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## **REFUGEE STATISTICS, UNITED KINGDOM, 1989**

### Summary

1. 15,500 people are provisionally estimated to have applied for refugee status in the United Kingdom in 1989, three times the average for 1985-88 and much higher than in 1979. The increase was mainly in applications by Turks (in the first half of 1989), Somalians, Sri Lankans and Ugandans. Most other Western European countries also saw large rises in asylum seekers in 1989.

2. Grants of refugee status, which had increased noticeably in 1988, increased substantially further to 3,040, considerably above the previous peak figure in 1982. The increase was mainly to Turks, Somalians, Ethiopians, Zaireans and Iraqis. Grants of exceptional leave, at 5,660, were also considerably higher than in earlier years. Refusals of refugee status or of exceptional leave also increased, to 960 in 1989, above the previous peak in 1982. In total the number of decisions reached in 1989 was substantially higher than previously - 9,700 compared with 3,800 during 1985-88 - and largely reflects changes in working practices introduced to deal with the increasing workload.

3. Over the period 1979-89 as a whole, 34,000 people, including South East Asian refugees, were allowed to stay in the United Kingdom as refugees. A further 17,800 people were granted exceptional leave; and 7,300 people were refused refugee status or exceptional leave.



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**Applications (Tables 1, 2, 6 and 7 and Figures 1, 3 and 4)**

4. The number of applications for refugee status (including dependants) in the United Kingdom rose substantially in 1989, and is provisionally estimated at 15,500, three times the average in 1985-88 and much higher than the 1,600 in 1979. Most Western European countries also experienced large rises in asylum applicants in 1989. In total, some 55,000 applications for refugee status in the United Kingdom were made over the period 1979-89. These figures exclude South East Asian refugees, who are dealt with under separate arrangements (see note (4)). They also exclude certain applications in New Delhi, largely by Afghans, which were processed locally by the British High Commission (see footnote (1) to Table 2).

5. Most of the increase in 1989 was among Turks, Somalians, Sri Lankans and Ugandans. Applications by Turks increased very substantially, from less than 50 in 1985, to 700 in 1988, and 4,600 in 1989. The majority in 1989 were made at ports in the second quarter of the year, and the applicants were nearly all of Kurdish origin. Applications by Somalians also increased substantially from 50 in 1983 to 400 in 1988 and 2,660 in 1989. Applications by Sri Lankans, which had fallen from the peak of 2,300 in 1985 to 450 in 1988 increased again, to 2,060 in 1989. Those by Ugandans rose by 900 to 1,580 in 1989. Among other nationalities, the numbers of Indians, Ethiopians and Zaireans also increased substantially to 680, 520 and 450 respectively. Applications by Chinese increased from less than 10 in 1988 to 70 in 1989: these figures do not include those Chinese nationals who, following the events in Beijing in June 1989, have applied to remain in the UK on an exceptional basis and are being allowed to stay under the terms of the announcements made by the Home Secretary in June and December 1989 (see note (2)). Applications by Iranians fell a little, to 500 in 1989, having declined from the peak of 2,300 in 1982: those by Pakistanis also fell back to about the 1986 figure.

6. Of the total applications made over the period 1979-89 as a whole, a quarter were by Iranians, and 14 per cent by Sri Lankans. Turks accounted for 11 per cent of the total and Somalians and Ugandans for 7 and 6 per cent respectively.

7. Most of the increase in applications in 1989 was in those made at ports. Such applications increased from around 1,600 in 1988 (30 per cent of the total) to 9,400 (60 per cent of the 1989 total). Of the remainder in 1989, about 5,500 applications were made after entry to the UK in another capacity, and 600 were made overseas.

Decisions (Tables 1 and 3 to 7 and Figures 2 and 5 to 7)

8. The number of decisions in 1989 also rose substantially, to 9,700 compared with an average of 3,800 in 1985-88 and only 950 in 1979. This largely reflects changes in working practices in the Immigration and Nationality Department of the Home Office, introduced to deal with the growing backlog of older cases.

9. Grants of refugee status rose very substantially to 3,040 in 1989, from 460 in 1987 and 970 in 1988, and were considerably above the previous peak in 1982. Grants of exceptional leave (see note (2)) were also considerably higher, at 5,660 in 1989, compared with 2,260 in 1988 and the 2,700 in 1986. However refusals of refugee status or exceptional leave, which had fallen from 780 in 1987 to 570 in 1988, also increased, to 960 in 1989, above the previous peak in 1982. (All these figures include dependants where relevant. They exclude certain cases, largely of Afghans, processed locally in New Delhi - see footnote (1) to Table 5.)

10. Over the period 1979-89 as a whole, grants of refugee status totalled 12,700, with a further 21,300 South East Asian refugees accepted for settlement. Taken together, about 34,000 people were given leave to remain in the United Kingdom as a refugee over this period. In addition a further 17,800 were granted exceptional

leave over 1979-89. Refusals of refugee status or exceptional leave totalled 7,300 over these years.

11. During 1979-89, the proportion of decisions which were grants either of refugee status or of exceptional leave has tended to increase. However, within this, the proportion which were grants of refugee status fell considerably from 64 per cent of total decisions in 1980 to 13 per cent of the total in 1987, though increasing somewhat, to 25 per cent in 1988 and 32 per cent in 1989. There has, similarly, been a considerable decline in the proportion of applicants in other Western European countries over the period who have been found to qualify as refugees under the 1951 UN Convention. The criteria for qualifying as a refugee have remained the same throughout the period, and applications have continued to be assessed on an individual basis. The proportion of total decisions which were grants of exceptional leave increased considerably over the period, from 13 per cent in 1980 to 68 per cent in 1986 and just under 60 per cent in 1988 and 1989. The proportion refused asylum or exceptional leave has fallen from an average of 26 per cent in the years 1979-84 to 15 per cent in 1988 and 10 per cent in 1989.

12. The substantial further increase in grants of refugee status in 1989 was mainly to Somalians (from 350 to 1,170), Ethiopians (from 210 to 460) and Turks (from less than 10 in 1988 to 370 in 1989). Grants to Somalians and Ethiopians rose substantially in 1988 as well. There were also substantial increases in 1989 in grants to Zaireans (to 150), Seychellois and Iraqis. Grants to Iranians, which had fallen from over 1,300 in 1982 to 70 in 1988, increased to 140 in 1989. Over the period 1979-89 as a whole, 44 per cent of the total of 12,700 grants of refugee status were to Iranians, with 13 per cent to Somalians, 9 per cent to Ethiopians, and 5 per cent each to Iraqis and Ghanians.

13. A half of the increase in grants of exceptional leave in 1989 was in those to Turks, which rose sharply from less than 50 in 1988 to 1,700 in 1989. Grants to Sri Lankans, which were low in 1988

because of a temporary delay in processing such cases, increased to 980 in 1989 though were still below the 1,900 in 1986. There were also noticeable increases in grants to Somalians, Iraqis and Lebanese, while those to Iranians, at 720, remained at about the higher level of 1988. During the period 1979-89 as a whole, over a half of all grants of exceptional leave were to Sri Lankans or Iranians.

14. The increase in refusals of refugee status or exceptional leave in 1989 was due to a large rise, to 600, for Pakistan. This mainly reflected the refusal of applications based solely on membership of the Pakistan Peoples Party. These applications failed to qualify under the Convention criteria following the restoration of democracy in Pakistan, and the election of the Pakistan Peoples Party as the national government in November 1988. Over the period 1979-89 as a whole about a quarter of all refusals were of Iranians.

