia recording a new high and more than doubling from Q4 2008 levels.
- There were 5,753 applications for tax-funded income-related benefits in Q4 2009, compared to 4,049 received in Q4 2008. The majority of applications, 3,973 (69 per cent), were disallowed in Q4 2009 on failing the Right to Reside and Habitual Residence Test.

#### Key findings for 2009:

- In total there were 113,445 initial applicants to the Worker Registration Scheme (WRS) in 2009, compared to 166,700 in 2008 and 217,975 in 2007. The number of approved WRS applicants in 2009 was 106,390, compared to 158,545 in 2008 and 210,805 in 2007.
- Approved initial applicants from Poland fell to 54,715 in 2009 from 103,115 in 2008. However, applicants from Latvia more than doubled to a record new high of 15,385 in 2009 from 6,980 in 2008. Applicants from Lithuania and Estonia, the other two Baltic countries, increased to 14,720 and 1,135 in 2009 from 11,560 and 945 in 2008 respectively.
- There were 25,860 applications for tax-funded income-related benefits in 2009, compared to 13,616 received in 2008. The majority of applications, 18,335 (71 per cent) were disallowed in 2009 on failing the Right to Reside and Habitual Residence test.

Figure 4c: WRS applicants, by quarter of application, Q1 2007 to Q4 2009



#### 4.4 Bulgarian and Romanian Accession statistics (Table 19)

On 1 January 2007 Bulgaria and Romania joined the EU. The Accession (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2006 make Bulgarian and Romanian nationals taking employment in the UK after 31 December 2006 subject to a requirement to hold a work authorisation document. Other Bulgarian and Romanian nationals not taking employment but exercising a Treaty right in the UK may seek a registration certificate. This includes: those exempt from the worker authorisation restrictions; highly skilled migrants; those with restricted access to the labour market; and Bulgarian and Romanian family members of main applicants.

##### Key findings for Q4 2009:

- In total, applications were received for 750 accession worker cards (down 20 per cent from 935 in Q4 2008); 580 of these applications were approved (down 20 per cent from 720 in Q4 2008).
- There were a total of 9,295 applications for registration certificates, (up 32 per cent from 7,015 in Q4 2008); 6,105 of these applications were approved (up 8 per cent from 5,675 in Q4 2008).
- The operators of the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme (SAWS) issued 615 SAWS work cards to Bulgarian nationals and 470 to Romanian nationals, making a total of 1,085 compared to 700 issued in Q4 2008.

##### Key findings for 2009:

- In total, applications were received for 2,710 accession worker cards (down 32 per cent from 3,970 in 2008); 2,080 of these applications were approved (down 25 per cent from 2,775 in 2008).
- There were a total of 27,640 applications for registration certificates, (up 7 per cent from 25,920 in 2008); 20,125 of these applications were approved (up 3 per cent from 19,565 in 2008).
- The operators of the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme (SAWS) issued 12,420 SAWS work cards to Bulgarian nationals and 7,760 to Romanian nationals, making a total of 20,180 compared to 16,460 issued in 2008.

## 4.5 British citizenship (Table 20) (NS✓)

The British Nationality Act 1981 came into force on 1 January 1983 and replaced citizenship of the UK and Colonies with three separate citizenships: (a) British citizenship, for people closely connected with the UK, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man; (b) British overseas territories citizenship, for people connected with the British overseas territories; and (c) British Overseas citizenship, for those citizens of the UK and Colonies without connections with either the UK or the British overseas territories.

The Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 amended the British Nationality Act 1981 and requires all successful applicants for British citizenship who are aged 18 or above to take an oath and pledge at a citizenship ceremony, unless exempted by the Home Secretary.

The variations in totals of applications recorded, and decisions made, reflect changing resource priorities within UKBA, as well as policy changes and other factors.

### Citizenship applications received

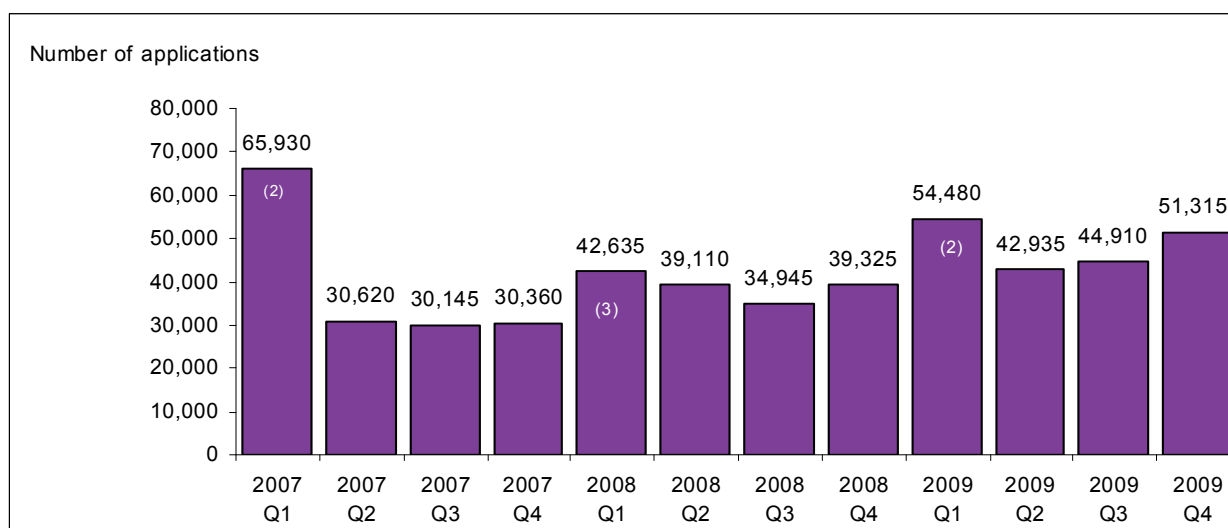
#### Key findings for Q4 2009:

- Applications for British citizenship rose by 30 per cent in Q4 2009 (51,315) compared with Q4 2008 (39,325).

#### Key findings for 2009:

- Comparing provisional figures for 2009 with 2008 applications rose by 24 per cent, from 156,015 to 193,645.

Figure 4d: British citizenship applications, Q1 2007 to Q4 2009 (1)



(1) Data of British citizenship applications has been revised to exclude Right of Abode cases and therefore differ from those published before May 2009.

(2) The unusually high number of applications received in Q1 2007 and Q1 2009 may be connected with the increases in processing fees introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 and 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

(3) The increase in the number of applications in Q1 2008 may be connected to publication of the green paper "The Path to Citizenship: Next Steps in Reforming the Immigration System" in February 2008.

## Citizenship decisions - grants and refusals

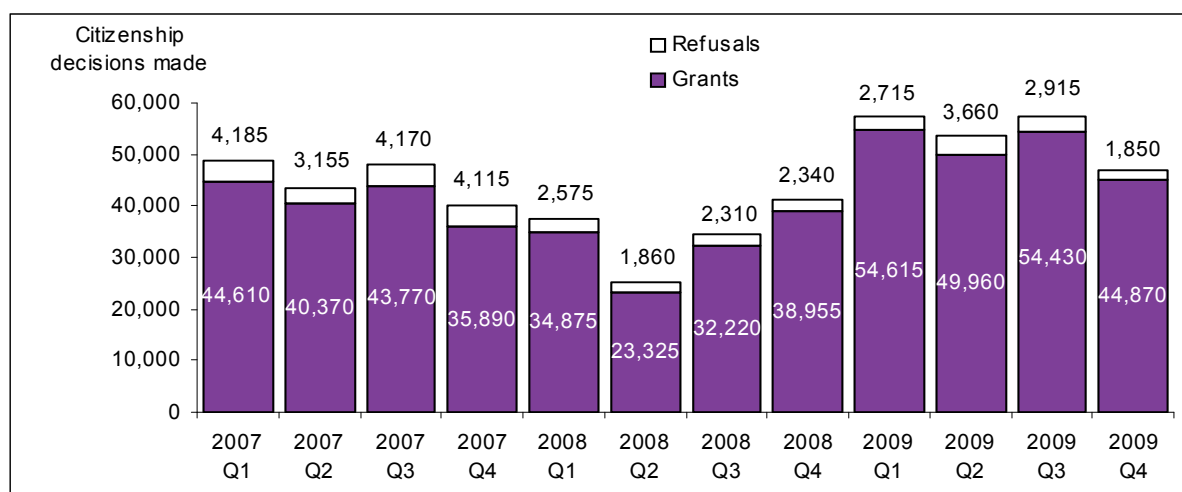
### Key findings for Q4 2009:

- The total number of citizenship decisions made in Q4 2009 increased by 13 per cent to 46,715 compared to Q4 2008 (41,295).
- The number of persons granted British citizenship in the UK increased by 15 per cent to 44,870 in Q4 2009 compared to Q4 2008 (38,955).
- 1,850 applications for British citizenship were refused, withdrawn or found to be British already in Q4 2009, an decrease of 21 per cent compared to Q4 2008 (2,340). Refusals made up 4 per cent of all decisions in Q4 2009.

### Key findings for 2009:

- Comparing provisional figures for 2009 with 2008, the total number of decisions rose by 55 per cent from 138,465 to 215,005. The number of decisions made in 2009 has recovered from the comparatively low level in 2008 when staff resources were temporarily transferred from decision-making to deal with administration of an increase in new applications<sup>23</sup>.
- The number of persons granted British citizenship in 2009, compared to 2008, rose by 58 per cent from 129,375 to 203,865.
- 11,135 applications for British citizenship were refused, withdrawn or found to be British already in 2009, an increase of 23 per cent compared to 2008 (9,085). Refusals made up 5 per cent of all decisions in 2009. In the four quarters of 2009 the proportion has varied between 4 and 7 per cent.

**Figure 4e: British citizenship decisions made, Q1 2007 to Q4 2009**



### Key findings for Q4 2009:

- Comparing Q4 2009 with Q4 2008, the proportion of decisions to grant based on residence fell to 48 per cent from 53 per cent. Grants based on marriage for the same periods increased to 26 per cent from 23 per cent while grants to children rose to 24 per cent from 22 per cent.

<sup>23</sup> This followed publication of the green paper "The Path to Citizenship: Next Steps in Reforming the Immigration System" in February 2008.

## Key findings for 2009:

- Comparing provisional figures for 2009 with 2008, the proportion of decisions to grant based on residence fell to 49 per cent from 51 per cent. Grants based on marriage for the same periods increased to 26 per cent from 22 per cent. Grants to children decreased from 24 per cent to 23 per cent.

**Table 4c: Grants of British citizenship in the United Kingdom by basis of grant and refusal, Q1 2007 to Q4 2009**

	<i>Grants by basis of grant</i>					<i>Total refusals</i>
	<i>Total grants</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Marriage</i>	<i>Children</i>	<i>Other</i>	
2007 Q1	44,610	24,230	6,620	11,970	1,790	4,185
2007 Q2	40,370	21,250	7,250	10,265	1,610	3,155
2007 Q3	43,770	23,590	8,955	9,730	1,485	4,170
2007 Q4	35,890	18,715	7,600	8,565	1,010	4,115
2008 Q1	34,875	18,220	7,685	8,115	855	2,575
2008 Q2	23,325	10,575	4,460	7,230	1,060	1,860
2008 Q3	32,220	16,185	8,005	7,040	995	2,310
2008 Q4	38,955	20,735	8,925	8,450	845	2,340
2009 Q1	54,615	27,720	13,455	12,545	890	2,715
2009 Q2	49,960	23,685	13,260	12,045	965	3,660
2009 Q3	54,430	26,415	14,295	12,515	1,205	2,915
2009 Q4	44,870	21,700	11,630	10,715	820	1,850

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### Revision of quarterly asylum statistics bulletin

1. The contents of the quarterly asylum bulletin were reviewed following the user consultation as part of the review of published statistics on control of immigration carried out during December 2007 to February 2008. Having looked at the scope, detail and frequency of the UK Border Agency's migration statistics the intention to proceed was announced on 20 May 2008 – see link below:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs08/asylum-stats-proposal-0508.pdf>

This is the initial outcome of the Border and Immigration Agency (now UKBA) review of statistics on “control of immigration”. The final report is available at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs07/bia-immig-stat-review-07.pdf>.

2. This revised publication, introduced in August 2008 for the Q2 2008 publication, is the result of that consultation and aims to give users an overview of the work of the UK Border Agency. The information is grouped by key operational area of the UK Border Agency – i.e. border control, asylum, managed migration, and enforcement and compliance.

### Tables

3. The tables within this quarterly statistical summary will be available online in Excel format from <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html> and <http://www.data.gov.uk>
4. Supplementary tables are available online from <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html> and <http://www.data.gov.uk>. These give further breakdowns of the statistics published in the main tables.

### Explanatory notes

5. More detailed explanatory notes relating to the control of immigration are published in the Explanatory Notes section within the annual Home Office Statistical Bulletin. Issue 14/09 “Control of Immigration: Statistics United Kingdom 2008” is available online from <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html>.

### Revisions to data

6. All the UK statistics for 2008 and 2009 produced on a quarterly basis are provisional. It is anticipated that the data will be revised in due course. It is not possible to evaluate whether future revisions will be upward or downward; but the reasons for revisions are likely to include:
  - late reporting of cases – a small proportion of cases are not included when the statistics are calculated for the quarterly publication;
  - the results of data cleansing exercises (data identified that cannot be included when the statistics are calculated for the quarterly publication because of missing or invalid values, the identification of duplicates in the data); and
  - reconciliations with alternative sources of data which will identify cases not yet included in the statistics.

