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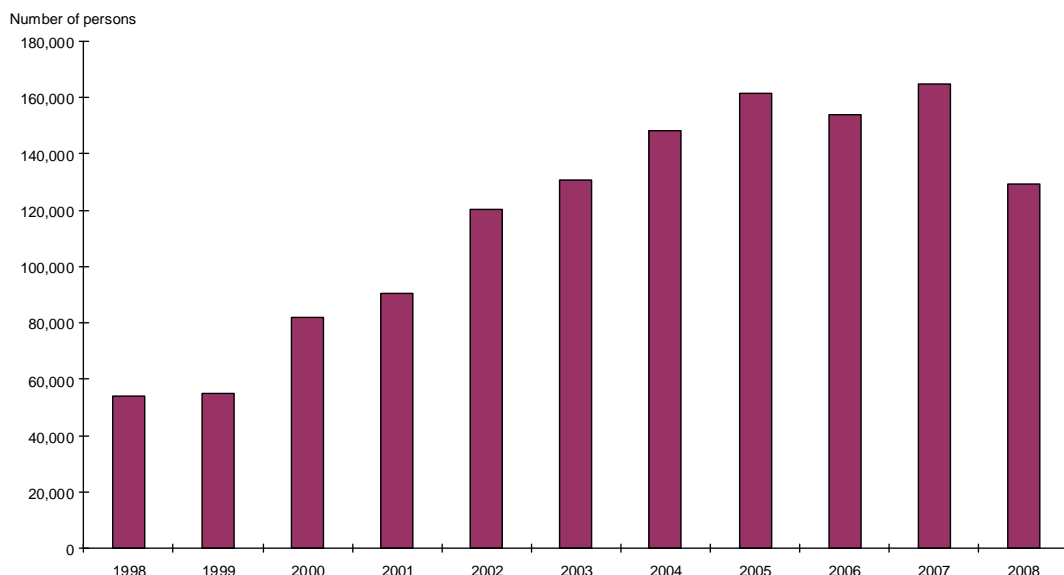
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### MAIN POINTS:

- Applications for British citizenship fell by 1 per cent in 2008 to 156,015 (paragraph 1).
- The total number of decisions made in 2008 fell by 23 per cent to 138,465 (paragraph 2).
- The number of persons granted British citizenship in the United Kingdom fell by 21 per cent to 129,375 in 2008 (paragraph 3).
- Refusals, withdrawals and applicants found to be British already made up 7 per cent of all decisions in 2008, 2 percentage points less than in 2007 (paragraph 4).
- 51 per cent of grants were on the basis of residence, 22 per cent marriage, and 24 per cent minor children (paragraph 5).
- The main nationalities granted British citizenship were Indian, Pakistani, Iraqi, Somali and Zimbabwean (paragraph 8).
- The number of persons attending a British citizenship ceremony fell by 24 per cent to 91,450 in 2008 (paragraph 17).
- Almost half of all ceremonies in 2008, 41,605 (45 per cent), were held within Greater London (paragraph 18).

Figure 1

GRANTS OF BRITISH CITIZENSHIP IN  
THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1998 TO 2008



## Introduction

This bulletin provides provisional summary statistics on applications for, and, grants/refusals of, British citizenship in 2008 and preceding years. It also contains information on citizenship ceremonies attended, applications rejected or withdrawn and those found to be British already.

The British Nationality Act 1981 came into force on 1 January 1983 and replaced citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies with three separate citizenships, statistics on which are shown in the tables indicated below:

1. British citizenship, for people closely connected with the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man (Tables 1-5);
2. British overseas territories citizenship, for people connected with the British overseas territories (Table 6);
3. British Overseas citizenship, for those citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies without connections with either the United Kingdom or the British overseas territories (Table 6).

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 ceremony is organised by County Councils and Local Authorities within the United Kingdom and Gibraltar (Table 8).