#### Settlement (Table 8)

15. In 1989, 1,590 persons were accepted for permanent settlement in the United Kingdom, either as South East Asian refugees or under exceptional leave arrangements (see note (3)). This was about the same as in 1988 but 300 more than in 1987. Acceptances as refugees totalled 1,130 compared to 1,060 in 1988: the 1989 total comprised 720 acceptances of south-east Asian refugees, and 400 acceptances of refugees after four years residence in the United Kingdom. About 35 per cent of the latter acceptances were Iranians, 10 per cent were Iraqis, and about 15 per cent were from African countries. Over the period 1979-89 as a whole, a total of 27,800 persons were accepted for settlement as refugees, including the 21,300 South East Asian refugees.

## **NOTES AND DEFINITIONS**

(1) This is the fifth in an annual series of bulletins giving statistics on applications received for refugee status in the United Kingdom and on the decisions reached. The tables in this bulletin give provisional detailed figures of applications and decisions by nationality for 1989 (Table 7) and revised figures for 1988 (Table 6), and figures for the main nationalities for 1979-89 (Tables 2-5).

(2) The basis for the granting of refugee status is the 1951 United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, extended in its application by the 1967 Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees. The United Kingdom is party to both. 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". Until July 1984 a significant number of applicants who failed fully to meet this criterion were granted asylum. This carried similar benefits to those accorded to a refugee. Since July 1984 anyone who previously would have been granted asylum has been granted full refugee status. In addition, the United Kingdom is prepared to grant, to applicants who do not fully meet the requirements of the Convention, exceptional leave to stay here for an appropriate period, if it would be unreasonable in all the circumstances to seek to enforce their return to their country of origin. The statistics only count a grant of exceptional leave on the first occasion and not again when it is extended. The figures in the tables on applications and decisions in this Bulletin do not include those Polish nationals who did not apply for asylum but were granted exceptional leave following the Home Secretary's statement in 1983 that no Polish nationals who arrived in the United Kingdom before 9 March 1983 would be required to leave. Similarly, the figures do not include those Chinese nationals who were already in the United Kingdom in June 1989, and who did not want to return while the situation in China remained unsettled. They were allowed to remain on an exceptional basis for 6 months, without formally seeking refugee status, following the Home Secretary's announcement in June 1989. This was extended to 12 months by his announcement in December 1989.

(3) People granted refugee status are given leave to remain for 4 years. At the end of that period they may apply for indefinite leave to remain, or settlement. Those granted exceptional leave are able to apply for indefinite leave to remain after 7 years. Table 8 shows the numbers granted settlement as refugees and under exceptional leave arrangements.

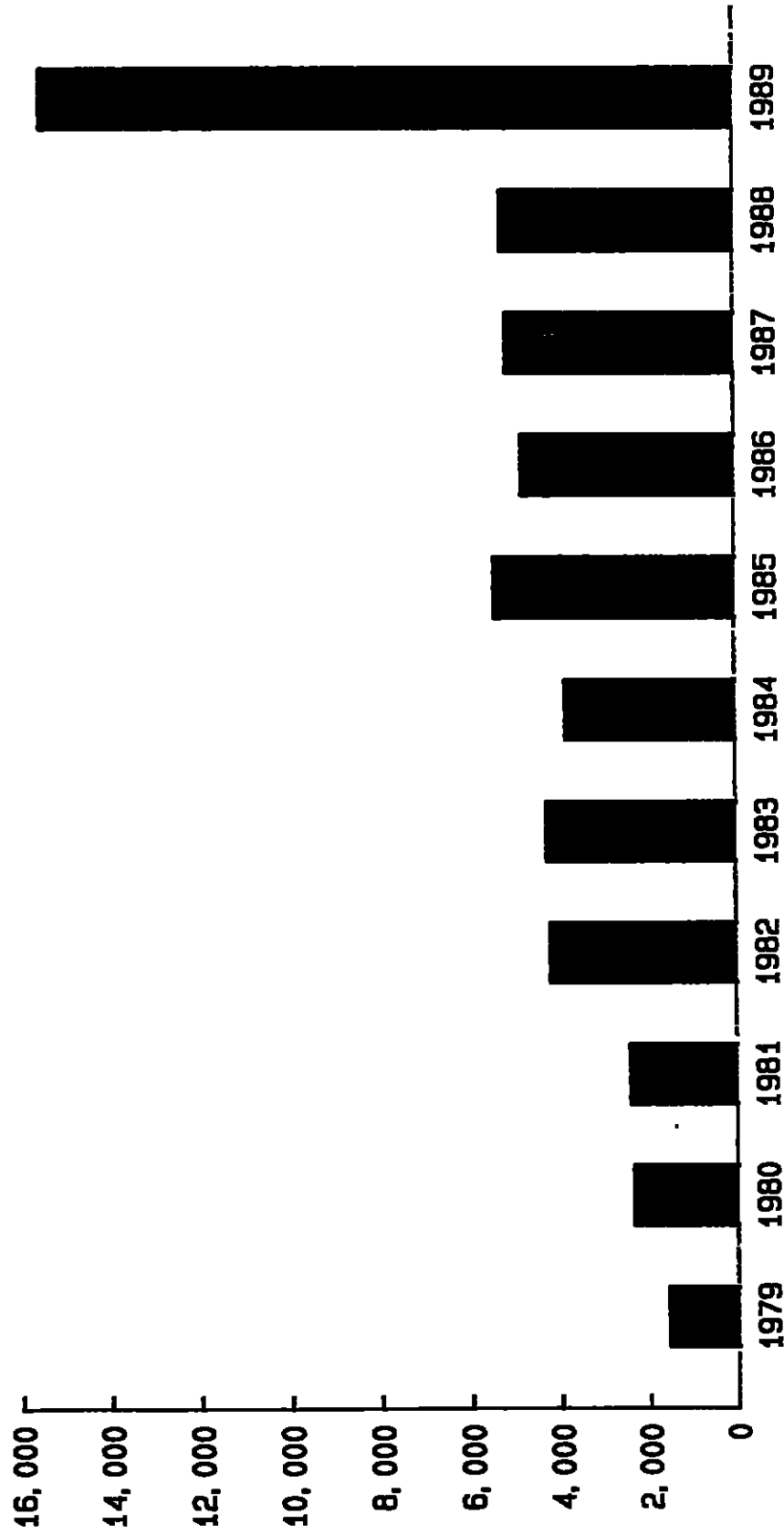
(4) In addition to individual applications for asylum, there are occasional refugee programmes as part of international initiatives in response to particular problems. The Vietnamese programme was introduced in the late 1970s. These refugees form a distinct group of people granted settlement on their arrival in the United Kingdom. Some 21,300 South East Asian refugees have so far been

accepted for settlement (of which about 2,500 were granted settlement after four years residence in the United Kingdom). The UK is continuing to accept further such refugees under international and special domestic arrangements; the Government announced in February 1989 that it would accept a further 1,000 Vietnamese refugees from Hong Kong over the next 2 to 3 years. This offer was increased to 2,000 over the next 3 years at the International Conference on Indo-Chinese Refugees which was held in Geneva on 13-14 June 1989.