Where data have been revised from previous publications, this is denoted by (R) in the appropriate section of the table.

7. Every effort is made to produce data which is correct at publication. Where we discover errors after the production of the quarterly statistical summary, we will take the following action:
- correction in the next quarterly statistical summary, if the error is minor or textual; or
  - the publication of revised tables on the Home Office Research, Development and Statistics website together with an explanatory note, if the error is significant.

Further details on the Revisions Policy for the Home Office can be found on the Home Office Research, Development and Statistics website within the Statement of Compliance with the Code of Practice.

### **National Statistics**

8. 'National Statistics' are a subset of official statistics which have been granted accreditation by the UK Statistics Authority. National Statistics are produced to high professional standards set out in the Code of Practice for Official Statistics and undergo regular quality assurance reviews to ensure that they meet customer needs. They are produced free from political interference. A statement regarding the Home Office compliance with the Code of Practice can be found at:  
<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/statsprog1.html>.

## OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON IMMIGRATION

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### Home Office statistical publications

1. Quarterly information on “Control of Immigration” is published for the seventh time on 25 February 2010 in this bulletin. This bulletin is accompanied by supplementary tables, available from: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html>.
2. Statistical information which set the figures in this bulletin in a wider context is available in the annual Home Office Control of Immigration Statistical Bulletin. The latest bulletin, Issue 14/09 “Control of Immigration Statistics, United Kingdom 2008”, is available online <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html>.
3. Issues of “Control of Immigration: Statistics United Kingdom” prior to 2007 were published in the form of a Command Paper, concentrating on border control, managed migration and enforcement and compliance, and are available online from The Stationery Office website at: <http://www.official-documents.gov.uk>.
4. Prior to 2009, statistics on asylum applications and decisions were published annually in the “Asylum Statistics United Kingdom” bulletin available online from <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html>.
5. Statistical information on grants of British citizenship is published annually in the Home Office British Citizenship Statistical Bulletin. The latest bulletin, Issue 09/09 “British Citizenship Statistics United Kingdom, 2008”, is available online from <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html>.
6. Until May 2009, the Home Office UK Border Agency published management information on:
  - ‘Accession Monitoring Report’, a quarterly report on the Accession State Worker Registration Scheme.
  - ‘Bulgarian and Romanian Accession Statistics’, a quarterly report on the schemes for Bulgarian and Romanian nationals.

Past copies can be found at <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/aboutus/reports/>. These reports are no longer published. Key findings and summary data for the A8 and A2 continue to be included within this publication.

Enquiries about accession monitoring policy should be made to the UK Border Agency, WRS A8 and A2 Policy Teams, Apollo House, 36 Wellesley Road, Croydon CR9 3RR, and for data should be made to Migration Statistics (see Further Information and Feedback, page 8).

### Home Office research publications

7. Research reports on immigration control are published by the Research, Development and Statistics Directorate (RDS) as online reports and occasional papers available online from <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/horrrpubs.html>.

### Publications by other government departments

8. “Control of Immigration Statistics, United Kingdom 2008”, available online from <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html>, provides a list of further sources of information on control of immigration. The National Statistics publication hub <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/hub/population> also lists a wide range of statistical publications on immigration and migration.

**Table 1: Main applicants: Entry clearance visas to the United Kingdom issued by category, Q1 2006 to Q4 2009 (1)(R)**

Category	Number of visas issued															
	2006				2007				2008 (P)				2009 (P)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Temporary</b>																
Visitors	290,205	432,840	381,385	286,915	280,555	397,675	340,360	249,945	253,080	387,930	322,585	233,220	247,600	386,265	325,460	262,575
Students	29,525	51,030	108,860	28,475	31,435	51,230	113,995	26,885	29,480	31,485	115,670	32,165	32,350	6,680	3,615	2,445
PBS Tier 4 (2)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	5	17,975	151,270	59,270
Working holidaymakers	13,695	14,385	9,165	8,890	13,620	11,355	7,525	6,890	9,900	9,870	8,470	6,225	1,355	1,520	1,170	1,050
PBS Tier 5 (2)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	380	8,015	8,885	8,155	6,055
EEA family permits	5,480	6,540	7,240	5,940	5,230	6,515	5,695	5,285	4,110	5,080	4,955	3,920	4,250	4,600	5,065	4,965
Transit	10,550	16,690	14,135	12,385	9,340	12,290	9,960	8,650	5,940	10,210	8,715	7,655	6,495	9,935	8,735	7,145
Permit free employment	15,910	23,865	13,935	8,950	12,660	18,275	12,410	7,810	8,635	16,015	12,425	7,220	4,240	9,125	4,235	3,805
Other temporary	1,410	1,990	2,005	1,480	1,525	1,975	1,850	1,715	1,520	2,450	2,235	1,560	2,340	2,220	2,470	2,085
<b>Total temporary</b>	<b>366,770</b>	<b>547,340</b>	<b>536,725</b>	<b>353,030</b>	<b>354,365</b>	<b>499,315</b>	<b>491,795</b>	<b>307,185</b>	<b>312,670</b>	<b>463,045</b>	<b>475,055</b>	<b>292,345</b>	<b>306,650</b>	<b>447,205</b>	<b>510,170</b>	<b>349,400</b>
<b>Leading to Settlement</b>																
<b>Employment</b>																
HSMP(3)	1,920	1,955	1,890	2,115	2,070	2,410	2,635	2,940	3,615	2,660	470	155	95	140	35	65
PBS Tier 1 (2)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	265	2,630	5,720	7,795	4,795	2,935	2,940
Work permit holders	17,105	18,830	20,815	16,700	18,730	17,155	17,375	12,630	13,600	14,280	16,210	12,190	4,010	720	305	130
PBS Tier 2 (2)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	65	5,400	7,985	9,280	8,560
Other employment/ leading to settlement	540	490	585	470	545	370	730	825	1,275	920	415	160	30	25	35	10
<b>Total employment/ leading to settlement</b>	<b>19,565</b>	<b>21,275</b>	<b>23,290</b>	<b>19,285</b>	<b>21,340</b>	<b>19,935</b>	<b>20,745</b>	<b>16,390</b>	<b>18,490</b>	<b>18,120</b>	<b>19,725</b>	<b>18,295</b>	<b>17,335</b>	<b>13,665</b>	<b>12,590</b>	<b>11,710</b>
<b>Families</b>																
Spouse/ Civil Partner (probationary period)	9,830	10,705	11,255	10,380	11,655	9,340	11,790	9,690	10,555	9,930	10,415	8,490	9,800	7,440	7,205	9,740
Fiancé(e)/ proposed Civil Partner	1,920	1,895	1,915	1,795	1,900	1,660	1,515	1,355	1,445	1,320	1,290	1,070	1,095	935	1,025	1,085
Other family leading to settlement	20	15	35	30	25	50	30	25	20	25	35	20	15	15	15	15
<b>Total family/ leading to settlement</b>	<b>11,765</b>	<b>12,620</b>	<b>13,205</b>	<b>12,205</b>	<b>13,580</b>	<b>11,045</b>	<b>13,335</b>	<b>11,070</b>	<b>12,020</b>	<b>11,280</b>	<b>11,740</b>	<b>9,580</b>	<b>10,910</b>	<b>8,390</b>	<b>8,245</b>	<b>10,840</b>
<b>Total leading to settlement</b>	<b>31,330</b>	<b>33,895</b>	<b>36,495</b>	<b>31,490</b>	<b>34,925</b>	<b>30,985</b>	<b>34,080</b>	<b>27,460</b>	<b>30,510</b>	<b>29,400</b>	<b>31,465</b>	<b>27,875</b>	<b>28,245</b>	<b>22,055</b>	<b>20,835</b>	<b>22,555</b>
<b>Settlement</b>																
Spouse/ Civil Partner (indefinite leave)	815	910	950	845	910	540	245	175	125	170	150	150	110	145	485	585
Other family settlement (indefinite leave)	1,620	1,370	1,615	1,510	1,365	1,310	1,520	1,245	1,115	955	1,150	1,170	1,105	1,205	1,365	1,340
Certificate of entitlement	1,675	1,905	1,830	1,335	1,070	910	775	555	580	705	560	355	465	625	575	375
Other settlement (indefinite leave)	235	160	245	355	530	180	175	95	275	145	185	230	270	355	1,205	790
<b>Total settlement</b>	<b>4,345</b>	<b>4,345</b>	<b>4,640</b>	<b>4,045</b>	<b>3,875</b>	<b>2,940</b>	<b>2,715</b>	<b>2,070</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>1,975</b>	<b>2,050</b>	<b>1,910</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>2,335</b>	<b>3,630</b>	<b>3,090</b>
<b>Total Main Applicants</b>	<b>402,445</b>	<b>585,580</b>	<b>577,860</b>	<b>388,565</b>	<b>393,160</b>	<b>533,235</b>	<b>528,595</b>	<b>336,715</b>	<b>345,280</b>	<b>494,420</b>	<b>508,570</b>	<b>322,130</b>	<b>336,840</b>	<b>471,590</b>	<b>534,640</b>	<b>375,040</b>

(1) Figures rounded to the nearest 5 ( - = 0). Figures may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding.

(2) Points Based System (PBS).

(3) Highly Skilled Migrant Programme (HSMP).

(P) Provisional figures.

(R) Revised figures.

: Not applicable.

Table 1 (cont): Dependants (1): Entry clearance visas to the United Kingdom issued by category, Q1 2006 to Q4 2009 (4)(R)

Category	Number of visas issued															
	2006				2007				2008 (P)				2009 (P)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Temporary</b>																
Visitors	15,330	77,425	54,510	23,635	27,965	74,960	51,050	19,960	24,995	85,790	52,480	20,545	28,095	83,680	47,260	23,285
Students	4,010	4,000	8,000	4,935	3,860	3,590	7,780	4,065	4,740	4,880	9,720	4,860	5,315	2,215	1,795	1,340
PBS Tier 4(2)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1,645	9,805	8,080
Working holidaymakers	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
PBS Tier 5(2)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	-	60	140	300	260
EEA family permits	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
Transit	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Permit free employment	2,335	3,000	3,235	2,200	3,635	6,325	6,195	5,590	6,570	5,980	4,795	3,320	2,150	1,575	1,625	1,675
Other temporary	150	145	200	175	190	220	125	155	135	195	185	130	185	245	155	135
<b>Total temporary</b>	<b>21,825</b>	<b>84,570</b>	<b>65,945</b>	<b>30,945</b>	<b>35,650</b>	<b>85,090</b>	<b>65,150</b>	<b>29,770</b>	<b>36,440</b>	<b>96,845</b>	<b>67,190</b>	<b>28,855</b>	<b>35,805</b>	<b>89,505</b>	<b>60,950</b>	<b>34,775</b>
<b>Leading to Settlement</b>																
<b>Employment</b>																
HSMR(3)	1,800	1,990	2,005	2,195	1,775	1,160	1,610	1,740	1,880	1,425	720	735	505	575	380	225
PBS Tier 1(2)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	165	1,020	2,255	3,465	3,495	2,855	3,535
Work permit holders	12,065	12,550	13,840	11,140	10,790	7,220	7,135	5,005	5,175	4,990	5,845	6,025	4,450	3,090	2,270	1,675
PBS Tier 2(2)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	25	2,035	3,885	4,975	4,610
Other employment/ leading to settlement	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
<b>Total employment/ leading to settlement</b>	<b>13,865</b>	<b>14,540</b>	<b>15,850</b>	<b>13,330</b>	<b>12,565</b>	<b>8,380</b>	<b>8,750</b>	<b>6,750</b>	<b>7,055</b>	<b>6,580</b>	<b>7,585</b>	<b>9,040</b>	<b>10,450</b>	<b>11,050</b>	<b>10,485</b>	<b>10,045</b>
<b>Families</b>																
Spouse/ Civil Partner (probationary period)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fiancé(e)/ proposed Civil Partner	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Other family leading to settlement	3,635	5,045	4,880	3,575	4,320	5,330	6,120	4,780	5,225	6,390	6,125	3,155	2,690	3,365	2,370	2,330
<b>Total family/ leading to settlement</b>	<b>3,635</b>	<b>5,045</b>	<b>4,880</b>	<b>3,575</b>	<b>4,320</b>	<b>5,330</b>	<b>6,120</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>5,225</b>	<b>6,390</b>	<b>6,125</b>	<b>3,155</b>	<b>2,690</b>	<b>3,365</b>	<b>2,370</b>	<b>2,330</b>
<b>Total leading to settlement</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>19,585</b>	<b>20,730</b>	<b>16,905</b>	<b>16,885</b>	<b>13,710</b>	<b>14,870</b>	<b>11,525</b>	<b>12,280</b>	<b>12,970</b>	<b>13,715</b>	<b>12,195</b>	<b>13,140</b>	<b>14,410</b>	<b>12,855</b>	<b>12,375</b>
<b>Settlement</b>																
Spouse/ Civil Partner (indefinite leave)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Other family settlement (indefinite leave)	1,945	2,115	3,420	3,300	3,060	2,170	1,600	1,260	1,040	1,005	1,025	880	870	900	1,395	1,405
Certificate of entitlement	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Other settlement (indefinite leave)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
<b>Total settlement</b>	<b>1,945</b>	<b>2,115</b>	<b>3,420</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>3,060</b>	<b>2,170</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>1,395</b>	<b>1,405</b>
<b>Total dependants</b>	<b>41,270</b>	<b>106,265</b>	<b>90,095</b>	<b>51,150</b>	<b>55,595</b>	<b>100,965</b>	<b>81,620</b>	<b>42,555</b>	<b>49,760</b>	<b>110,815</b>	<b>81,925</b>	<b>41,930</b>	<b>49,815</b>	<b>104,815</b>	<b>75,200</b>	<b>48,555</b>
<b>Grand Total including dependants</b>	<b>443,715</b>	<b>691,845</b>	<b>667,955</b>	<b>439,710</b>	<b>448,755</b>	<b>634,205</b>	<b>610,210</b>	<b>379,270</b>	<b>395,040</b>	<b>605,235</b>	<b>590,495</b>	<b>364,060</b>	<b>386,660</b>	<b>576,410</b>	<b>609,835</b>	<b>423,595</b>

(1) Dependants are allocated an entry clearance category according to the circumstances of their application. It may not be the same as the category allocated to main applicant.