Further information explaining the position from 1 January 1983 under the 1981 Act, and explaining some changes made by the British Overseas Territories Act 2002 is at:

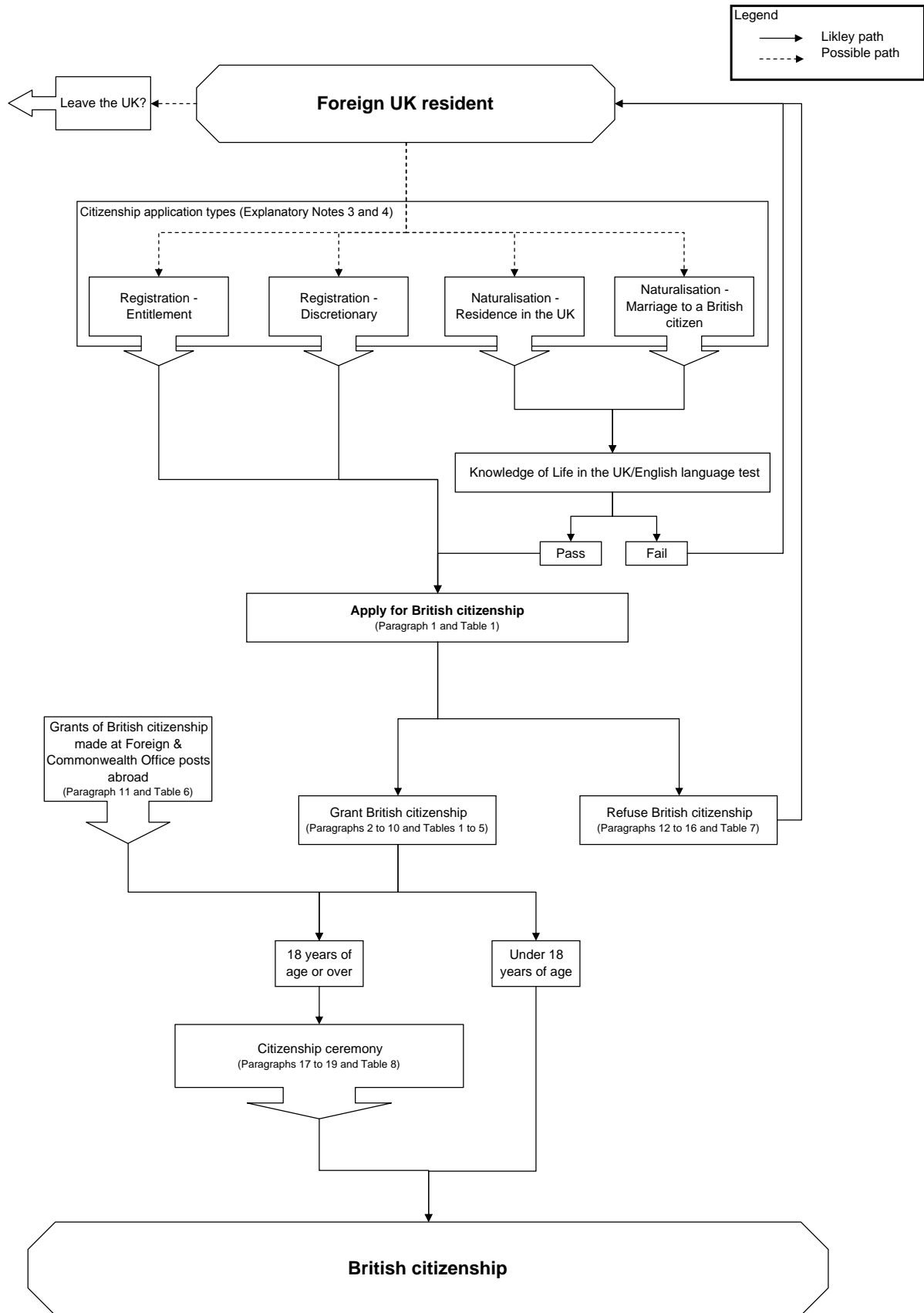
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Data is extracted from the UK Border Agency administrative database, after caseworkers have entered data relating to the Applications and Decisions.