(5) Because of delays in data reaching the computer system (particularly in cases dealt with at the ports), the figures for 1989 are provisional estimates, and are rounded to the nearest 5. Revised figures for applications in 1988 and for decisions in 1987 and 1988 are published in this bulletin. Recording procedures have been improved and the data should be more complete in future years. But it is known that for all years a proportion of decisions taken fail to reach the computer. This has a cumulative effect on the numbers of applications shown as still outstanding and the figures for applications outstanding by nationality in Tables 6 and 7 are therefore maxima which overstate the true situation. Efforts are being made to correct this effect in future. The figures given in these tables have been rounded substantially to indicate their approximate nature.

(6) Press enquiries should be made to Home Office Press Office, 50 Queen Anne's Gate, London, SW1H 9AT (tel: 071-273 4610). Enquiries about the figures in this bulletin should be addressed to Home Office Research and Statistics Department, Lunar House, 40 Wellesley Road, Croydon, CR0 9YD (tel: 081-760 2709 or 2711).

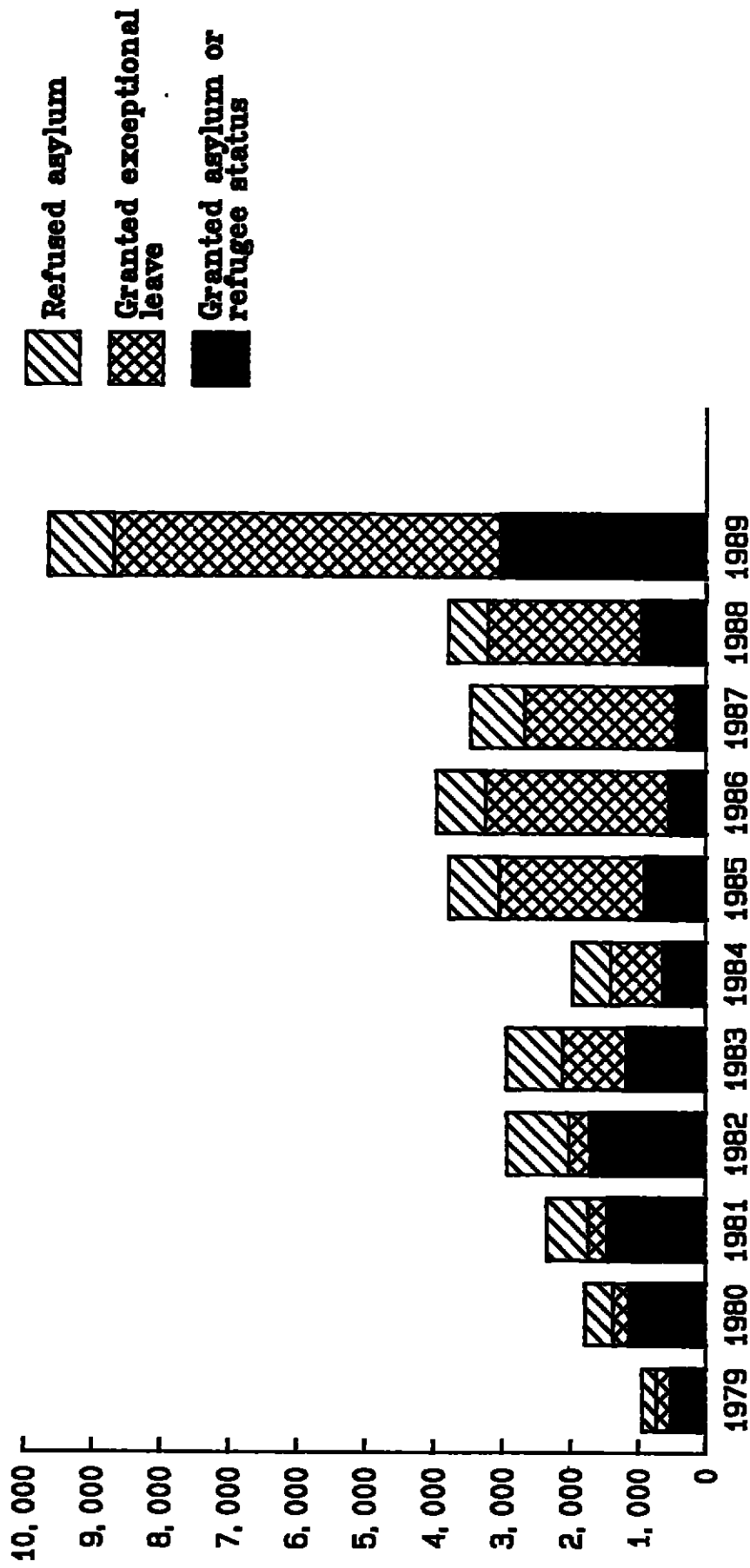
**Figure 1 Applications<sup>(1)</sup> for refugee status  
or asylum, 1979 to 1989**



**(1) Excluding South-East Asian refugees**



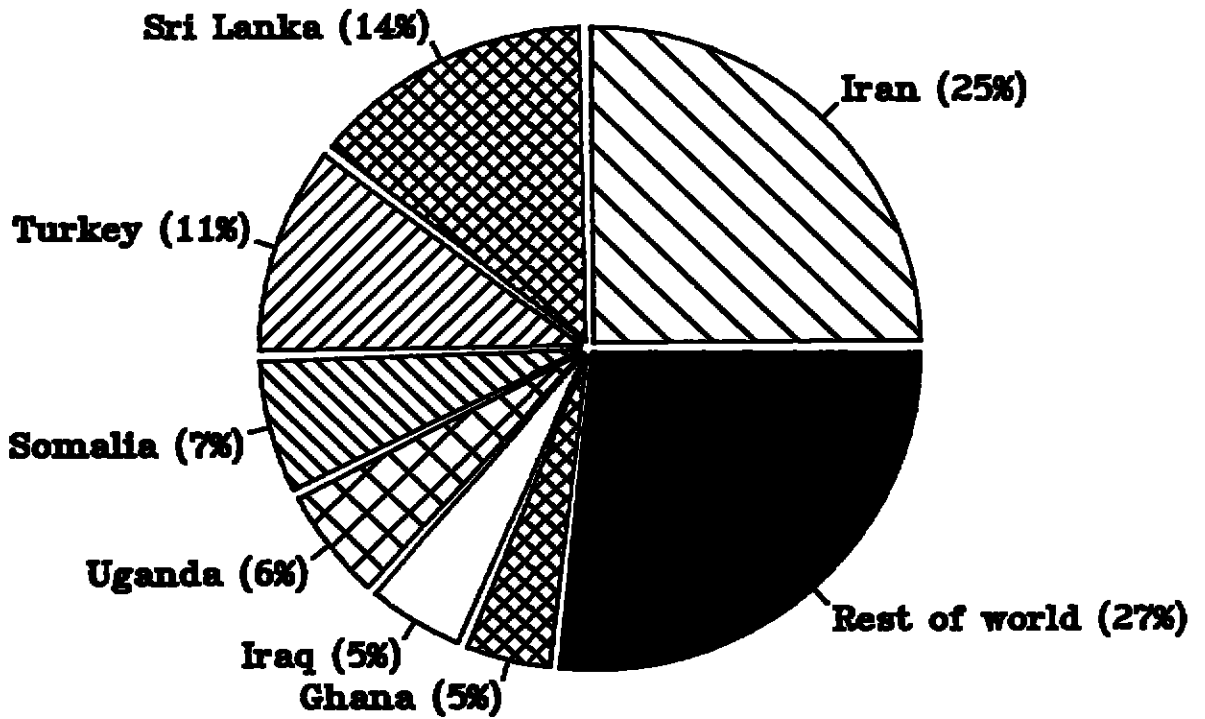
**Figure 2 Decisions<sup>(1)(2)</sup> made on applications for refugee status or asylum, 1979 to 1989**