(2) Points Based System (PBS).

(3) Highly Skilled Migrant Programme (HSMP).

(4) Figures rounded to the nearest 5 (- = 0). Figures may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding.

(P) Provisional figures.

(R) Revised figures.

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**Table 2: Passengers (1) given leave to enter the United Kingdom by purpose of journey, excluding EEA (2) and Swiss nationals, 2001 to 2008**

Passengers admitted, by purpose of journey	2001 (3)	2002	2003	2004 (4)	2005	2006 (5)(R)	2007 (6)(R)	Number of journeys	
								2008 (6)(P)	
								Recorded	Estimated
Visitors	8,170,000	7,850,000	7,550,000	7,220,000	6,890,000	(7,450,000)	(7,550,000)	6,920,000	(7,010,000)
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Ordinary</i>	6,560,000	6,150,000	5,860,000	5,650,000	5,330,000	(5,750,000)	(5,790,000)	5,280,000	(5,360,000)
<i>Business</i>	1,610,000	1,690,000	1,690,000	1,570,000	1,560,000	(1,690,000)	(1,760,000)	1,640,000	(1,650,000)
Students (inc. dependants)	356,000	385,000	332,000	307,000	297,000	(326,000)	(375,000)	243,000	(247,000)
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Students</i>	339,000	369,000	319,000	294,000	284,000	(309,000)	(358,000)	223,000	(227,000)
<i>Dependants</i>	17,100	16,200	13,800	13,100	13,200	17,000	17,100	20,300	20,300
Student visitors	:	:	:	:	:	:	3,400	140,000	(144,000)
Work permit holders (inc. dependants)	109,000	120,000	119,000	124,000	137,000	145,000	128,000	112,000	112,000
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Permit holders</i>	81,100	85,600	81,400	82,700	91,500	96,600	89,200	81,400	81,400
<i>Dependants</i>	27,800	34,500	37,800	41,500	45,500	48,500	38,600	31,100	31,100
Points Based System (inc. dependants)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	4,300	4,300
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Main applicants</i>	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	3,240	3,240
<i>Dependants</i>	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1,060	1,060
UK ancestry	10,700	10,400	9,150	7,700	8,260	8,490	7,450	6,690	6,690
Domestic Workers	10,500	10,100	10,600	10,400	10,100	12,500	11,300	11,500	11,500
Ministers of Religion	720	650	580	640	530	955	895	655	655
Postgraduate doctors or dentists	970	900	975	415	395	330	75	50	50
Working holidaymakers	35,800	41,700	46,500	62,400	56,600	43,700	38,900	32,700	32,700
Seasonal Agricultural Workers	8,390	16,900	20,700	15,000	13,000	14,200	7,440	:	:
Diplomats, consular officers or persons on Foreign and Commonwealth government mission	17,900	17,300	17,000	5,800	8,200	(7,740)	(7,690)	9,910	(10,000)
Au pairs	12,000	12,800	15,300	5,640	2,360	1,840	790	865	865
Admitted as a spouse or fiancé(e)	29,100	30,300	31,400	35,300	41,600	47,100	43,200	36,800	36,800
Civil and unmarried partners and proposed civil partners	:	:	:	:	:	395	2,080	2,270	2,270
Children granted leave to enter for a probationary period as dependants of persons settled	4,020	4,380	4,160	4,260	4,670	5,780	7,340	6,300	6,300
Passengers in transit	1,310,000	1,300,000	1,140,000	1,260,000	1,310,000	(1,530,000)	(1,590,000)	1,360,000	(1,380,000)
People returning after a temporary absence abroad	2,620,000	2,740,000	2,780,000	2,790,000	2,880,000	(3,110,000)	(3,430,000)	3,350,000	(3,460,000)
Others given leave to enter (7)	93,000	61,000	119,000	194,000	186,000	(163,000)	(183,000)	181,000	(188,000)
Granted settlement on arrival (8)	2,880	2,470	2,690	4,590	6,090	8,380	7,960	7,090	7,090
<b>Total admitted</b>	<b>12,800,000</b>	<b>12,600,000</b>	<b>12,200,000</b>	<b>12,000,000</b>	<b>11,800,000</b>	<b>(12,900,000)</b>	<b>(13,400,000)</b>	<b>12,400,000</b>	<b>(12,700,000)</b>

(1) Figures rounded to the nearest 3 significant figures, except for figures less than 1,000, which are rounded to the nearest 5 (- = 0, \* = 1 or 2). Figures may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding.

(2) Nationals of EU accession countries are included or excluded according to their accession date.

(3) A change in procedures may have resulted in some under recording for the first quarter of 2001.

(4) Includes nationals of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia before 1 May 2004, but excludes them from this date.

(5) Due to some gaps in data from ports, estimates have been used.

(6) Where administrative records on non-EEA nationals were unavailable for statistical analysis, estimates have been used. The figures in brackets show the total including the estimate.

(7) Includes asylum related cases, category unknown and others.

(8) Excludes asylum-related cases which are included in 'Others given leave to enter'.

(P) Provisional figures.

(R) Revised figures.

: Not applicable.

**Table 3: Applications received for asylum in the United Kingdom, excluding dependants, by location of application, and initial decisions<sup>(1)(2)</sup>, Q1 2006 to Q4 2009**

Quarter/ Year	Applications received			Initial decisions														Number of principal applicants			
				Total initial decisions	Cases considered under normal procedures										Applications withdrawn	of which:		Applications outstanding at end of period			
	Total applications	Applied at port	Applied in country		Recognised as a refugee and granted asylum	Not recognised as a refugee but granted humanitarian protection	Not recognised as a refugee but granted discretionary leave	Total refused	Refusals			Non-substantiated claims (3)									
									Refused asylum and exceptional leave after full consideration	Refused on safe third country grounds	Refused on non-compliance grounds										
<b>2006</b>																					
Q1	6,455	950	5,500	6,245	625	10%	20	0%	730	12%	4,865	78%	4,030	65%	395	6%	445	7%	760	:	4,900
Q2	5,495	920	4,580	4,970	460	9%	15	0%	530	11%	3,965	80%	3,150	63%	490	10%	325	7%	460	:	5,000
Q3	5,860	850	5,015	4,565	415	9%	10	0%	445	10%	3,690	81%	2,750	60%	425	9%	515	11%	305	:	6,000
Q4	5,795	860	4,935	5,150	665	13%	10	0%	545	11%	3,930	76%	3,065	60%	380	7%	485	9%	255	:	6,400
<b>2006 Total</b>	<b>23,610</b>	<b>3,580</b>	<b>20,030</b>	<b>20,930</b>	<b>2,170</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>2,245</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>16,460</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>13,000</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>1,690</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>1,770</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>6,400</b>
<b>2007</b>																					
Q1	5,720	820	4,895	6,050	900	15%	30	1%	565	9%	4,555	75%	3,695	61%	345	6%	515	9%	255	:	5,800
Q2	4,960	810	4,150	5,930	835	14%	40	1%	520	9%	4,530	76%	3,655	62%	310	5%	565	10%	305	:	4,500
Q3	5,885	1,040	4,845	5,225	910	17%	30	1%	590	11%	3,695	71%	2,860	55%	295	6%	540	10%	335	:	4,800
Q4	6,870	965	5,900	4,570	900	20%	25	1%	395	9%	3,250	71%	2,420	53%	340	7%	490	11%	335	:	6,800
<b>2007 Total</b>	<b>23,430</b>	<b>3,635</b>	<b>19,795</b>	<b>21,775</b>	<b>3,545</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2,075</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>16,030</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>12,630</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>1,290</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>2,115</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>1,230</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>6,800</b>
<b>2008 (P)</b>																					
Q1	6,645	705	5,940	4,455	915	21%	25	1%	455	10%	3,060	69%	2,225	50%	435	10%	405	9%	375	:	8,600
Q2	5,830	655	5,175	5,010	995	20%	20	0%	540	11%	3,455	69%	2,760	55%	425	9%	265	5%	555	175	8,900
Q3	6,685	685	6,000	5,230	870	17%	25	0%	540	10%	3,795	73%	3,220	62%	425	8%	150	3%	810	420	9,500
Q4	6,775	680	6,095	4,700	945	20%	25	0%	540	11%	3,195	68%	2,785	59%	385	8%	25	1%	1,005	610	10,600
<b>2008 Total</b>	<b>25,930</b>	<b>2,720</b>	<b>23,210</b>	<b>19,400</b>	<b>3,725</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>2,075</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>13,505</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>10,990</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>1,670</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>10,600</b>
<b>2009 (P)</b>																					
Q1	8,380	545	7,835	5,145	1,485	29%	20	0%	605	12%	3,035	59%	2,565	50%	420	8%	50	1%	860	470	12,900
Q2	6,045	470	5,575	5,770	1,015	18%	20	0%	610	11%	4,125	72%	3,520	61%	570	10%	40	1%	815	455	12,400
Q3	5,055	500	4,555	7,240	865	12%	25	0%	655	9%	5,695	79%	5,110	71%	550	8%	30	0%	955	515	9,300
Q4	4,765	485	4,280	6,400	810	13%	30	0%	610	10%	4,950	77%	4,515	71%	410	6%	25	0%	695	330	6,900
<b>2009 Total</b>	<b>24,250</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>22,245</b>	<b>24,550</b>	<b>4,175</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>2,480</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>17,805</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>15,710</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>1,955</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3,330</b>	<b>1,770</b>	<b>6,900</b>

(1) Figures (other than percentages) rounded to the nearest 5 (- = 0, \* = 1 or 2). Applications outstanding rounded to nearest 100. Figures may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding.

(2) Initial decisions do not necessarily relate to applications made in the same period and exclude the outcome of appeals or other subsequent decisions.

(3) Where an applicant fails to attend an initial interview and therefore fails to substantiate their claim, their claim is treated as withdrawn. Data not available prior to April 2008.

(P) Provisional figures.

: Not applicable.

**Table 4: Applications (1) received for asylum in selected European and other countries, including dependants, in year of application, 2001 to Q4 2009**