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# Summary flowchart - British citizenship

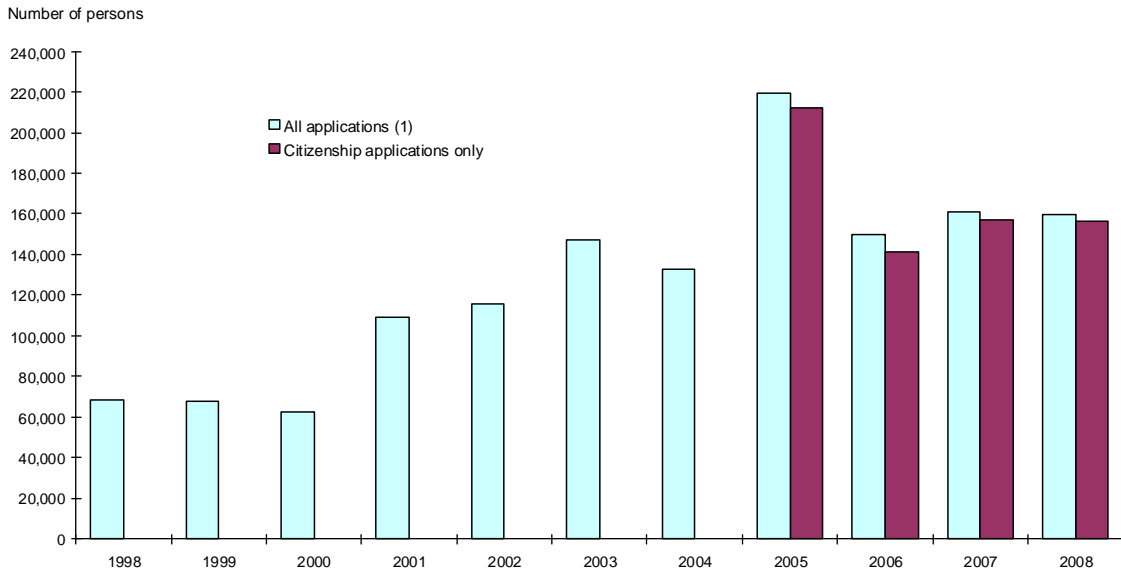


## Applications Received (Figure 2 and Table 1)

1. The number of applications received for British citizenship in 2008 was 156,015 – a fall of 1 per cent compared to the previous year when 157,055 applications were received. Apart from a surge in 2005, preceding the introduction of a new requirement on 1 November 2005 for applicants to demonstrate knowledge of life in the UK as well as English language ability, the number of applications has remained fairly constant since 2003.

Figure 2

### ALL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR BRITISH CITIZENSHIP AND OTHER CASE TYPES (1) 1998 TO 2008



(1) Includes applications for Right of Abode in the United Kingdom and other case types not reported in this Bulletin. See Explanatory Note 10.

## Grants and Refusals (Figure 1 and Table 1)

2. The total number of decisions made in 2008 fell by 23 per cent to 138,465. The reduction in the number of decisions made can be attributed to staff resources being temporarily transferred, during the first quarter of 2008, from decision making to deal with the administration of an increase in new applications received in the first half of the year.

3. The number of persons granted British citizenship in 2008 was 129,375 a fall of 21 per cent on the previous year.

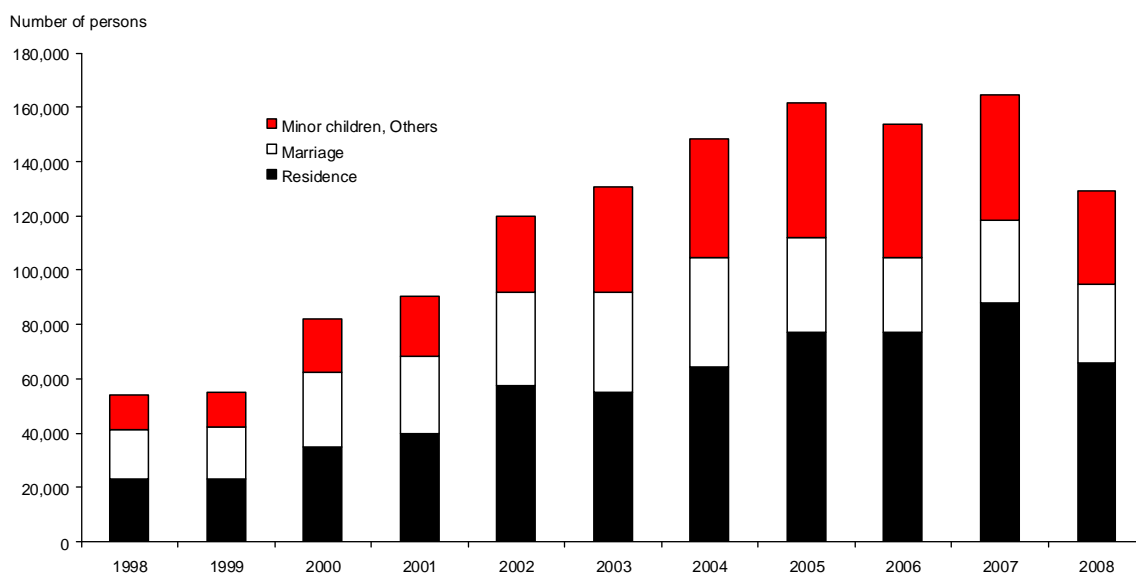
4. 9,085 applications for British citizenship were refused, withdrawn or found to be British already in 2008, a fall of 42 per cent compared to 2007 (15,630). Refusals, withdrawals and applicants found to be British already made up 7 per cent of all decisions in 2008, 2 percentage points less than in 2007.