(1) Decisions in a particular year do not necessarily relate to applications made in that year

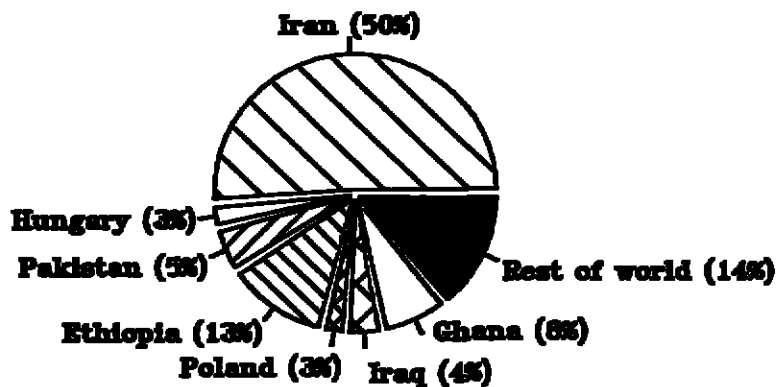
(2) Excluding South-East Asian refugees

**Figure 3 Applications<sup>(1)</sup> received for refugee status or asylum, 1979 to 1989**  
**(Total number of people = 54,935)**

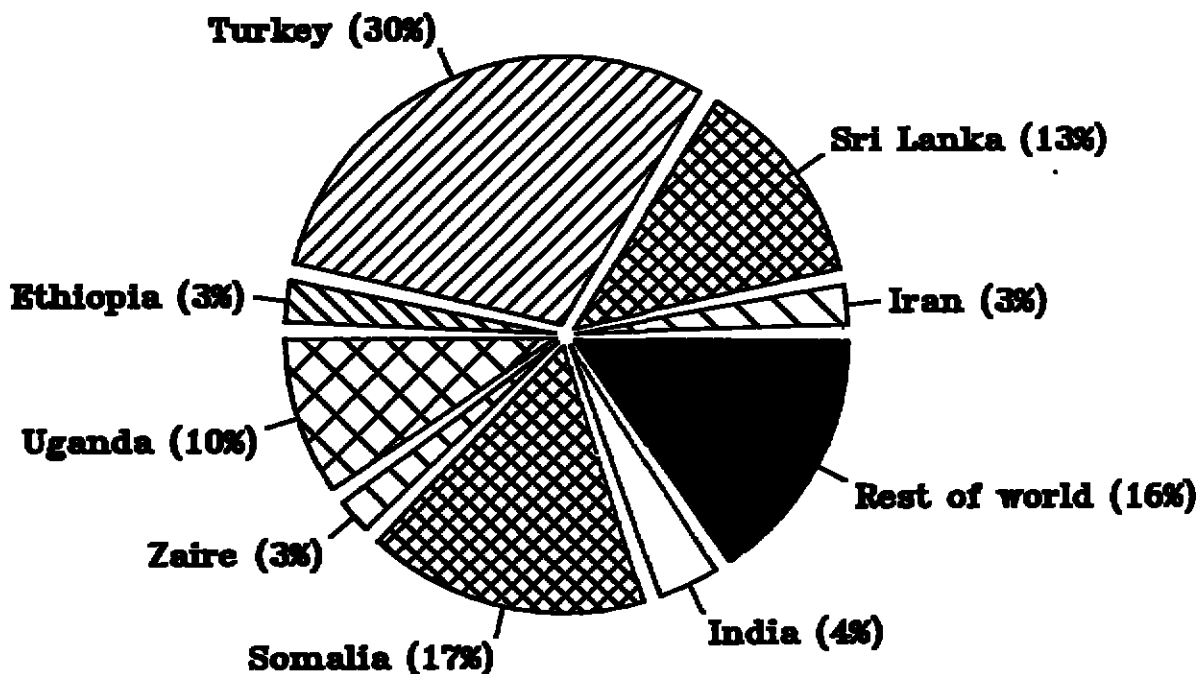


**(1) Excluding South-East Asian refugees**

**Figure 4 Applications<sup>(1)</sup> received for refugee status or asylum, 1979**  
 (Total number of people = 1,563)

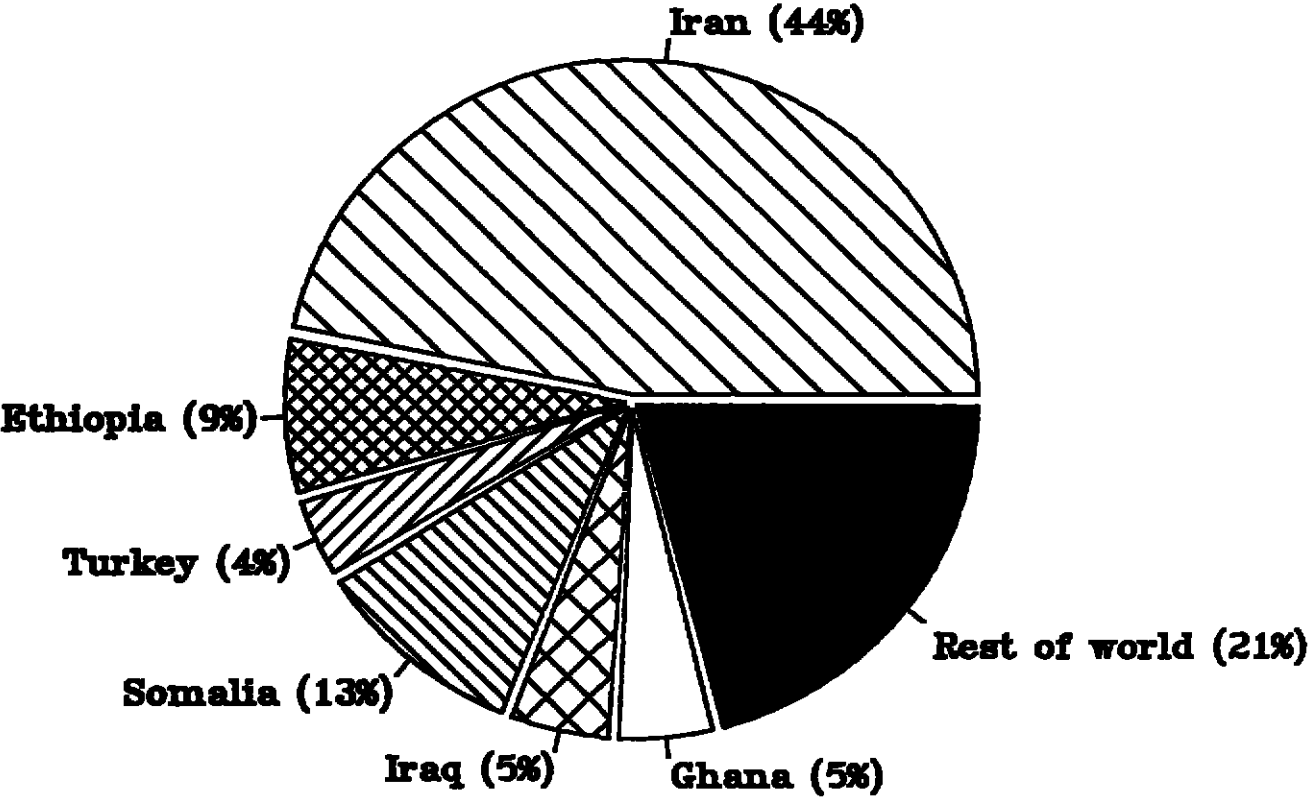


**Applications<sup>(1)</sup> received for refugee status or asylum, 1989**  
 (Total number of people = 15,530)



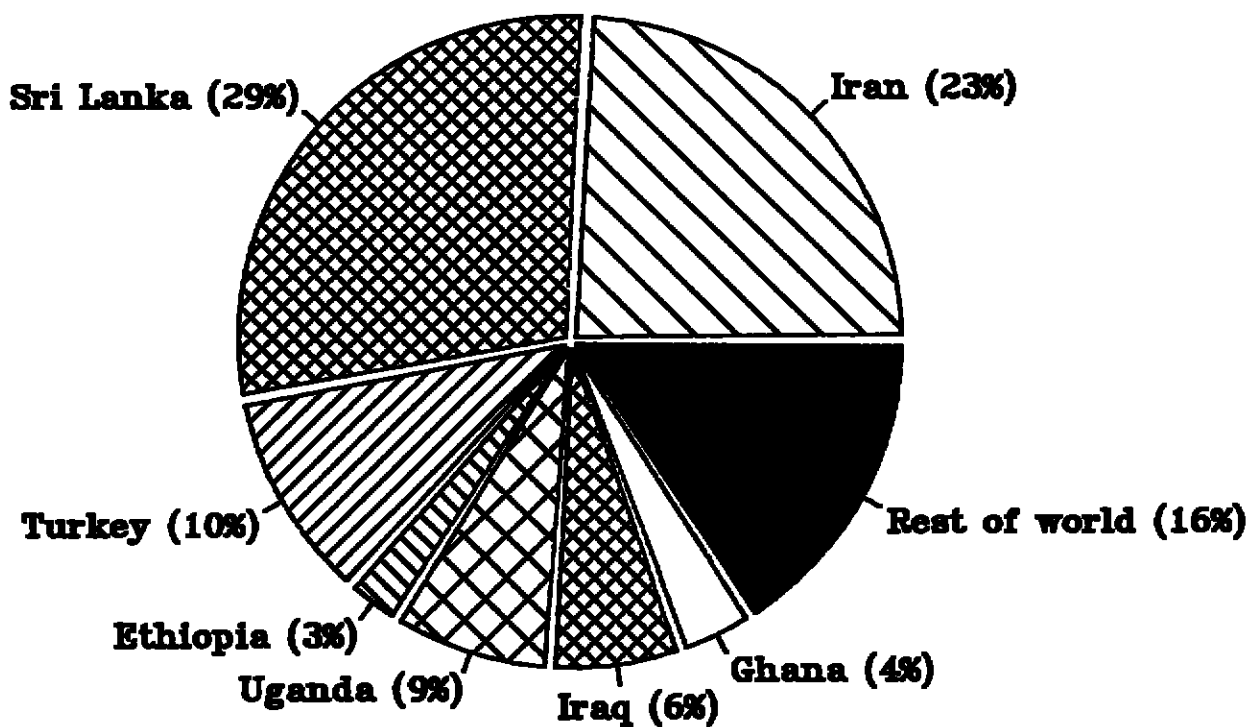
**(1) Excluding South-East Asian refugees**

**Figure 5 Grants<sup>(1)</sup> of refugee status or asylum,  
1979 to 1989  
(Total number of people = 12,665)**



**(1) Excluding South-East Asian refugees**

**Figure 6 Grants of exceptional leave,  
1979 to 1989  
(Total number of people = 17,750)**



**Figure 7 Refusals of exceptional leave  
or asylum, 1979 to 1989  
(Total number of people = 7,265)**

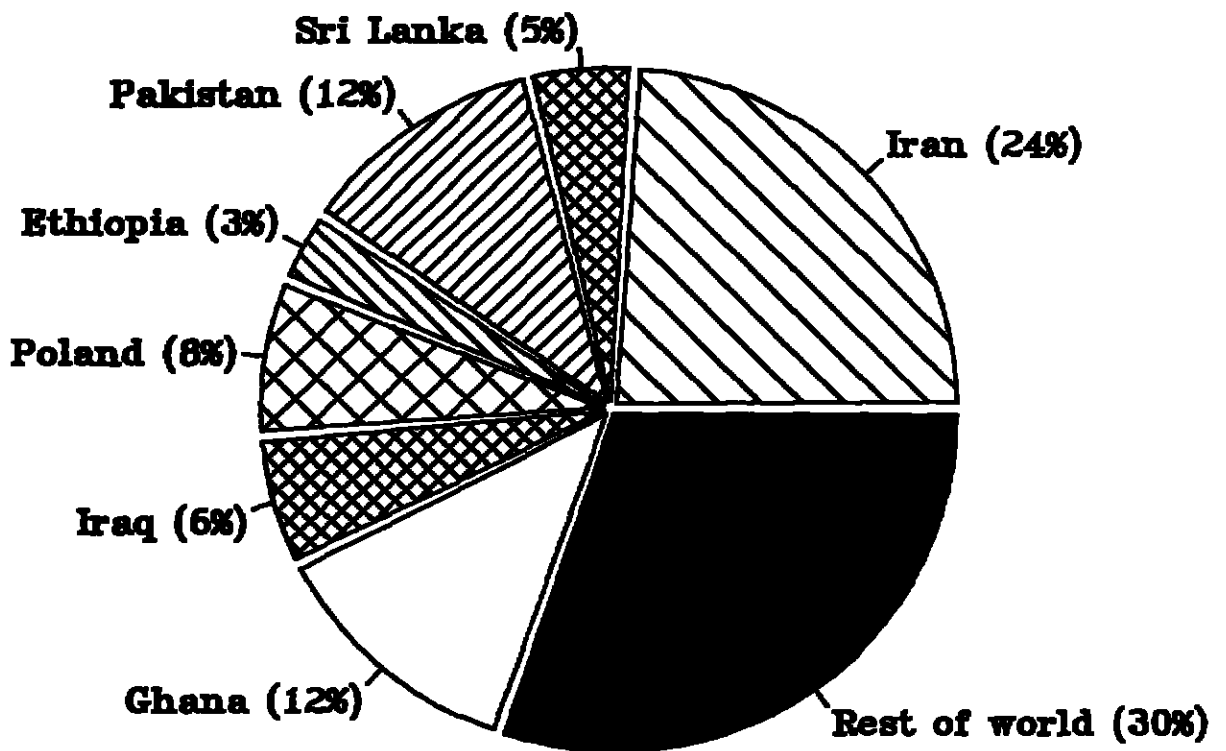


Table 1 Applications received for refugee status and asylum, and decisions, percentages in the United Kingdom, 1979 to 1989