	Number of persons, including dependants													
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 Q1	2009 Q2	2009 Q3	2009 Q4	2009	Asylum Seekers/ 1000 of popn (3)
				(2)			(2)	(P)	(P)(R)	(P)(R)	(P)(R)	(P)	(P)	
Austria	30,100	39,400	32,400	24,700	22,500	13,400	11,900	12,800	3,800	3,700	4,100	4,200	15,800	2.03
Belgium (4)	28,000	21,400	19,300	17,500	18,200	13,200	12,700	14,000	4,100	4,100	4,900	6,500	19,600	2.43
Denmark	12,500	6,100	4,600	3,200	2,300	1,900	2,200	2,400	900	700	900	1,100	3,700 (e)	0.81
Finland	1,700	3,400	3,200	3,900	3,600	2,300	1,500	4,000	1,500	1,300	1,600	1,500	5,900	1.14
France (5)	47,300	51,100	59,800	58,500	49,700	30,700	29,400	35,200	10,300	9,800	10,200	11,700	42,000	0.75
Germany	88,300	71,100	50,600	35,600	28,900	21,000	19,200	22,100	6,300	5,700	7,600	7,700	27,200 (e)	0.37
Greece (5)	5,500	5,700	8,200	4,500	9,100	12,300	25,100	19,900	4,700	5,100	1,600	800	12,100 (e)	0.27
Ireland	10,300	11,600	7,900	4,800	4,300	4,300	4,000	3,800	800	700	600	600	2,700 (e)	0.50
Italy (5)(6)	9,600	16,000	13,500	9,700	9,500	10,300	14,100	31,200	4,800	5,200	2,800	2,700	15,400 (e)	0.18
Luxembourg (5)	700	1,000	1,600	1,600	800	500	400	500	100	100	200	100	500 (e)	1.15
Netherlands	32,600	18,700	13,400	9,800	12,300	14,500	7,100	13,400	3,600	3,500	3,500	4,300	14,900	1.04
Portugal (5)	200	200	100	100	100	100	200	200	*	*	*	*	100 (e)	0.01
Spain	9,200	6,200	5,900	5,600	5,000	5,300	7,500	4,500	900	800	800	800	3,300 (e)	0.07
Sweden	23,500	33,000	31,400	23,200	17,500	24,300	36,200	24,400	5,300	5,000	6,600	7,200	24,200	3.10
United Kingdom (7)	91,600	103,100	60,000	40,600	30,800	28,300	28,300	31,300	10,300	7,400	6,300	5,900	29,800	0.38
<b>Total EU15</b>	<b>391,000</b>	<b>388,000</b>	<b>311,700</b>	<b>243,200</b>	<b>214,700</b>	<b>182,500</b>	<b>199,700</b>	<b>219,500</b>	<b>57,500</b>	<b>53,100</b>	<b>51,800</b>	<b>55,200</b>	<b>217,500</b>	<b>0.56</b>
Cyprus (5)	1,800	1,000	4,400	9,900	7,700	4,600	6,800	3,900	900	700	700	800	3,100 (e)	3.16
Czech Republic (5)	18,100	8,500	11,400	5,500	4,200	3,000	1,900	1,700	400	300	300	300	1,300	0.10
Estonia (5)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.04
Hungary (5)	9,600	6,400	2,400	1,600	1,600	2,100	3,400	3,100	1,300	1,000	1,400	1,000	4,700	0.41
Latvia (5)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	100	*	*	*	*	100 (e)	0.07
Lithuania (5)	300	300	200	200	100	100	100	200	*	*	100	100	200	0.07
Malta (5)	100	400	600	1,000	1,200	1,300	1,400	2,600	700	500	500	500	2,200 (e)	4.69
Poland (5)	4,500	5,200	6,900	8,100	6,900	4,400	10,000	7,200	1,200	2,300	4,600	2,500	10,600	0.26
Slovakia (5)	8,200	9,700	10,400	11,400	3,500	2,900	2,600	900	200	200	300	200	800	0.16
Slovenia (5)	1,500	700	1,100	1,300	1,800	500	400	200	100	*	*	*	200	0.09
<b>Total EU25</b>	<b>435,000</b>	<b>420,100</b>	<b>349,100</b>	<b>282,000</b>	<b>241,800</b>	<b>201,400</b>	<b>226,500</b>	<b>239,400</b>	<b>62,100</b>	<b>58,300</b>	<b>59,700</b>	<b>60,600</b>	<b>240,700</b>	<b>0.52</b>
Bulgaria (5)	2,400	2,900	1,500	1,100	800	600	1,000	700	200	200	200	300	900	0.14
Romania (5)	2,400	1,200	1,100	700	600	500	700	1,100	200	200	200	200	900 (e)	0.04
<b>Total EU27</b>	<b>439,900</b>	<b>424,100</b>	<b>351,700</b>	<b>283,800</b>	<b>243,200</b>	<b>202,500</b>	<b>228,200</b>	<b>241,300</b>	<b>62,600</b>	<b>58,600</b>	<b>60,100</b>	<b>61,100</b>	<b>242,400</b>	<b>0.49</b>
<b>Other Europe</b>														
Norway	14,800	17,500	15,600	7,900	5,400	5,300	6,500	14,400	3,800	4,300	5,200	4,200	17,600 (e)	3.45
Switzerland	21,900	27,000	21,800	15,100	10,800	11,200	10,800	16,600	4,900	3,500	3,700	3,900	16,000	2.00
<b>Total Europe</b>	<b>476,500</b>	<b>468,600</b>	<b>389,100</b>	<b>306,800</b>	<b>259,400</b>	<b>219,000</b>	<b>245,500</b>	<b>272,300</b>	<b>71,300</b>	<b>66,400</b>	<b>69,000</b>	<b>69,100</b>	<b>276,000</b>	<b>0.54</b>
<b>Non-Europe</b>														
Australia	12,400	5,900	4,300	3,200	3,200	3,500	4,000	4,800	1,300	1,200	1,900	1,900	6,300 (e)	0.35
Canada	44,100	33,500	31,900	25,500	19,700	22,900	28,300	36,900	9,300	9,500	7,600	7,400	33,700 (e)	0.87
USA (8)	101,700	101,100	80,200	56,100	48,900	50,800	49,400	49,200	11,200	12,700	12,700	12,300	48,900 (e)	0.16
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>634,700</b>	<b>609,000</b>	<b>505,400</b>	<b>391,700</b>	<b>331,300</b>	<b>296,300</b>	<b>327,200</b>	<b>363,100</b>	<b>93,000</b>	<b>89,800</b>	<b>91,300</b>	<b>90,700</b>	<b>364,900</b>	<b>0.41</b>

(1) Figures rounded to the nearest 100 (\* = between 1 and 49). Source: IGC unless stated.

(2) Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia joined the EU on 1st May 2004; Bulgaria and Romania joined the EU on 1st January 2007.

(3) Figures for Q4 2009 based on Population Reference Bureau website, mid 2009 data.

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

(5) Figures based on UNHCR data.

(6) Source in 2009: Eurostat.

(7) Source: Home Office. Figures have been adjusted to include an estimated number of dependants in 2001.

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

(P) Provisional figures.

(R) Revised figures

(e) Estimated figures.

**Table 5: Asylum Appeals determined at the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal (1), excluding dependants (2), Q1 2006 to Q4 2009**

Quarter/ Year	Number of principal appellants							
	Appeals determined							
	Appeals received by the AIT (3)	Total determined (4)	Allowed (4)		Dismissed (4)		Withdrawn (4)(5)	
			Total	As % of total determined	Total	As % of total determined	Total	As % of total determined
<b>2006</b>								
Q1	4,395	4,895	1,195	24%	3,460	71%	240	5%
Q2	4,065	4,375	985	23%	3,175	73%	215	5%
Q3	2,760	3,370	680	20%	2,515	75%	175	5%
Q4	3,705	3,315	685	21%	2,445	74%	190	6%
<b>2006 Total</b>	<b>14,920</b>	<b>15,955</b>	<b>3,540</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>11,595</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>2007</b>								
Q1	3,885	3,675	745	20%	2,695	73%	235	6%
Q2	3,835	4,015	920	23%	2,865	71%	235	6%
Q3	3,725	4,105	930	23%	2,970	72%	205	5%
Q4	2,615	3,150	790	25%	2,205	70%	150	5%
<b>2007 Total</b>	<b>14,060</b>	<b>14,945</b>	<b>3,385</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>10,735</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>2008 (P)</b>								
Q1	2,095	2,430	515	21%	1,750	72%	170	7%
Q2	2,475	2,330	460	20%	1,735	74%	135	6%
Q3	3,125	2,985	745	25%	2,105	70%	135	5%
Q4	2,965	2,970	755	25%	1,995	67%	220	7%
<b>2008 Total</b>	<b>10,660</b>	<b>10,720</b>	<b>2,475</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>7,585</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>2009 (P)</b>								
Q1	2,410	2,720	695	26%	1,865	69%	160	6%
Q2	3,210	2,800	720	26%	1,945	70%	130	5%
Q3	4,960	4,410	1,345	31%	2,845	64%	220	5%
Q4	4,770	4,665	1,390	30%	3,035	65%	240	5%
<b>2009 Total</b>	<b>15,350</b>	<b>14,595</b>	<b>4,155</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>9,690</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>5%</b>

(1) All figures for appeals determined are cases dealt with by Immigration Judges.

(2) Figures (other than percentages) are rounded to the nearest 5 with \* = 1 or 2. Figures may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding.

(3) Based on information supplied by the Ministry of Justice. 'Appeals received' data include some cases lodged at the Home Office and transferred to the AIT.

The data also include a small number of cases initially flagged as being potentially invalid or out of time for which the papers were examined by an Immigration Judge and determined to be valid and/or in-time. These cases then proceed through the appeal system.

(4) Based on information supplied by the AIT. Determinations do not necessarily relate to appeals received in the same period.

(5) Figures include cases withdrawn by the Home Office, as well as those withdrawn by the appellant.

(P) Provisional figures.

**Table 6 : Asylum seekers in receipt of subsistence only support (1)(2)(3), by Local Authority and UK Government Office Region as at the end of December 2009**

			Number of applicants (including dependants)			
Region	Local Authority (4)	%	Region	Local Authority (4)	%	
<b>ENGLAND</b>			<b>ENGLAND (continued)</b>			
North East	Other	35	South East	Brighton and Hove	30	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>		Crawley	15	
North West	Liverpool	25	Dartford	15		
	Manchester	105	Gravesham	15		
	Oldham	15	Milton Keynes	40		
	Sefton	15	Oxford	15		
	Stockport	15	Slough	40		
	Other	85	Woking	15		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>6%</b>	Other	110	
Yorkshire and The Humber	Bradford	35	<b>Total</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>6%</b>	
	Leeds	65	South West	Bristol	15	
	Sheffield	30		Other	25	
	Other	40	<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1%</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>Total (England)</b>	<b>4,590</b>	<b>98%</b>	
East Midlands	Leicester	60	<b>WALES</b>	Other	20	
	Nottingham	30	<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0%</b>	
	Other	70	<b>SCOTLAND</b>	Edinburgh	25	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>3%</b>	Glasgow City	15	
West Midlands	Birmingham	105	Other	10		
	Coventry	35	<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1%</b>	
	Sandwell	25	<b>NORTHERN</b>	Other	15	
	Stoke-on-Trent	20	<b>IRELAND</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0%</b>
	Walsall	15	<b>TOTAL (UNITED KINGDOM)</b>		<b>4,670</b>	<b>100%</b>
	Wolverhampton	25				
	Other	35				
<b>Total</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>6%</b>				
East of England	Bedford	15				
	Luton	75				
	Peterborough	15				
	Other	90				
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>4%</b>				
Greater London	Barking and Dagenham	95				
	Barnet	110				
	Bexley	15				
	Brent	170				
	Bromley	20				
	Camden	45				
	Croydon	105				
	Ealing	255				
	Enfield	160				
	Greenwich	85				
	Hackney	75				
	Hammersmith and Fulham	60				
	Haringey	130				
	Harrow	90				
	Havering	15				
	Hillingdon	110				
	Hounslow	140				
	Islington	50				
	Kensington and Chelsea	35				
	Kingston upon Thames	30				
	Lambeth	105				
	Lewisham	115				
	Merton	125				
	Newham	375				
	Redbridge	195				
	Richmond upon Thames	15				
	Southwark	90				
	Sutton	30				
	Tower Hamlets	40				
	Waltham Forest	160				
Wandsworth	60					
Westminster	60					
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,165</b>	<b>68%</b>				

- (1) Figures (other than percentages) rounded to the nearest 5 with \* = 1 or 2. Figures may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding.  
(2) Excludes unaccompanied asylum seeking children supported by Local Authorities, estimated around 4,600 in December 2009.  
(3) From Q2 2009 any cases with an invalid application status are excluded.  
(4) Local Authorities with fewer than 15 cases, when rounded, are grouped by region as "Other".

Table 7: Asylum seekers supported in accommodation (1)(2)(3), by Local Authority and UK Government Office Region, as at the end of December 2009

					Number of applicants (including dependants)					
Region	Local Authority (4)	Dispersed	Disbenefited (5)	Total	Region	Local Authority (4)	Dispersed	Disbenefited (5)	Total	
<b>ENGLAND</b>					<b>ENGLAND (continued)</b>					
North East	Darlington	55	-	55		Islington	10	-	10	
	Gateshead	210	-	210		Kensington and Chelsea	*	-	*	
	Hartlepool	45	-	45		Lambeth	10	5	15	
	Middlesbrough	470	-	470		Lewisham	35	-	35	
	Newcastle upon Tyne	660	-	660		Merton	15	-	15	
	North Tyneside	80	-	80		Newham	50	-	50	
	Redcar and Cleveland	*	-	*		Redbridge	105	-	105	
	South Tyneside	125	-	125		Richmond upon Thames	5	-	5	
	Stockton-on-Tees	330	-	330		Southwark	5	-	5	
	Sunderland	205	-	205		Waltham Forest	55	-	55	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,185</b>	-	<b>2,185</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,265</b>	
	North West	Blackburn with Darwen	465	-	465	South East	Dartford	*	-	*
		Bolton	595	-	595		Hastings	75	-	75
		Bury	405	-	405		Oxford	5	-	5
Cheshire East		*	-	*	Portsmouth		160	-	160	
Liverpool		1,375	-	1,375	Southampton		110	-	110	
Manchester		950	-	950	<b>Total</b>		<b>350</b>	-	<b>350</b>	
Oldham		580	-	580	South West	Bristol	180	-	180	
Rochdale		535	-	535		Gloucester	105	-	105	
Salford		670	-	670		Plymouth	270	-	270	
Stockport		160	-	160		South Gloucestershire	50	-	50	
Tameside		225	-	225		Swindon	80	-	80	
Trafford		55	-	55		<b>Total</b>	<b>685</b>	-	<b>685</b>	
Wigan		475	-	475						
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,485</b>	-	<b>6,485</b>		<b>Total (England)</b>	<b>19,345</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19,350</b>	
Yorkshire and the Humber		Barnsley	275	-	275	<b>WALES</b>	Cardiff	1,030	-	1,030
		Bradford	480	-	480		Newport	230	-	230
	Calderdale	150	-	150	Swansea		440	-	440	
	Doncaster	295	-	295	Wrexham		60	-	60	
	Kingston upon Hull	220	-	220	<b>Total</b>		<b>1,760</b>	-	<b>1,760</b>	
	Kirklees	360	-	360	<b>SCOTLAND</b>	Glasgow City	2,470	-	2,470	
	Leeds	645	-	645		<b>Total</b>	<b>2,470</b>	-	<b>2,470</b>	
	Rotherham	395	-	395	<b>NORTHERN IRELAND</b>	Belfast	250	-	250	
	Sheffield	510	-	510		Lisburn	10	-	10	
	Wakefield	210	-	210		Newtownabbey	5	-	5	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,540</b>	-	<b>3,540</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>265</b>	-	<b>265</b>		
	East Midlands	Charnwood	5	-	5	<b>TOTAL (UNITED KINGDOM)</b>		<b>23,840</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>23,845</b>
Derby		210	-	210						
Gedling		5	-	5						
Harborough		5	-	5						
Leicester		365	-	365						
Nottingham		395	-	395						
Rushcliffe		*	-	*						
<b>Total</b>		<b>980</b>	-	<b>980</b>						
West Midlands		Birmingham	1,345	-	1,345					
	Coventry	510	-	510						
	Dudley	335	-	335						
	Newcastle-under-Lyme	*	-	*						
	Sandwell	245	-	245						
	Stoke-on-Trent	515	-	515						
	Walsall	95	-	95						
	Wolverhampton	545	-	545						
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,590</b>	-	<b>3,590</b>						
East of England	Epping Forest	5	-	5						
	Ipswich	40	-	40						
	Luton	25	-	25						
	Norwich	85	-	85						
	Peterborough	105	-	105						
	Rochford	*	-	*						
	Southend-on-Sea	5	-	5						
<b>Total</b>	<b>270</b>	-	<b>270</b>							
Greater London	Barking and Dagenham	90	-	90						
	Barnet	45	-	45						
	Bexley	*	-	*						
	Brent	10	-	10						
	Bromley	5	-	5						
	Croydon	35	-	35						
	Ealing	5	-	5						
	Enfield	255	5	260						
	Greenwich	20	-	20						
	Hackney	10	-	10						
	Haringey	285	-	285						
	Harrow	10	-	10						
	Havering	15	-	15						
	Hillingdon	135	-	135						
	Hounslow	45	-	45						