## Basis of Grant (Figure 3 and Table 2)

5. Residence in the United Kingdom continued to be the most frequent basis on which persons were granted British citizenship in 2008. The number of such grants was 65,715, 51 per cent of the total. The number of grants to persons on the basis of marriage to a British citizen was 29,075, 22 per cent of the total. The proportion based on residence fell in 2008 by 2 percentage points to 53 per cent, whilst that based on marriage increased by 4 percentage points to 18 per cent. Most of the remaining grants in 2008 (34,590) were to minor children<sup>1</sup> which accounted for 27 per cent of the total.

Figure 3

GRANTS OF BRITISH CITIZENSHIP IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, BY BASIS OF GRANT, 1998 TO 2008



## Previous Nationality (Figure 4, Table A and Tables 3, 4)

6. Persons whose previous nationality was from countries in the African continent constituted the largest single regional group with 32 per cent (49,910) of all grants in 2008, 20 per cent less than in 2007. The Indian sub-continent accounted for 19 per cent (24,900) of grants, less than 1 per cent more than 2007. Grants made to people from the Remainder of Asia fell by 41 per cent to 21,085, while grants made to people from the Remainder of Europe (i.e. outside the European Economic Area) decreased by 25 per cent to 10,875. The Middle East was the only region to see a significant rise in 2008, by 2 per cent to 12,880, due to an increase in grants to Iraqi nationals.

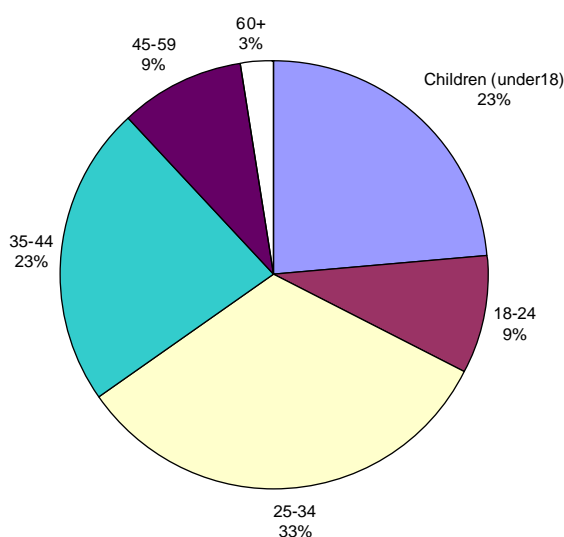
7. Almost all nationalities saw falls in the number of grants of British citizenship with two notable exceptions. Grants to people who were previously nationals of Iraq increased by 62 per cent in 2008 (to 8,895) and grants to people from Pakistan increased by 16 per cent (to 9,440).

8. Nationalities with the largest numbers of grants in 2008 were: Indian 11,825 (9 per cent of the total); Pakistani 9,440 (7 per cent), Iraqi 8,895 (7 per cent), Somali 7,165 (6 per cent); and Zimbabwean 5,710 (4 per cent).

<sup>1</sup> Children under the age of 18



**Figure 5 GRANTS OF BRITISH CITIZENSHIP IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN 2008, BY AGE**  
(Total number of grants, 129,320)<sup>(1)</sup>



(1) Excludes 55 cases where age and gender analysis are not available.