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987 (R)	1988 (R)	1989 (P)	Total 1979-89
<u>Applications received</u>												
Total	1,563	2,352	2,425	4,223	4,296	3,869	5,444	4,811	5,160	5,263	15,530	54,935
Made at ports	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,370	..
Made after entry to the UK	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,545	..
Made from overseas	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	615	..
<u>Decisions</u>												
Total	949	1,797	2,358	2,942	2,950	1,984	3,790	3,972	3,472	3,804	9,660	37,680
Grants of refugee status	525	1,147	1,473	1,727	1,185	649	915	565	464	968	3,045	12,665
Grants of exceptional leave	215	238	278	311	939	779	2,144	2,698	2,229	2,263	5,635	17,750
Refusals	209	412	607	904	826	556	731	709	779	573	960	7,265
<u>Percentages of total decisions</u>												
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Grants of refugee status	55	64	62	59	40	33	24	14	13	25	32	34
Grants of exceptional leave	23	13	12	11	32	39	57	68	64	59	59	47
Refusals	22	23	26	31	28	28	19	18	22	15	10	19
<u>Applications withdrawn</u>	89	236	211	234	217	238	304	331	355	454	405	3,075

(P) Figures rounded to the nearest 5

.. Not available

Table 2 Applications received for refugee status or asylum by nationality, 1979 to 1989.