(1) Figures rounded to the nearest 5 with \* = 1 or 2. Figures may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding.

(2) Excludes unaccompanied asylum seeking children supported by local authorities, estimated around 4,600 in December 2009.

(3) Excludes those in initial accommodation, 635 as at the end of December 2009.

(4) Only those Local Authorities where dispersed or disbenefited cases are resident are shown.

(5) Disbenefited cases are cases which were previously supported under the main UK benefits system and have been moved onto asylum support. Some of these cases have remained in the original social services accommodation.

**Table 8.1: Asylum removals and voluntary departures from the United Kingdom, by type, Q1 2006 to Q4 2009 (1)**

Quarter/ Year	Asylum cases, principal				Asylum cases, dependants				Asylum cases, total			
	Enforced removals and notified voluntary departures (2)(3)	Assisted Voluntary Returns (4)	Other voluntary departures (5)	Total	Enforced removals and notified voluntary departures (2)(3)	Assisted Voluntary Returns (4)	Other voluntary departures (5)	Total	Enforced removals and notified voluntary departures (2)(3)	Assisted Voluntary Returns (4)	Other voluntary departures (5)	Total
<b>2006</b>												
Q1	2,955	1,220	310	4,485	430	155	15	600	3,385	1,375	325	5,085
Q2	2,735	1,635	295	4,665	315	270	15	595	3,045	1,905	310	5,260
Q3	2,355	690	440	3,485	205	120	10	340	2,560	810	450	3,825
Q4	2,290	1,080	325	3,695	245	170	5	420	2,530	1,250	330	4,110
<b>2006 Total</b>	<b>10,330</b>	<b>4,630</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>16,330</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>11,525</b>	<b>5,340</b>	<b>1,415</b>	<b>18,280</b>
<b>2007</b>												
Q1	2,215	610	405	3,230	210	70	10	290	2,425	680	415	3,520
Q2	1,965	850	535	3,355	150	135	15	300	2,115	985	550	3,655
Q3	2,010	610	625	3,240	120	85	20	220	2,130	695	640	3,460
Q4	1,950	475	460	2,885	140	35	10	185	2,090	510	470	3,070
<b>2007 Total</b>	<b>8,140</b>	<b>2,540</b>	<b>2,025</b>	<b>12,705</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>8,760</b>	<b>2,865</b>	<b>2,080</b>	<b>13,705</b>
<b>2008 (P)</b>												
Q1	1,910	575	590	3,075	145	65	5	215	2,060	640	595	3,290
Q2	1,885	620	575	3,080	125	35	20	185	2,010	655	600	3,265
Q3	1,890	680	690	3,260	150	75	20	240	2,040	750	710	3,500
Q4	1,600	580	440	2,620	140	30	25	195	1,740	610	465	2,815
<b>2008 Total</b>	<b>7,290</b>	<b>2,455</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>12,040</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>7,850</b>	<b>2,660</b>	<b>2,370</b>	<b>12,875</b>
<b>2009 (P)</b>												
Q1	1,555	730	320	2,605	140	40	20	200	1,695	770	340	2,805
Q2	1,405	690	305	2,400	90	45	*	135	1,495	735	310	2,535
Q3	1,625	760	340	2,725	105	30	10	145	1,730	795	350	2,870
Q4	1,465	650	305	2,425	135	35	10	180	1,595	690	320	2,605
<b>2009 Total</b>	<b>6,045</b>	<b>2,835</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>10,155</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>6,515</b>	<b>2,985</b>	<b>1,315</b>	<b>10,815</b>

(1) Figures rounded to the nearest 5 (- = 0, \* = 1 or 2) and may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding.

(2) Due to a reclassification of removal categories, figures include asylum removals performed by Enforcement Officers using port powers of removal and a small number of cases dealt with at juxtaposed controls.

(3) Since October 2006 figures include persons leaving under Facilitated Return Schemes.

(4) Persons leaving under Assisted Voluntary Return Programmes run by the International Organization for Migration. May include some cases leaving under the Assisted Voluntary Return for Irregular Migrants Programme and some cases where enforcement action has been initiated.

(5) Persons who it has been established left the UK without informing the immigration authorities.

(P) Provisional figures. Removals and voluntary departures recorded on the system as at the dates on which the data extracts were taken. Figures will under record due to data cleansing and data matching exercises that take place after the extracts are taken.

**Table 8.2: Non-asylum removals and voluntary departures from the United Kingdom, by type, Q1 2006 to Q4 2009 (1)**

Quarter/ Year	Number of departures							
	Enforced removals and voluntary departures				Refused entry at port and subsequently removed (5)			Total
	Enforced removals and notified voluntary departures (2)	Assisted Voluntary Returns for Irregular Migrants (3)	Other voluntary departures (4)	Total	Removed from UK ports	Removed from juxtaposed controls	Total	
<b>2006</b>								
Q1	2,435	190	410	3,035	••	••	7,510	10,550
Q2	2,400	190	740	3,335	••	••	7,590	10,920
Q3	2,380	205	785	3,375	••	••	8,065	11,440
Q4	2,585	270	1,095	3,950	••	••	8,730	12,680
<b>2006 Total</b>	<b>9,800</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>3,035</b>	<b>13,690</b>	<b>••</b>	<b>••</b>	<b>31,895</b>	<b>45,585</b>
<b>2007</b>								
Q1	2,840	270	865	3,970	5,240	2,245	7,485	11,460
Q2	2,850	330	1,055	4,235	5,090	2,410	7,500	11,740
Q3	3,215	330	1,370	4,920	5,015	2,750	7,760	12,680
Q4	3,515	360	1,510	5,390	5,290	3,105	8,395	13,785
<b>2007 Total</b>	<b>12,420</b>	<b>1,290</b>	<b>4,805</b>	<b>18,515</b>	<b>20,635</b>	<b>10,510</b>	<b>31,145</b>	<b>49,660</b>
<b>2008 (P)</b>								
Q1	3,385	335	1,800	5,520	5,105	3,240	8,345	13,860
Q2	3,490	375	1,495	5,360	4,705	2,600	7,305	12,665
Q3	3,740	445	2,155	6,340	4,955	3,280	8,235	14,575
Q4	2,840	485	2,190	5,520	4,700	3,785	8,485	14,005
<b>2008 Total</b>	<b>13,455</b>	<b>1,640</b>	<b>7,645</b>	<b>22,740</b>	<b>19,465</b>	<b>12,900</b>	<b>32,365</b>	<b>55,105</b>
<b>2009 (P)</b>								
Q1	2,880	450	2,005	5,335	4,200	3,495	7,695	13,035
Q2	2,925	505	2,115	5,545	4,015	3,415	7,430	12,980
Q3	3,260	500	2,730	6,490	3,880	3,810	7,695	14,185
Q4	3,425	500	3,570	7,500	3,660	2,580	6,240	13,735
<b>2009 Total</b>	<b>12,490</b>	<b>1,960</b>	<b>10,425</b>	<b>24,875</b>	<b>15,755</b>	<b>13,305</b>	<b>29,060</b>	<b>53,930</b>

(1) Figures rounded to the nearest 5 and may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding.

(2) Since October 2006 figures include persons leaving under Facilitated Return Schemes.

(3) Persons leaving under the Assisted Voluntary Return for Irregular Migrants Programme run by the International Organization for Migration. May include some on-entry cases and some cases where enforcement action has been initiated.

(4) Persons who it has been established left the UK without informing the immigration authorities.

(5) Figures include persons departing voluntarily after enforcement action had been initiated against them, cases dealt with at juxtaposed controls, removals performed by Immigration Officers at ports using enforcement powers and a small number of cases who it has been established left the UK without informing the immigration authorities.

(P) Provisional figures. Removals and voluntary departures recorded on the system as at the dates on which the data extracts were taken. Figures will under record due to data cleansing and data matching exercises that take place after the extracts are taken.

•• Not available.

**Table 8.3: Total removals and voluntary departures from the United Kingdom, by type, Q1 2006 to Q4 2009 (1)**

Quarter/ Year	Enforced removals and voluntary departures				Number of departures	
	Enforced removals and notified voluntary departures (2)(3)	Assisted Voluntary Returns (4)	Other voluntary departures (5)	Total	Non-asylum cases refused entry at port and subsequently removed (6)	Total
<b>2006</b>						
Q1	5,820	1,570	735	8,120	7,510	15,635
Q2	5,450	2,095	1,050	8,595	7,590	16,180
Q3	4,940	1,020	1,235	7,195	8,065	15,260
Q4	5,115	1,520	1,425	8,060	8,730	16,790
<b>2006 Total</b>	<b>21,320</b>	<b>6,200</b>	<b>4,450</b>	<b>31,970</b>	<b>31,895</b>	<b>63,865</b>
<b>2007</b>						
Q1	5,265	950	1,280	7,490	7,485	14,975
Q2	4,970	1,315	1,605	7,890	7,500	15,390
Q3	5,345	1,025	2,015	8,380	7,760	16,145
Q4	5,610	870	1,985	8,460	8,395	16,855
<b>2007 Total</b>	<b>21,180</b>	<b>4,155</b>	<b>6,885</b>	<b>32,220</b>	<b>31,145</b>	<b>63,365</b>
<b>2008 (P)</b>						
Q1	5,440	970	2,395	8,810	8,345	17,150
Q2	5,500	1,030	2,095	8,625	7,305	15,930
Q3	5,780	1,195	2,865	9,840	8,235	18,080
Q4	4,585	1,095	2,655	8,335	8,485	16,820
<b>2008 Total</b>	<b>21,305</b>	<b>4,295</b>	<b>10,010</b>	<b>35,615</b>	<b>32,365</b>	<b>67,980</b>
<b>2009 (P)</b>						
Q1	4,575	1,220	2,345	8,140	7,695	15,840
Q2	4,415	1,240	2,425	8,080	7,430	15,515
Q3	4,995	1,290	3,080	9,365	7,695	17,055
Q4	5,025	1,190	3,890	10,105	6,240	16,340
<b>2009 Total</b>	<b>19,005</b>	<b>4,945</b>	<b>11,740</b>	<b>35,690</b>	<b>29,060</b>	<b>64,750</b>

(1) Figures rounded to the nearest 5 and may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding.

(2) Due to a reclassification of removal categories, figures include asylum removals performed by Enforcement Officers using port powers of removal and a small number of cases dealt with at juxtaposed controls.

(3) Since October 2006 figures include persons leaving under Facilitated Return Schemes.

(4) Persons leaving under the Assisted Voluntary Return and the Assisted Voluntary Return for Irregular Migrants Programmes run by the International Organization for Migration. May include some on entry cases and some cases where enforcement action has been initiated.

(5) Persons who it has been established left the UK without informing the immigration authorities.

(6) Figures include persons departing voluntarily after enforcement action had been initiated against them, cases dealt with at juxtaposed controls, removals performed by Immigration Officers at ports using enforcement powers and a small number of cases who it has been established left the UK without informing the immigration authorities.

(P) Provisional figures. Removals and voluntary departures recorded on the system as at the dates on which the data extracts were taken. Figures will under record due to data cleansing and data matching exercises that take place after the extracts are taken.