### Other Grants of British Citizenship (Table 6)

11. 850 people were granted British citizenship in 2008 under the British Nationality (Hong Kong) Act 1997; an increase of 8 per cent compared to 2007. This brought the total number of grants since 1997 under this Act to 7,000. This is in addition to 136,500 grants in 1991 - 97 under the earlier 1990 Act and its associated Selection Scheme, under which key workers in Hong Kong, their spouses and dependants were granted British citizenship.

### Reasons for Refusal of British Citizenship (Figure 6 and Table 7)

12. There was a 41 per cent fall in the number of persons refused British citizenship in 2008<sup>3</sup>. This reflects the overall reduction in decisions made and the impact of pre- application screening through the Nationality Checking Service.

13. Of the 8,735 refusal decisions made, 31 per cent (2,665) were refused because the applicant was considered not to be of good character. Refusals for this reason increased by 58 per cent compared to 2007 (1,695) and form the largest single category of refusal in 2008. The increase in refusals of this type is due to a change of policy from 1 January 2008<sup>4</sup>.

14. Of the remaining refusals: 25 per cent (2,220) were refused on grounds that the applicant failed to fulfil a residence requirement; 15 per cent (1,305) were because the applicants parent was not a British citizen; 9 per cent (820) due to a delay in replying to enquiries from UKBA; 7 per cent (610) were due to the applicants' insufficient knowledge of English and/or knowledge of life in the United Kingdom; and 6 per cent (530) because the application was incomplete. Other miscellaneous reasons for refusal made up 7 per cent (585), including 1 per cent (35) where the Oath was not taken in time.

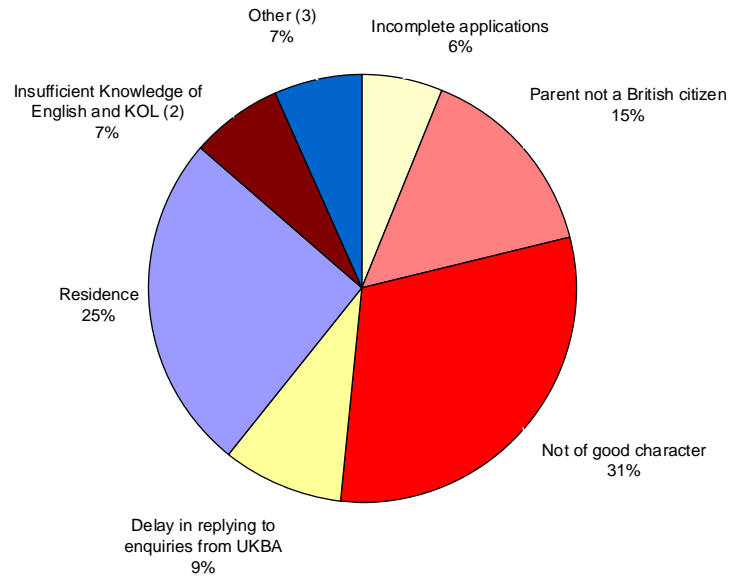
<sup>3</sup> Excluding withdrawals, persons found to be British already and rejected applications.

<sup>4</sup> See Explanatory Note 12.



Figure 6

**REASONS FOR REFUSAL OF BRITISH CITIZENSHIP 2008, BY TYPE OF REFUSAL**  
(Total number of refusals 8,735)<sup>(1)</sup>



(1) Excludes cases where the applicant was found to be British already, rejected applications and withdrawals.  
(2) Knowledge of life in the United Kingdom.  
(3) Includes Oath not taken in time.

15. In addition to applications refused, 265 applicants were found to already be a British Citizen and 40 applications were rejected for other reasons, including non-payment of fee.

16. 90 applications were withdrawn by the applicant during 2008.