Nationality	Number										Total 1979-89	
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988 (R)(1)		1989 (P)(1)
Afghanistan	30	86	82	43	16	39	49	64	67	41	125	640
Angola	-	-	4	3	10	4	7	9	22	43	215	315
Czechoslovakia	30	53	55	55	26	19	18	4	10	26	60	355
Ethiopia	189	97	90	90	126	135	209	212	266	262	515	2,190
Ghana	122	29	13	407	689	337	175	220	133	170	223	2,540
Hungary	44	62	21	44	26	21	17	8	21	36	20	320
India	-	2	1	8	6	60	32	86	126	343	680	1,343
Iran	797	1,421	1,547	2,280	1,862	1,310	1,126	1,119	942	504	495	13,485
Iraq	65	146	14	271	298	348	350	269	326	302	385	2,775
Lebanon	9	9	-	3	24	28	34	37	102	180	180	605
Libya	-	41	41	48	26	78	60	125	72	60	15	565
Pakistan	83	38	79	63	36	133	114	265	439	375	285	1,930
Poland	42	55	92	494	127	109	71	59	57	87	40	1,235
Seychelles	-	15	19	20	25	31	66	90	201	72	35	575
Somalia	-	14	11	14	50	83	244	214	336	382	2,665	4,035
South Africa	1	27	62	54	61	54	53	73	73	38	40	535
Sri Lanka	1	18	12	16	380	548	2,306	1,332	774	469	2,055	7,910
Sudan	1	3	14	11	19	57	27	27	42	34	110	345
Turkey	6	21	1	38	43	61	34	111	210	693	4,650	5,870
Uganda	38	28	99	66	199	165	203	189	440	474	1,575	3,475
Zaire	-	2	-	2	4	11	8	18	63	159	450	715
Other countries by geographical region												
Africa	17	32	39	46	70	126	113	94	69	107	150	865
Americas	12	74	68	51	58	23	28	35	51	84	120	605
Middle East	23	13	6	23	22	27	19	53	56	42	63	350
Remainder of Asia	18	22	7	22	25	11	3	27	13	32	120	285
Europe	35	43	42	50	49	26	34	27	42	51	120	520
Other nationalities including stateless	-	1	6	1	17	25	44	44	147	117	165(2)	565
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,563</b>	<b>2,352</b>	<b>2,425</b>	<b>4,223</b>	<b>4,296</b>	<b>3,869</b>	<b>5,444</b>	<b>4,811</b>	<b>5,160</b>	<b>5,263</b>	<b>15,530</b>	<b>54,935</b>

(2) Provisional estimates. Figures rounded to the nearest 5. See note (3)

(1) In addition, a further 1795 applications in 1988, and 63 in 1989, largely by nationals of Afghanistan, were made to the British High Commission in New Delhi, and are being processed locally.

(2) Includes an estimated remaining 70 applications at ports, details of which are not yet recorded on the computer.



Nationality	Number										Total 1979-89	
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987 (A)	1988 (B)		1989 (P)
Afghanistan	8	32	34	19	13	12	1	-	5	55	30	210
Angola	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	2	35	45
Czechoslovakia	3	17	21	16	7	9	1	-	-	1	10	85
Ethiopia	38	52	42	58	57	16	41	53	49	207	465	1,080
Ghana	24	13	5	-	199	73	89	72	47	39	33	595
Hungary	4	22	7	-	7	1	1	1	2	-	*	43
India	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iran	390	876	1,171	1,355	547	320	384	200	118	73	145	5,580
Iraq	22	56	27	61	65	55	108	56	23	17	105	595
Lebanon	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	11	1	5	25
Libya	-	8	31	22	12	6	27	22	26	7	10	170
Pakistan	-	-	23	26	16	7	7	4	1	8	5	95
Poland	5	4	10	43	96	21	27	8	6	8	5	235
Myanmar	-	-	6	15	21	2	15	25	20	29	100	235
Senegal	-	9	2	13	23	3	23	27	57	346	1,170	1,675
South Africa	-	1	14	18	40	7	36	10	13	24	50	215
Sri Lanka	-	-	2	-	-	2	19	4	10	9	5	50
Sudan	-	-	2	3	2	2	6	1	11	34	60	120
Turkey	-	1	1	6	18	46	12	6	5	5	370	470
Uganda	4	-	9	25	15	46	45	9	32	28	55	270
Zaire	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	1	4	4	150	165
Other countries by geographical region												
Africa	-	11	6	11	10	1	9	13	3	3	35	100
Americas	4	16	31	9	18	7	13	10	6	15	50	180
Middle East	8	2	2	8	-	4	19	1	2	2	5	55
Remainder of Asia	10	4	1	1	2	3	1	3	-	1	20	45
Europe	-	23	23	15	13	6	1	2	1	14	5	105
Other nationalities including stateless	5	-	3	-	-	-	17	34	11	36	110	215
Sub-total	525	1,147	1,473	1,727	1,185	649	915	565	464	968	3,045	12,665
Acceptances for settlement of South-East Asian refugees (1)	3,150	9,100	2,880	880	1,220	800	530	830	440	710	720	21,260
Total grants	3,675	10,247	4,353	2,607	2,405	1,449	1,445	1,395	904	1,678	3,765	33,925

(P) Provisional estimates. Figures rounded to the nearest 5, with "a" = less than 3. See note (5).  
(1) Includes those accepted on removal of time limit in the years 1979 to 1982.

Table 4 Grants of exceptional leave by nationality, 1979 to 1989

Nationality	Number										Total 1979-89	
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987 (R)	1988 (R)		1989 (P)
Afghanistan	-	24	61	17	13	8	8	37	74	45	85	370
Angola	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	4	15	30
Czechoslovakia	3	6	11	1	3	5	4	-	2	3	20	60
Ethiopia	43	66	26	6	15	4	19	27	161	78	30	475
Ghana	46	2	-	12	126	59	48	49	115	113	110	680
Hungary	13	16	3	1	2	2	6	2	-	4	15	65
India	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	5
Iran	20	44	66	144	599	506	682	311	389	688	725	4,175
Iraq	1	7	1	21	43	65	155	162	122	155	375	1,105
Lebanon	1	5	1	1	-	7	18	13	24	45	230	345
Libya	-	-	-	2	1	2	12	24	33	27	15	115
Pakistan	15	31	17	21	4	2	-	4	13	67	110	285
Poland	7	7	4	6	24	39	26	12	7	4	20	135
Seychelles	-	1	-	-	4	-	4	7	63	57	50	185
Somalia	-	-	-	-	1	-	9	13	85	73	305	485
South Africa	-	5	-	23	7	-	12	5	10	23	10	95
Sri Lanka	2	1	-	2	13	31	967	1,913	963	304	973	5,170
Sudan	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	23	7	1	5	40
Turkey	-	-	-	-	1	2	6	2	6	29	1,705	1,750
Uganda	59	13	63	36	69	28	102	38	83	414	710	1,615
Zaire	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	15	5	20
Other countries by geographical region												
Africa	1	-	2	1	5	2	26	14	18	41	15	125
Americas	-	3	17	14	1	4	9	2	9	7	35	100
Middle East	1	1	-	-	-	1	5	9	9	15	20	60
Remainder of Asia	-	1	1	3	-	2	-	1	-	1	15	25
Europe	2	5	4	-	6	4	15	16	7	13	25	95
Other nationalities including stateless	1	-	-	-	1	2	9	13	19	37	55	135
<b>Total</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>2,144</b>	<b>2,698</b>	<b>2,229</b>	<b>2,263</b>	<b>5,655</b>	<b>17,750</b>