**Table 9.1: Persons entering detention (1)(2) held solely under Immigration Act powers, by age (3), sex and place of initial detention, (excluding Harwich), Q4 2009 (4)(5)**

								Number of persons
Persons entering detention								
Sex	Total detainees	Adults (3)	Children (3)				Total	
			Under 5 yrs	5-11 yrs	12-16 yrs	17 yrs		
Male	5,570	5,425	75	50	20	*	145	
Female	1,345	1,205	60	60	15	5	140	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,915</b>	<b>6,630</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>285</b>	
<i>of whom: asylum detainees (6)</i>	3,675	3,490	65	85	25	5	180	

Persons entering detention								
Place of initial detention	Total detainees	Adults (3)	Children (3)				Total	
			Under 5 yrs	5-11 yrs	12-16 yrs	17 yrs		
<b>UK Border Agency Removal Centres</b>								
Oakington Reception Centre	995	995	-	-	*	-	*	
Yarl's Wood	895	695	100	75	25	5	200	
Tinsley House	580	530	25	25	5	*	50	
Dungavel	420	390	10	15	5	-	30	
Brook House	365	365	-	-	-	-	-	
Campsfield House	335	335	-	-	*	-	*	
Dover Immigration Removal Centre	190	190	-	-	-	-	-	
Harmondsworth	125	125	-	-	-	-	-	
Haslar	65	65	-	-	-	-	-	
Lindholme	65	65	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>UK Border Agency Short Term Holding Facilities</b>								
Colnbrook Short Term	1,540	1,540	-	-	-	-	-	
Dover Harbour	710	710	-	-	-	*	*	
Pennine House	630	630	-	-	*	-	*	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,915</b>	<b>6,630</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>285</b>	
<i>of whom: asylum detainees (6)</i>	3,675	3,490	65	85	25	5	180	

(1) These figures are based on management information and are not subject to the detailed checks that apply for National Statistics. They are provisional and may be subject to change.

(2) Some detainees may be recorded more than once if, for example, the person has been detained on more than one separate occasion in the time period shown, such as a person who has left detention, but has subsequently been re-detained.

(3) Recorded age at the start of their period of detention. Figures for children will overstate if any applicants aged 18 or over claim to be younger.

(4) Figures rounded to the nearest 5 (- = 0, \* = 1 or 2) and may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding. Figures exclude persons recorded as entering Harwich Short Term Holding Facility, police cells and Prison Service establishments, those recorded as detained under both criminal and immigration powers and their dependants.

(5) Figures include dependants.

(6) Persons detained under Immigration Act powers who are recorded as having sought asylum at some stage.

**Table 9.2: Persons entering detention (1)(2) held solely under Immigration Act powers, by age (3), sex and place of initial detention, (excluding Harwich), 2009 (4)(5)**

		Persons entering detention						Number of persons
Sex	Total detainees	Adults (3)	Children (3)				Total	
			Under 5 yrs	5-11 yrs	12-16 yrs	17 yrs		
			Male	22,625	22,075	260		165
Female	5,380	4,860	240	205	65	10	520	
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,005</b>	<b>26,940</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1,065</b>	
<i>of whom: asylum detainees (6)</i>	<i>15,580</i>	<i>14,865</i>	<i>275</i>	<i>285</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>715</i>	

		Persons entering detention					
Place of initial detention	Total detainees	Adults (3)	Children (3)				Total
			Under 5 yrs	5-11 yrs	12-16 yrs	17 yrs	
			<b>UK Border Agency Removal Centres</b>				
Oakington Reception Centre	4,030	4,010	-	-	5	10	15
Yarl's Wood	3,415	2,720	350	230	100	15	695
Tinsley House	2,280	2,045	105	90	35	5	235
Dungavel	1,660	1,565	45	45	10	*	100
Campsfield House	1,380	1,375	-	-	5	*	5
Brook House	1,310	1,310	-	-	-	-	-
Harmondsworth	610	610	-	-	-	-	-
Dover Immigration Removal Centre	545	545	-	-	-	-	-
Haslar	425	425	-	-	-	*	*
Lindholme	280	280	-	-	-	-	-
<b>UK Border Agency Short Term Holding Facilities</b>							
Colnbrook Short Term	5,890	5,885	-	-	-	*	*
Dover Harbour	3,590	3,575	5	-	10	5	15
Pennine House	2,600	2,600	-	-	*	*	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,005</b>	<b>26,940</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1,065</b>
<i>of whom: asylum detainees (6)</i>	<i>15,580</i>	<i>14,865</i>	<i>275</i>	<i>285</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>715</i>

(1) These figures are based on management information and are not subject to the detailed checks that apply for National Statistics. They are provisional and may be subject to change.

(2) Some detainees may be recorded more than once if, for example, the person has been detained on more than one separate occasion in the time period shown, such as a person who has left detention, but has subsequently been re-detained.

(3) Recorded age at the start of their period of detention. Figures for children will overstate if any applicants aged 18 or over claim to be younger.

(4) Figures rounded to the nearest 5 (- = 0, \* = 1 or 2) and may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding. Figures exclude persons recorded as entering Harwich Short Term Holding Facility, police cells and Prison Service establishments, those recorded as detained under both criminal and immigration powers and their dependants.

(5) Figures include dependants.

(6) Persons detained under Immigration Act powers who are recorded as having sought asylum at some stage.

**Table 10: Persons in detention in the United Kingdom solely under Immigration Act powers, by place of detention as at 31 December 2009 (1)(2)**

Place of detention	Number of persons				
	Total detainees	Adults		Children (3)	
		Total	of whom: asylum detainees (4)	Total	of whom: asylum detainees (4)
<b>UK Border Agency Removal Centres</b>					
Brook House	405	405	240	-	-
Oakington Reception Centre	365	365	290	-	-
Yarl's Wood	310	310	190	-	-
Dover Immigration Removal Centre	275	275	170	-	-
Colnbrook Immigration Removal Centre	230	230	140	-	-
Harmondsworth	225	225	205	-	-
Dungavel	190	190	135	-	-
Campsfield House	180	180	130	-	-
Haslar	135	135	100	-	-
Tinsley House	120	120	85	-	-
Lindholme	100	100	70	-	-
<b>UK Border Agency Short Term Holding Facilities</b>					
Colnbrook Short Term	35	35	10	-	-
Dover Harbour	10	10	*	-	-
Pennine House	10	10	5	-	-
Harwich	*	*	*	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,595</b>	<b>2,595</b>	<b>1,770</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

- (1) Figures rounded to the nearest 5 (- = 0, \* = 1 or 2), may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding and exclude persons detained in police cells, Prison Service establishments and those detained under both criminal and immigration powers.  
(2) Figures include dependants.  
(3) People recorded as being under 18 on 31 December 2009. These figures will overstate if any applicants aged 18 or over claim to be younger.  
(4) Persons detained under Immigration Act powers who are recorded as having sought asylum at some stage.

**Table 11: Persons in detention in the United Kingdom solely under Immigration Act powers, by sex as at 31 December 2009 (1)(2)**

Sex	Number of persons				
	Total detainees	Adults		Children (3)	
		Total	of whom: asylum detainees (4)	Total	of whom: asylum detainees (4)
Male	2,350	2,350	1,630	-	-
Female	245	245	140	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,595</b>	<b>2,595</b>	<b>1,770</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

- (1) Figures rounded to the nearest 5 (- = 0), may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding and exclude persons detained in police cells, Prison Service establishments and those detained under both criminal and immigration powers.  
(2) Figures include dependants.  
(3) People recorded as being under 18 on 31 December 2009. These figures will overstate if any applicants aged 18 or over claim to be younger.  
(4) Persons detained under Immigration Act powers who are recorded as having sought asylum at some stage.

**Table 12: Persons in detention in the United Kingdom solely under Immigration Act powers, by length of detention as at 31 December 2009 (1)(2)**

Length of detention (3)(4)	Number of persons				
	Total detainees (5)	Adults (5)		Children (6)	
		Total	of whom: asylum detainees (7)	Total	of whom: asylum detainees (7)
7 days or less	180	180	65	-	-
8 to 14 days	160	160	90	-	-
15 to 28 days	395	395	285	-	-
29 days to less than 2 months	510	510	370	-	-
2 months to less than 3 months	300	300	250	-	-
3 months to less than 4 months	230	230	170	-	-
4 months to less than 6 months	280	280	195	-	-
6 months to less than 12 months	325	325	210	-	-
12 months to less than 18 months	95	95	60	-	-
18 months to less than 24 months	65	65	50	-	-
24 months or more	50	50	30	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,595</b>	<b>2,595</b>	<b>1,770</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

- (1) Figures rounded to the nearest 5 (- = 0, \* = 1 or 2), may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding and exclude persons detained in police cells, Prison Service establishments and those detained under both criminal and immigration powers.  
(2) Figures include dependants.  
(3) Relates to most recent period of sole detention. The period of detention starts when a person first enters the UK Border Agency estate. If the person is then moved from a removal centre to a police cell or Prison Service establishment, this period of stay will be included if the detention is solely under Immigration Act powers.  
(4) 2 months is defined as 61 days; 4 months is defined as 122 days; 6 months is defined as 182 days; 18 months is defined as 547 days.  
(5) These figures are based on management information and are not subject to the detailed checks that apply for National Statistics. They are provisional and may be subject to change.  
(6) People recorded as being under 18 on 31 December 2009. These figures will overstate if any applicants aged 18 or over claim to be younger.  
(7) Persons detained under Immigration Act powers who are recorded as having sought asylum at some stage.

**Table 13: Families with children (1) held in the UK Border Agency estate in the United Kingdom solely under Immigration Act powers as at 31 December 2009 (2)**

Families with:	Number
1 child	-
2 children	-
3 children	-
4 or more children	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>

- (1) People recorded as being under 18 on 31 December 2009.  
(2) These figures are based on management information and are not subject to the detailed checks that apply for National Statistics. They are provisional and may be subject to change. Figures with - = 0.

**Table 14.1: Persons removed from the United Kingdom on leaving detention (1), held solely under Immigration Act powers, by age (2) and place of last detention, Q4 2009 (3)(4)(5)(P)**

Place of last detention	Total detainees	Adults (2)	Children (2)				Number of persons	
			Under 5 yrs	5-11 yrs	12-16 yrs	17 yrs	Total	
<b>UK Border Agency Removal Centres</b>								
Yarl's Wood	690	555	75	45	15	-	135	
Tinsley House	500	480	10	10	5	-	20	
Brook House	480	480	-	-	-	-	-	
Oakington Reception Centre	335	335	-	-	-	-	-	
Campsfield House	205	205	-	-	-	-	-	
Harmondsworth	170	170	-	-	-	-	-	
Dover Immigration Removal Centre	130	130	-	-	-	-	-	
Dungavel	50	45	*	*	*	-	5	
Haslar	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	
Colnbrook Immigration Removal Centre	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	
Lindholme	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>UK Border Agency Short Term Holding Facilities</b>								
Colnbrook Short Term	1,275	1,275	-	-	-	-	-	
Dover Harbour	150	150	-	-	-	-	-	
Pennine House	115	115	-	-	-	-	-	
Harwich	15	15	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4,135</b>	<b>3,970</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>165</b>	
<i>of whom: asylum detainees (6)</i>	<i>1,680</i>	<i>1,600</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>80</i>	

(1) Some detainees may be recorded more than once if, for example, the person has been detained on more than one separate occasion in the time period shown, such as a person who has left detention for the purpose of a removal, but who has subsequently been re-detained.

(2) Recorded age at the end of their period of detention. Figures for children will overstate if any applicants aged 18 or over claim to be younger.

(3) Figures rounded to the nearest 5 (- = 0, \* = 1 or 2) and may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding. Figures exclude persons recorded as leaving detention from police cells and Prison Service establishments, those recorded as detained under both criminal and immigration powers at time of removal and their dependants.

(4) Not necessarily removed in the same quarter as leaving detention.

(5) Figures include dependants.

(6) Persons detained under Immigration Act powers who are recorded as having sought asylum at some stage.

(P) Provisional figures.

**Table 14.2: Persons removed from the United Kingdom on leaving detention (1), held solely under Immigration Act powers, by age (2) and place of last detention, 2009 (3)(4)(5)(P)**

Place of last detention	Total detainees	Adults (2)	Number of persons				Total
			Under 5 yrs	5-11 yrs	Children (2) 12-16 yrs	17 yrs	
<b>UK Border Agency Removal Centres</b>							
Yarl's Wood	2,410	2,005	205	135	50	10	400
Tinsley House	1,940	1,835	45	40	15	*	105
Oakington Reception Centre	1,485	1,485	-	-	-	-	-
Brook House	1,435	1,435	-	-	*	-	*
Campsfield House	955	955	-	-	-	-	-
Harmondsworth	750	750	-	-	-	-	-
Dover Immigration Removal Centre	630	630	-	-	-	-	-
Dungavel	200	185	5	5	5	-	10
Haslar	100	100	-	-	-	-	-
Colnbrook Immigration Removal Centre	35	35	-	-	-	-	-
Lindholme	25	25	-	-	-	-	-
<b>UK Border Agency Short Term Holding Facilities</b>							
Colnbrook Short Term	4,905	4,905	-	-	-	-	-
Dover Harbour	645	645	-	-	-	-	-
Pennine House	510	510	-	-	-	-	-
Harwich	45	45	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>16,070</b>	<b>15,545</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>520</b>
<i>of whom: asylum detainees (6)</i>	6,710	6,425	115	120	45	5	285

(1) Some detainees may be recorded more than once if, for example, the person has been detained on more than one separate occasion in the time period shown, such as a person who has left detention for the purpose of a removal, but who has subsequently been re-detained.