(P) Provisional estimates. Figures rounded to the nearest 5, with "R" = less than 5. See note (5)

Number

Nationality	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	Total
									(B)	(R)(1)	(F)(1)	1979-89
Afghanistan	1	6	-	8	-	-	-	3	7	-	5	30
Angola	-	-	1	3	10	-	4	1	4	-	10	35
Czechoslovakia	19	14	21	46	16	8	8	1	-	2	15	150
Ethiopia	50	22	2	22	35	20	33	20	34	4	5	245
Ghana	33	7	3	28	199	157	252	40	107	58	20	905
Hungary	11	13	16	34	15	12	15	2	6	5	5	135
India	-	1	2	1	3	5	18	17	9	28	45	130
Iran	18	150	331	363	51	90	156	292	169	66	30	1,735
Iraq	3	42	31	76	55	30	24	76	62	26	10	435
Lebanon	-	5	3	1	-	1	4	-	1	3	10	30
Libya	-	1	16	11	7	4	22	17	17	41	5	140
Pakistan	3	23	18	25	24	14	18	34	16	92	380	845
Poland	25	25	43	105	228	24	13	33	12	17	25	550
Seychelles	-	-	4	9	1	1	4	4	6	16	-	45
Somalia	-	-	-	1	2	3	21	39	89	9	10	175
South Africa	-	-	8	29	11	3	11	7	16	8	5	100
Sri Lanka	1	9	7	27	31	100	19	6	62	50	35	345
Sudan	-	-	8	-	3	5	8	10	14	1	5	55
Turkey	1	6	6	8	5	9	3	17	9	43	25	130
Uganda	2	11	-	-	12	10	24	31	65	22	10	185
Zaire	-	2	-	2	1	2	-	2	5	11	15	40
Other countries by geographical region												
Africa	5	6	16	15	25	17	39	26	37	20	25	230
Americas	2	37	30	14	30	11	4	10	10	8	10	165
Middle East	5	9	12	19	18	6	7	6	3	6	15	103
Remainder of Asia	8	11	7	13	18	12	1	4	3	11	4	90
Europe	22	12	19	23	24	11	15	1	3	16	20	165
Other nationalities including stateless	-	-	3	1	2	1	8	10	13	10	20	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>7,265</b>

(F) Provisional estimates. Figures rounded to the nearest 5, with "0" = less than 3. See note (5)  
 (1) In addition a further 440 applications in 1980, and 40 in 1989, largely by nationals of Afghanistan, processed locally by the British High Commission in New Delhi, were refused.

Table 6 Applications received for refugee status and asylum, and decisions, in the United Kingdom by nationality, 1988 (revised)

Nationality	Applications received	Total	Decisions (1)			Number of persons	
			Granted refugee status	Granted exceptional leave	Refused asylum or exceptional leave	Applications withdrawn	Applications outstanding at end of year(2)
Afghanistan	41	100	55	45	-	7	80
Albania	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Algeria	9	3	-	-	3	2	20
Angola	43	6	2	4	-	2	60
Bahrain	7	3	-	-	3	-	20
Bangladesh	14	11	-	1	10	3	10
Belgium	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
Bolivia	2	1	-	-	1	-	+
Botswana	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Brazil	1	-	-	-	-	-	+
Bulgaria	7	3	2	-	1	-	10
Burkina Faso	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Burma	3	1	1	-	-	2	10
Cambodia	4	2	2	-	-	4	+
Cameroon	4	1	-	-	1	-	+
Central African Republic	1	-	-	-	-	-	+
Chad	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Chile	18	8	3	4	1	-	30
China	6	1	-	-	1	-	10
Colombia	58	17	12	3	2	-	70
Congo	2	-	-	-	-	-	+
Cyprus	4	4	4	-	-	-	10
Czechoslovakia	26	6	1	3	2	2	30
Djibouti	33	1	1	-	-	-	40
Egypt	4	2	-	-	2	-	10
El Salvador	3	-	-	-	-	-	+
Ethiopia	262	289	207	78	4	5	430
Fiji	2	-	-	-	-	-	+
Gabon	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Gambia	6	-	-	-	-	-	+
Ghana	170	210	39	113	58	18	390
Guatemala	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Guatemala	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Guyana	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Honduras	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Hungary	36	9	-	4	5	2	40
India	343	28	-	-	28	19	540
Iran	584	827	73	688	66	89	1,400
Iraq	302	198	17	153	26	23	690
Ireland	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Israel	1	-	-	-	-	-	+
Jordan	10	8	-	7	1	-	20
Kenya	11	5	-	5	-	5	20
Kuwait	2	-	-	-	-	1	+
Laos	1	-	-	-	-	1	+
Lebanon	180	49	1	45	3	18	230
Lesotho	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Liberia	1	-	-	-	-	-	+
Libya	60	75	7	27	41	13	120
Malaysia	4	-	-	-	-	1	+
Mali	-	-	-	-	-	1	+
Mauritius	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Morocco	5	4	-	1	3	-	+
Mozambique	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Nicaragua	3	3	-	-	3	-	+
Niger	1	4	-	2	2	4	20
Nigeria	14	13	-	9	4	-	40
Oman	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Pakistan	375	167	8	67	92	64	1,100
Peru	1	-	-	-	-	-	+
Philippines	1	-	-	-	-	-	+
Poland	87	29	8	4	17	4	150
Qatar	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Romania	22	23	4	8	11	2	30
Saudi Arabia	5	-	-	-	-	4	20
Seychelles	72	102	29	57	16	9	230
Sierra Leone	3	5	-	1	4	-	10
Singapore	2	-	-	-	-	1	+
Somalia	382	428	346	73	9	17	580
South Africa	38	55	24	23	8	8	110

Table 6 Applications received for refugee status and asylum, and decisions, in the United Kingdom by nationality, 1988 (revised) (continued)

Nationality	Applications received		Decisions(1)			Number of persons	
	Total	Granted refugee status	Granted exceptional or leave	Refused asylum or exceptional leave	Applications withdrawn	Applications outstanding at end of year(2)	
Spain	-	-	-	-	-	+	
Sri Lanka	469	9	304	50	67	1,850	
Sudan	34	34	1	1	1	70	
Surinam	4	-	-	-	-	+	
Sweden	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Syria	10	2	8	2	1	30	
Tanzania	1	-	-	-	-	+	
Tunisia	1	-	-	-	1	+	
Turkey	693	5	29	43	13	990	
Uganda	474	28	414	22	11	590	
USSR	10	4	5	-	2	+	
UAX	2	-	-	-	-	+	
USA	2	-	-	6	-	-	
Vietnam	2	-	-	-	1	+	
Yemen Arab Republic	5	-	-	-	-	10	
Yemen (PDR)	4	-	1	1	-	20	
Yugoslavia	8	-	-	4	2	10	
Zaire	159	4	15	11	7	220	
Zambia	5	-	1	-	-	20	
Zimbabwe	10	1	22	1	1	40	
British Overseas citizens	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Nationality uncertain	89	34	34	2	12	160	
<b>All nationalities</b>	<b>5,263</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>2,263</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>10,710</b>	

(1) Decisions do not necessarily relate to applications made in 1988

(2) Rounded figures, with "q" = less than 10. See note (5).