(2) Recorded age at the end of their period of detention. Figures for children will overstate if any applicants aged 18 or over claim to be younger.

(3) Figures rounded to the nearest 5 (- = 0, \* = 1 or 2) and may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding. Figures exclude persons recorded as leaving detention from police cells and Prison Service establishments, those recorded as detained under both criminal and immigration powers at time of removal and their dependants.

(4) Not necessarily removed in the same quarter as leaving detention.

(5) Figures include dependants.

(6) Persons detained under Immigration Act powers who are recorded as having sought asylum at some stage.

(P) Provisional figures.

**Table 15: Decisions on applications for an extension of leave to remain (1)(2) in the United Kingdom by category, excluding EEA (3) and Swiss nationals, Q1 2006 to Q4 2009**

Number of decisions

Quarter/ Year	Total grants of extension	Category of extension													Total refusals of extension	
		Points Based System (4)					Spouse (probationary period applications) (5)	Visitors	Students	Trainees	Work permit holders	Permit free employment (6)	Independent means and business (7)	Other extensions		Category Unknown
		Tier 1 Highly Skilled Workers	Tier 2 Skilled Workers	Tier 4 Students	Tier 5 Temporary Workers and Youth Mobility											
<b>2006</b>																
Q1	75,030	:	:	:	:	4,820	2,295	37,685	1,945	12,345	10,150	2,815	2,100	875	5,270	
Q2	56,485	:	:	:	:	5,075	1,875	23,420	240	11,415	8,720	2,220	2,870	650	5,260	
Q3	58,105	:	:	:	:	5,340	1,545	23,960	310	11,915	9,885	1,650	2,920	580	4,800	
Q4	87,375	:	:	:	:	5,125	1,245	49,180	160	14,945	12,060	1,665	2,425	570	4,845	
<b>2006 Total</b>	<b>276,995</b>	:	:	:	:	<b>20,360</b>	<b>6,960</b>	<b>134,240</b>	<b>2,650</b>	<b>50,625</b>	<b>40,815</b>	<b>8,345</b>	<b>10,320</b>	<b>2,675</b>	<b>20,175</b>	
<b>2007</b>																
Q1	74,425	:	:	:	:	5,495	1,370	38,640	75	12,035	12,840	190	3,110	665	5,225	
Q2	53,575	:	:	:	:	6,070	1,185	24,830	60	9,870	7,565	240	3,105	655	5,235	
Q3	59,710	:	:	:	:	8,360	855	23,835	245	11,780	10,320	275	3,340	700	6,315	
Q4	86,315	:	:	:	:	7,225	690	48,750	70	11,005	14,900	380	2,655	645	6,780	
<b>2007 Total</b>	<b>274,020</b>	:	:	:	:	<b>27,150</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>136,055</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>44,685</b>	<b>45,625</b>	<b>1,090</b>	<b>12,205</b>	<b>2,660</b>	<b>23,555</b>	
<b>2008 (P)</b>																
Q1	73,290	280	:	:	:	7,580	700	34,575	60	8,735	17,370	545	3,110	330	5,085	
Q2	57,065	4,585	:	:	:	7,135	700	22,355	75	9,675	8,565	380	3,340	255	4,105	
Q3	57,235	15,220	:	:	:	5,630	490	16,735	225	11,210	4,195	440	2,840	255	4,435	
Q4	80,270	22,630	55	:	-	4,320	395	36,310	70	11,265	2,045	340	2,705	135	7,500	
<b>2008 Total</b>	<b>267,865</b>	<b>42,710</b>	<b>55</b>	:	-	<b>24,665</b>	<b>2,285</b>	<b>109,975</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>40,890</b>	<b>32,175</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>11,995</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>21,120</b>	
<b>2009 (P)</b>																
Q1	74,255	18,675	2,875	15	-	5,455	365	33,790	30	6,120	2,865	570	3,335	160	10,445	
Q2	53,625	17,310	5,270	3,260	10	5,435	230	14,425	10	940	2,290	635	3,615	190	9,765	
Q3	56,130	13,625	6,360	17,805	30	5,145	260	6,590	5	185	1,640	555	3,770	160	13,580	
Q4	67,235	16,315	5,640	31,595	40	4,685	175	1,150	5	40	1,845	485	5,005	265	15,425	
<b>2009 Total</b>	<b>251,245</b>	<b>65,925</b>	<b>20,145</b>	<b>52,675</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>20,720</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>55,960</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>7,290</b>	<b>8,640</b>	<b>2,245</b>	<b>15,725</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>49,215</b>	

- (1) Excludes dependants of principal applicants, asylum related decisions and withdrawn applications.  
(2) Figures rounded to the nearest 5 (- = 0, \* = 1 or 2) and may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding.  
(3) Excludes Bulgaria and Romania from 1st January 2007.  
(4) Includes cases decided under the Highly Skilled Migrant Programme (HSMP) rules following judicial review.  
(5) Includes unmarried and civil partners.  
(6) Includes writers and artists.  
(7) Includes investors and innovators.  
(P) Provisional figures.  
: Not applicable.

**Table 16: Grants of settlement (1)(2)(3) by category of grant and refusals, excluding EEA and Swiss nationals (4)(5), Q1 2006 to Q4 2009**

Broad category of grant	Number of persons																			
	2006					2007					2008 (P)					2009 (P)				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
<b>Employment (6)</b>																				
Employment with a work permit after 4/5 years	7,210	2,670	685	710	<b>11,270</b>	1,350	2,880	5,550	5,385	<b>15,165</b>	6,210	5,765	5,585	5,710	<b>23,270</b>	6,515	6,145	6,605	6,170	<b>25,435</b>
- spouses and dependants	8,255	2,900	635	550	<b>12,340</b>	1,150	3,470	6,795	6,650	<b>18,065</b>	7,815	7,210	7,360	8,185	<b>30,575</b>	9,120	9,250	9,835	8,630	<b>36,830</b>
5 years aggregate of pre PBS categories and Tiers 1 or 2	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	5	<b>5</b>	45	410	795	740	<b>1,990</b>
- spouses and dependants	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	5	<b>5</b>	60	655	1,170	970	<b>2,855</b>
Permit-free employment, businessman, persons of independent means	705	1,820	620	120	<b>3,265</b>	90	175	340	265	<b>865</b>	435	470	605	555	<b>2,065</b>	575	1,025	1,725	1,560	<b>4,885</b>
- spouses and dependants	530	1,305	400	75	<b>2,315</b>	40	120	305	240	<b>700</b>	380	400	510	500	<b>1,790</b>	540	1,230	2,440	2,065	<b>6,275</b>
Commonwealth citizens with a UK-born grandparent	1,380	390	75	50	<b>1,900</b>	90	400	710	480	<b>1,675</b>	655	610	445	375	<b>2,090</b>	460	765	355	390	<b>1,975</b>
- spouses and dependants	520	160	40	20	<b>740</b>	30	150	325	230	<b>730</b>	280	300	225	165	<b>970</b>	225	350	190	195	<b>965</b>
<b>Total employment-related grants</b>	<b>18,600</b>	<b>9,245</b>	<b>2,455</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>31,830</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>7,195</b>	<b>14,020</b>	<b>13,250</b>	<b>37,210</b>	<b>15,775</b>	<b>14,755</b>	<b>14,730</b>	<b>15,505</b>	<b>60,770</b>	<b>17,550</b>	<b>19,835</b>	<b>23,120</b>	<b>20,715</b>	<b>81,220</b>
<b>Asylum (7)</b>																				
Refugees (8) and persons given ELR, HP or DL (9)	7,460	3,770	2,365	5,480	<b>19,075</b>	4,350	4,630	735	540	<b>10,250</b>	480	535	1,050	900	<b>2,965</b>	535	485	480	495	<b>2,000</b>
- spouses and dependants	6,315	2,460	1,330	1,480	<b>11,580</b>	1,575	1,390	570	405	<b>3,940</b>	230	115	190	220	<b>755</b>	270	115	295	285	<b>965</b>
<b>Total asylum-related grants</b>	<b>13,775</b>	<b>6,225</b>	<b>3,695</b>	<b>6,960</b>	<b>30,655</b>	<b>5,920</b>	<b>6,020</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>14,190</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>1,240</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>3,720</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>2,965</b>
<b>Family formation and reunion (10)</b>																				
Husbands (11)	4,235	3,815	3,995	3,475	<b>15,520</b>	4,340	3,010	3,380	3,080	<b>13,810</b>	3,995	4,455	4,140	3,395	<b>15,985</b>	6,250	4,525	3,995	5,050	<b>19,820</b>
Wives (11)	7,040	6,805	7,290	6,065	<b>27,200</b>	7,215	5,095	5,760	5,100	<b>23,175</b>	6,185	7,105	6,440	5,605	<b>25,335</b>	10,425	8,420	7,190	9,585	<b>35,625</b>
Children	2,445	2,375	2,695	1,775	<b>9,290</b>	2,010	2,445	2,305	1,735	<b>8,495</b>	1,920	2,235	2,245	1,850	<b>8,250</b>	2,250	2,555	2,035	2,280	<b>9,125</b>
Parents and grandparents	400	355	360	355	<b>1,470</b>	285	280	215	220	<b>1,000</b>	240	280	245	210	<b>970</b>	125	255	215	195	<b>785</b>
Other and unspecified dependants	1,570	1,655	1,720	1,380	<b>6,325</b>	960	1,075	1,340	970	<b>4,345</b>	1,190	1,425	1,220	940	<b>4,780</b>	810	1,210	1,345	1,430	<b>4,795</b>
<b>Total family grants</b>	<b>15,690</b>	<b>15,010</b>	<b>16,055</b>	<b>13,050</b>	<b>59,800</b>	<b>14,810</b>	<b>11,905</b>	<b>13,000</b>	<b>11,110</b>	<b>50,820</b>	<b>13,530</b>	<b>15,495</b>	<b>14,290</b>	<b>12,005</b>	<b>55,325</b>	<b>19,860</b>	<b>16,965</b>	<b>14,780</b>	<b>18,545</b>	<b>70,155</b>
<b>Other grants on a discretionary basis (12)</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>2,180</b>	<b>2,030</b>	<b>7,720</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>5,785</b>	<b>10,495</b>	<b>18,750</b>	<b>10,195</b>	<b>5,375</b>	<b>5,455</b>	<b>7,005</b>	<b>28,030</b>	<b>6,560</b>	<b>8,660</b>	<b>10,790</b>	<b>12,005</b>	<b>38,015</b>
<b>Category unknown</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>1,175</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>4,440</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>3,880</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>330</b>
<b>All grants of settlement</b>	<b>50,965</b>	<b>33,465</b>	<b>25,430</b>	<b>24,585</b>	<b>134,445</b>	<b>26,130</b>	<b>27,095</b>	<b>35,040</b>	<b>36,590</b>	<b>124,855</b>	<b>40,590</b>	<b>36,510</b>	<b>35,910</b>	<b>35,730</b>	<b>148,740</b>	<b>44,870</b>	<b>46,120</b>	<b>49,555</b>	<b>52,140</b>	<b>192,680</b>
<b>Total refusals of settlement (13)</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>3,020</b>	<b>2,620</b>	<b>2,280</b>	<b>9,810</b>	<b>2,655</b>	<b>3,370</b>	<b>4,015</b>	<b>3,440</b>	<b>13,480</b>	<b>2,660</b>	<b>2,435</b>	<b>2,340</b>	<b>1,910</b>	<b>9,345</b>	<b>2,075</b>	<b>2,965</b>	<b>3,955</b>	<b>4,160</b>	<b>13,155</b>

(1) Figures rounded to the nearest 5 and may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding.

(2) Includes reconsideration cases and the outcome of appeals.

(3) May include a small number of cases in which a decision is recorded twice, where an individual has dual nationality.

(4) Data exclude dependants of EEA and Swiss nationals in confirmed relationships granted permanent residence.

(5) Excludes Bulgaria and Romania from 1 January 2007.

(6) In April 2006, the qualifying period for settlement in all employment-related categories changed from 4 to 5 years delaying grants of settlement that would otherwise have occurred earlier.

(7) Asylum-related grants of settlement were at high levels between Q1 2006 and Q2 2007 due to the Family Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) exercise and due to grants to persons given exceptional leave four years previously.

(8) Excludes reconsideration cases and the outcome of appeals.

(9) Exceptional leave to remain (ELR), Humanitarian Protection (HP), Discretionary Leave (DL).

(10) Spouses and dependants joining British citizens or persons previously granted settlement.

(11) Includes civil and unmarried partners.

(12) Data from Q3 2007 include persons granted indefinite leave outside the immigration rules under measures aimed at clearing the backlog of outstanding unresolved cases.

(13) Relates to in-country refusals of settlement.

(P) Provisional figures.

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Not applicable.