Table 7 Applications received for refugee status and asylum, and decisions, in the United Kingdom by nationality, 1989 (provisional estimates)

Nationality	Applications received(1)	Total	Decisions(1)(4)			Number of persons	
			Granted refugee status	Granted exceptional leave	Refused asylum or exceptional leave	Applications withdrawn(1)	Applications outstanding at end of year(2)
Afghanistan	125	115	30	85	5	*	80
Albania	*	*	-	-	*	-	+
Algeria	10	5	-	*	5	*	20
Angola	215	60	15	15	10	-	190
Bahrain	5	5	*	5	-	*	10
Bangladesh	10	*	-	*	-	-	20
Benin	*	-	-	-	-	-	+
Bolivia	-	10	*	5	*	-	+
Brazil	*	-	-	-	-	-	+
Brunei	*	-	-	-	-	-	+
Bulgaria	25	15	*	10	5	*	20
Burkina Faso	*	-	-	-	-	-	+
Burma	25	5	-	5	*	*	30
Cameroon	*	-	-	-	-	-	10
Canada	*	-	-	-	-	-	+
Central African Rep.	*	-	-	-	-	-	+
Chad	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Chile	15	20	5	10	5	5	20
China	70	25	20	10	-	5	50
Colombia	90	60	40	20	*	*	100
Congo	20	*	-	-	*	-	20
Cyprus	10	-	-	-	-	-	20
Czechoslovakia	80	45	10	20	15	5	40
Djibouti	35	20	20	*	*	*	50
Egypt	5	5	*	*	*	*	10
El Salvador	*	5	5	-	-	-	+
Equatorial Guinea	*	-	-	-	-	-	+
Ethiopia	515	500	465	30	5	10	530
Fed. Rep. Germany	*	-	-	-	-	-	+
Fiji	*	-	-	-	-	-	+
Gabon	-	*	-	-	*	-	-
Gambia	-	*	-	*	-	-	10
Ghana	225	170	35	110	20	20	410
Grenada	-	*	*	-	-	-	-
Guyana	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Haiti	*	-	-	-	-	-	+
Honduras	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Hong Kong	*	-	-	-	-	-	+
Hungary	20	20	*	15	5	5	40
India	680	50	-	*	45	30	1,030
Iran	495	900	145	725	30	55	920
Iraq	385	490	105	375	10	20	570
Rep. of Ireland	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Israel	5	*	*	-	*	*	+
Ivory Coast	10	-	-	-	-	-	10
Jamaica	5	*	-	-	*	*	+
Jordan	20	5	-	5	-	10	30
Kenya	10	5	5	*	-	-	20
Korea	*	-	-	-	-	-	+
Kuwait	*	-	-	-	-	-	+
Laos	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Lebanon	180	240	5	230	10	5	160
Lesotho	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Liberia	*	-	-	-	-	-	10
Libya	15	35	10	15	5	5	100
Malawi	*	-	-	-	-	-	+
Malaysia	-	*	-	*	-	-	+
Mauritius	*	-	-	*	-	-	+
Morocco	5	5	-	5	*	*	10
Mozambique	*	*	*	*	-	-	+
Nepal	*	-	-	-	-	-	+
New Zealand	5	-	-	-	-	-	+
Nicaragua	-	*	*	-	-	-	-
Niger	*	5	-	*	5	-	10
Nigeria	20	10	-	-	10	-	50
Pakistan	285	695	5	110	580	60	600
Paraguay	*	-	-	-	-	-	+
Peru	5	5	*	*	-	-	+
Philippines	*	-	-	*	-	-	+
Poland	40	30	5	20	25	25	130
Romania	15	20	5	10	5	*	20
Saudi Arabia	-	*	-	*	*	-	+
Seychelles	35	150	100	50	-	5	130
Sierra Leone	5	*	*	-	-	-	10
Singapore	*	-	-	-	-	-	+
Somalia	2,665	1,485	1,170	305	10	5	2,070
South Africa	40	65	50	10	5	10	90

Table 7 Applications received for refugee status and asylum, and decisions, in the United Kingdom by nationality, 1989 (provisional estimates) (continued)

Nationality	Applications received(1)		Decisions(1)(2)		Number of persons	
	Total	Granted refugee status	Granted exceptional leave	Refused asylum or exceptional leave	Applications withdrawn(1)	Applications outstanding at end of year(2)
Spain	*	-	-	-	-	+
Sri Lanka	2,055	5	975	35	15	2,800
Sudan	110	60	5	5	*	100
Surinam	-	-	-	-	-	+
Syria	10	5	5	5	*	20
Tanzania	5	-	*	-	-	10
Thailand	*	-	-	-	-	-
Togo	*	-	-	-	-	-
Tunisia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turkey	4,650	370	1,705	25	35	3,320
Uganda	1,375	55	710	10	20	1,440
USSR	30	-	5	-	5	20
UAE	5	-	-	-	-	10
USA	5	-	-	*	*	-
Vietnam	-	-	*	-	5	-
Yemen (AR)	15	-	*	5	-	10
Yemen (YDR)	5	-	*	10	*	20
Yugoslavia	15	-	*	5	*	20
Zaire	450	150	5	15	-	390
Zambia	-	5	-	-	-	10
Zimbabwe	15	5	5	*	5	50
British O'ceania c'zone	*	-	*	-	-	+
Nationality uncertain	165(3)	85	50	5	10	120
All nationalities	15,530	3,045	5,675	960	405	16,190

(1) Figures rounded to the nearest 5, with "a" = less than 5. See note (5).

(2) Approximate rounded figures. See note (5). "u" = less than 10.

(3) Includes an estimated remaining 70 applications at ports, details of which are not yet recorded on the computer and for whom details of nationality are not readily available. See note(5).

(4) Decisions do not necessarily relate to applications made in 1989

Table 8 Grants of settlement(1) as refugees, and under exceptional leave arrangements, 1979 to 1989

	Number of persons										Total 1979-89	
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988		
<u>Acceptances as recognised refugees</u>												
<u>Settlement on arrival(2)</u>	2,900	6,850	2,750	807	1,222	803	529	833	435	715	723	18,567
<u>Settlement on removal of time limit (3) (4)</u>	853	2,666	622	851	481	464	1,162	708	715	340	405	9,267
<u>All acceptances as recognised refugees</u>	3,753	9,516	3,372	1,658	1,703	1,267	1,691	1,541	1,150	1,055	1,128	27,834
<u>Acceptances of those not recognised as refugees but granted exceptional leave (5) (6)</u>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	109	138	480	459	*
<u>Total acceptances as refugees and under exceptional leave arrangements</u>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1,650	1,288	1,535	1,587	*

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

(2) Relates only to refugees from south-east Asia.

(3) Includes 550 in 1982 and 60 in 1983 accepted under the Cypriot concessionary scheme.

(4) Figures for 1979 to 1982 include an estimated 250, 2,250, 130 and 70 south-east Asian refugees accepted after 4 years residence in the United Kingdom.

(5) On removal of time limit.

(6) Information not available before 1986.