**Table 17: Nationality of approved applicants for the Worker Registration Scheme, by quarter and year of application, Q1 2006 to Q4 2009 (1)(2)(3)(4)**

Quarter / Year	Approved applicants									Applicants
	Czech Rep.	Estonia	Hungary	Latvia	Lithuania	Poland	Slovakia	Slovenia	Total	Total
<b>2006</b>										
Q1	1,865	390	1,435	2,560	4,235	31,920	4,305	55	46,765	48,110
Q2	2,045	340	1,600	2,790	4,475	38,125	5,495	35	54,905	56,485
Q3	2,220	420	1,835	2,265	4,340	45,465	6,260	50	62,855	64,790
Q4	2,215	325	2,190	1,880	4,020	46,985	5,695	40	63,350	65,340
<b>2006 Total</b>	<b>8,345</b>	<b>1,475</b>	<b>7,060</b>	<b>9,490</b>	<b>17,070</b>	<b>162,495</b>	<b>21,755</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>227,880</b>	<b>234,730</b>
<b>2007</b>										
Q1	1,825	275	1,965	1,835	3,740	35,800	4,835	45	50,320	52,085
Q2	1,800	210	2,085	1,630	3,690	37,290	5,600	40	52,355	53,970
Q3	1,990	275	2,305	1,545	3,720	41,195	6,235	50	57,310	59,155
Q4	1,900	210	2,520	1,275	3,115	35,975	5,780	55	50,820	52,765
<b>2007 Total</b>	<b>7,510</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>8,875</b>	<b>6,285</b>	<b>14,270</b>	<b>150,255</b>	<b>22,450</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>210,805</b>	<b>217,975</b>
<b>2008</b>										
Q1	1,735	205	2,620	1,450	2,770	32,370	5,450	50	46,645	48,760
Q2	1,855	245	2,785	1,755	3,105	28,630	5,410	60	43,845	46,075
Q3	1,730	250	2,655	1,810	2,980	25,145	4,595	50	39,220	41,270
Q4	1,210	245	2,825	1,965	2,710	16,970	2,875	40	28,835	30,600
<b>2008 Total</b>	<b>6,530</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>10,890</b>	<b>6,980</b>	<b>11,560</b>	<b>103,115</b>	<b>18,330</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>158,545</b>	<b>166,700</b>
<b>2009</b>										
Q1	1,005	210	2,005	2,120	2,535	14,010	1,960	30	23,875	25,540
Q2	1,040	275	1,965	3,705	3,585	13,795	2,065	40	26,470	28,180
Q3	1,170	295	2,050	4,525	4,350	14,785	2,185	40	29,395	31,230
Q4	1,020	360	2,215	5,035	4,250	12,125	1,620	30	26,650	28,495
<b>2009 Total</b>	<b>4,230</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>8,240</b>	<b>15,385</b>	<b>14,720</b>	<b>54,715</b>	<b>7,830</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>106,390</b>	<b>113,445</b>
<i>% of Q4 2009 Total</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>100%</i>	

(1) Figures rounded to the nearest 5 (other than percentages) and may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding.

(2) This table shows approved initial applicants for each nationality rather than the total number of applications made. The figures are for initial applicants only (not multiple applications, where an individual is doing more than one job simultaneously, or re-registrations, where an individual has changed employers).

(3) The data for WRS applications are recorded by the date on the application form, the standard statistical approach. However, as applications continue to be received and decisions continue to be made on applications dated and received in previous quarters, the number of applications may increase in future reports.

(4) Source: Management Information from UK Border Agency. These figures are based on management information and are not subject to the detailed checks that apply for National Statistics. They are provisional and may be subject to change.

Table 18: A8 Applications for tax-funded, income-related benefits, Great Britain, Q1 2006 to Q4 2009 (1)

	Number of applications																			
	2006					2007					2008					2009				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
<b>Income Support</b>																				
Disallowed(2)	280	355	391	598	<b>1,624</b>	1,020	1,174	795	830	<b>3,819</b>	875	943	1,107	1,135	<b>4,060</b>	1,045	961	852	939	<b>3,797</b>
Allowed to proceed for further processing(3)	62	88	160	180	<b>490</b>	211	260	185	184	<b>840</b>	259	194	279	261	<b>993</b>	126	118	108	157	<b>509</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>2,114</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>1,434</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>4,659</b>	<b>1,134</b>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>1,386</b>	<b>1,396</b>	<b>5,053</b>	<b>1,171</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>1,096</b>	<b>4,306</b>
<b>Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)</b>																				
Disallowed(2)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	219	302	306	320	<b>1,147</b>
Allowed to proceed for further processing(3)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	113	157	161	207	<b>638</b>
<b>Total</b>	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	<b>332</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>1,785</b>
<b>Jobseeker's Allowance (income-based)</b>																				
Disallowed(2)	603	833	776	773	<b>2,985</b>	1,574	1,675	964	956	<b>5,169</b>	1,214	1,244	1,276	1,708	<b>5,442</b>	3,890	4,089	2,470	2,626	<b>13,075</b>
Allowed to proceed for further processing(3)	158	257	295	362	<b>1,072</b>	637	676	397	454	<b>2,164</b>	659	603	647	832	<b>2,741</b>	1,671	1,763	1,219	1,273	<b>5,926</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>1,090</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>4,057</b>	<b>2,211</b>	<b>2,351</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>1,410</b>	<b>7,333</b>	<b>1,873</b>	<b>1,847</b>	<b>1,923</b>	<b>2,540</b>	<b>8,183</b>	<b>5,561</b>	<b>5,852</b>	<b>3,689</b>	<b>3,899</b>	<b>19,001</b>
<b>State Pension Credit</b>																				
Disallowed(2)	8	20	21	28	<b>77</b>	26	37	42	32	<b>137</b>	56	38	56	63	<b>213</b>	60	103	65	88	<b>316</b>
Allowed to proceed for further processing(3)	4	5	21	9	<b>39</b>	5	16	20	32	<b>73</b>	28	41	48	50	<b>167</b>	77	113	119	143	<b>452</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>768</b>
<b>Total disallowed (2)</b>	891	1,208	1,188	1,399	<b>4,686</b>	2,620	2,886	1,801	1,818	<b>9,125</b>	2,145	2,225	2,439	2,906	<b>9,715</b>	5,214	5,455	3,693	3,973	<b>18,335</b>
<b>Total allowed to proceed for further processing (3)</b>	224	350	476	551	<b>1,601</b>	853	952	602	670	<b>3,077</b>	946	838	974	1,143	<b>3,901</b>	1,987	2,151	1,607	1,780	<b>7,525</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>1,558</b>	<b>1,664</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>6,287</b>	<b>3,473</b>	<b>3,838</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>2,488</b>	<b>12,202</b>	<b>3,091</b>	<b>3,063</b>	<b>3,413</b>	<b>4,049</b>	<b>13,616</b>	<b>7,201</b>	<b>7,606</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>5,753</b>	<b>25,860</b>

(1) Source: Department for Work and Pensions management information from Jobcentre Plus, which is collated from clerical processes.

(2) On failing the Right to Reside and Habitual Residence Test.

(3) On passing the Right to Reside and Habitual Residence Test.

: Not applicable.

**Table 19: Applications from Bulgarian and Romanian nationals for accession worker cards, registration certificates, Sector Based Scheme (SBS) and Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme (SAWS), by quarter and year of application, Q1 2007 to Q4 2009 (1)(2)(3)(4)**

Bulgarian nationals	Accession worker cards		Registration certificates		SBS	SAWS
	Received	Approved	Received	Approved	Approved	Approved
<b>2007</b>						
Q1	380	300	3,470	2,790	170	2,070
Q2	485	405	2,675	2,270	260	3,105
Q3	525	420	2,465	1,945	335	100
Q4	595	495	2,810	2,160	400	360
<b>2007 Total</b>	<b>1,985</b>	<b>1,615</b>	<b>11,420</b>	<b>9,165</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>5,640</b>
<b>2008</b>						
Q1	410	325	2,320	1,675	300	4,510
Q2	440	355	1,870	1,320	330	5,260
Q3	475	405	1,745	1,370	375	665
Q4	480	425	2,320	1,900	375	400
<b>2008 Total</b>	<b>1,805</b>	<b>1,505</b>	<b>8,255</b>	<b>6,260</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>10,835</b>
<b>2009</b>						
Q1	255	210	2,010	1,600	150	4,355
Q2	220	180	1,795	1,380	150	6,585
Q3	295	260	2,010	1,540	235	870
Q4	295	260	2,805	1,895	170	615
<b>2009 Total</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>8,615</b>	<b>6,420</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>12,420</b>
<b>Romanian nationals</b>						
Romanian nationals	Accession worker cards		Registration certificates		SBS	SAWS
	Received	Approved	Received	Approved	Approved	Approved
<b>2007</b>						
Q1	735	545	5,830	5,155	40	1,125
Q2	830	630	6,865	6,210	90	870
Q3	860	590	5,620	4,635	40	95
Q4	670	415	6,085	4,585	75	330
<b>2007 Total</b>	<b>3,095</b>	<b>2,180</b>	<b>24,395</b>	<b>20,580</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>2,420</b>
<b>2008</b>						
Q1	580	320	5,045	3,615	50	2,355
Q2	585	310	4,130	2,955	55	2,625
Q3	545	340	3,795	2,960	45	345
Q4	450	300	4,695	3,775	40	300
<b>2008 Total</b>	<b>2,165</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>17,670</b>	<b>13,305</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>5,630</b>
<b>2009</b>						
Q1	375	245	4,290	3,285	5	2,420
Q2	370	265	3,945	2,940	45	4,100
Q3	450	340	4,300	3,270	15	770
Q4	455	320	6,490	4,205	10	470
<b>2009 Total</b>	<b>1,645</b>	<b>1,170</b>	<b>19,025</b>	<b>13,705</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>7,760</b>
<b>Total</b>						
Total	Accession worker cards		Registration certificates		SBS	SAWS
	Received	Approved	Received	Approved	Approved	Approved
<b>2007</b>						
Q1	1,120	840	9,300	7,940	210	3,195
Q2	1,315	1,035	9,540	8,480	350	3,975
Q3	1,385	1,010	8,085	6,580	375	195
Q4	1,265	910	8,895	6,745	475	690
<b>2007 Total</b>	<b>5,080</b>	<b>3,795</b>	<b>35,820</b>	<b>29,745</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>8,060</b>
<b>2008</b>						
Q1	995	645	7,365	5,285	350	6,865
Q2	1,025	665	5,995	4,270	385	7,885
Q3	1,020	745	5,540	4,330	415	1,010
Q4	935	720	7,015	5,675	415	700
<b>2008 Total</b>	<b>3,970</b>	<b>2,775</b>	<b>25,920</b>	<b>19,565</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>16,460</b>
<b>2009</b>						
Q1	625	455	6,300	4,890	155	6,770
Q2	585	445	5,740	4,325	195	10,685
Q3	745	600	6,305	4,810	250	1,635
Q4	750	580	9,295	6,105	175	1,085
<b>2009 Total</b>	<b>2,710</b>	<b>2,080</b>	<b>27,640</b>	<b>20,125</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>20,180</b>

- (1) Figures rounded to the nearest 5 and may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding.
- (2) The data for accession worker cards and registration certificates are recorded by the date on the application form, the standard statistical approach. However, as applications continue to be received and decisions continue to be made on applications dated and received in previous quarters, the number of applications may increase in future reports.
- (3) Quarterly management information from UK Border Agency for SAWS is based on information provided by the operators who are responsible for administering the scheme on behalf of the UK Border Agency. The data have not therefore been subject to the same cleansing processes as other data. In addition, the SAWS operators are issued with workcards in excess of the annual quota where, for example, there is a printing error or a participant needs their stay extended up to the six months total. As a result, the figure for the annual SAWS total could appear higher than the SAWS quota for each year.
- (4) Source: Management Information from UK Border Agency. These figures are based on management information and are not subject to the detailed checks that apply for National Statistics. They are provisional and may be subject to change.

**Table 20: Applications for British citizenship received and decided in the United Kingdom, Q1 2006 to Q4 2009 (1)**

Quarter/ Year	Applications for British citizenship (2)	Decisions taken (3)		Refusals and withdrawals as a % of total decisions
		Grants	Refusals and withdrawals (4)	
<b>2006</b>				
Q1	26,100	46,820	4,230	8%
Q2	31,920	35,870	4,205	10%
Q3	37,470	34,855	3,580	9%
Q4	45,435	36,465	3,295	8%
<b>2006 Total</b>	<b>140,925</b>	<b>154,020</b>	<b>15,310</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>2007</b>				
Q1	65,930	44,610	4,185	9%
Q2	30,620	40,370	3,155	7%
Q3	30,145	43,770	4,170	9%
Q4	30,360	35,890	4,115	10%
<b>2007 Total</b>	<b>157,055</b>	<b>164,635</b>	<b>15,630</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>2008 (P)</b>				
Q1	42,635	34,875	2,575	7%
Q2	39,110	23,325	1,860	7%
Q3	34,945	32,220	2,310	7%
Q4	39,325	38,955	2,340	6%
<b>2008 Total</b>	<b>156,015</b>	<b>129,375</b>	<b>9,085</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>2009 (P)</b>				
Q1	54,480	54,615	2,715	5%
Q2	42,935	49,960	3,660	7%
Q3	44,910	54,430	2,915	5%
Q4	51,315	44,870	1,850	4%
<b>2009 Total</b>	<b>193,645</b>	<b>203,865</b>	<b>11,135</b>	<b>5%</b>

- (1) Figures (other than percentages) rounded to the nearest 5 (\* = 1 or 2). Figures may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding.  
(2) Includes applications for naturalisation and registration as a British citizen made in the United Kingdom.  
(3) Decisions taken may not relate to applications made in the same year.  
(4) Includes small numbers of applicants found to be British already.  
(P) Provisional figures.