**British Citizenship Ceremonies (Figure 7, Table B and Table 8)**

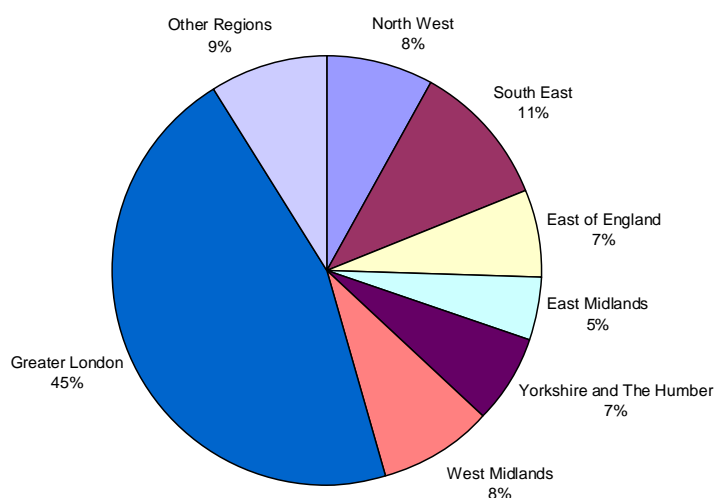
17. In 2008 the number of persons who attended a British citizenship ceremony was 91,450, a fall of 24 per cent compared to 2007 (120,275), reflecting the reduced number of applications granted in 2008.

18. Almost half of all ceremonies in 2008, 41,605 (45 per cent), were held within Greater London compared to 62,125 (52 per cent) in 2007. Authorities in the South East held the next highest number with 9,800 (11 per cent) in 2008, falling from 14,680 (12 per cent) in 2007.

19. In 2008 the four Authorities holding the highest numbers of ceremonies were: Birmingham 3,230 (4 per cent); Ealing 2,565 (3 per cent); Brent 2,380 (3 per cent); and Newham 2,375 (3 per cent). The same four Authorities also held the most ceremonies in 2007.

Figure 7

**PERSONS ATTENDING BRITISH CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES  
IN 2008, BY REGION <sup>(1)</sup>**  
(Number of ceremonies, 91,450)



(1) Excludes ceremonies held at Foreign and Commonwealth office posts outside the UK.

**Table B Persons attending a British citizenship ceremony:  
top 10 authorities, 2008**

Authority <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of persons				
	2007 <sup>(R)</sup>		2008 <sup>(P)</sup>		Percentage change 07/08
	Ceremony Attended <sup>(1)</sup>	% of total	Ceremony Attended <sup>(1)</sup>	% of total	
Birmingham	3,135	3%	3,230	4%	3%
Ealing	3,905	3%	2,565	3%	-34%
Brent	3,480	3%	2,380	3%	-32%
Newham	3,075	3%	2,375	3%	-23%
Manchester	2,200	2%	2,135	2%	-3%
Barnet	2,835	2%	1,975	2%	-30%
Enfield	2,360	2%	1,970	2%	-17%
Southwark	2,755	2%	1,830	2%	-34%
Haringey	2,250	2%	1,695	2%	-25%
Hounslow	2,310	2%	1,685	2%	-27%
Other authorities	91,965	76%	69,615	76%	-24%
<b>All ceremonies <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>120,275</b>		<b>91,450</b>		<b>-24%</b>

(1) See table 8 for definition.

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**Table 1 Applications for British citizenship received and decided in the United Kingdom, 1998 to 2008**

Year	All applications received (1)	Applications for British citizenship (2)	Decisions taken (3)		Refused or withdrawn as a % of all decisions
			Grants (4)(5)	Refused or Withdrawn (6)	
1998	68,030	:	53,935	3,750	7%
1999	67,400	:	54,900	3,995	7%
2000	62,475	:	82,210	6,785	8%
2001	109,005	:	90,295	9,530	10%
2002	115,500	:	120,125	8,455	7%
2003	147,345	:	130,535	10,555	7%
2004	132,630	:	148,275	13,820	9%
2005	219,115	211,910	161,700	16,640 (R)	9%
2006	149,695	140,925	154,020	15,310	9%
2007	160,980	157,055	164,635	15,630	9%
2008 (P)(R)	159,865	156,015	129,375	9,085	7%

(1) Includes applications for Right of Abode in the United Kingdom and other case types not reported in this bulletin.  
See Explanatory Note 10.

(2) Includes applications for naturalisation and registration as a British citizen made in the United Kingdom.  
See Explanatory Note 10.

(3) Decisions taken may not relate to applications made in the same year.

(4) See Explanatory Note 5.

(5) Data from November 2001 includes grants of British citizenship in the Channel Island and Isle of Man.

(6) Includes small numbers of applicants found to be British already.

**Table 2 Grants<sup>(1)(2)</sup> of British citizenship in the United Kingdom by basis of grant, 1998 to 2008**

Year of grant	Number of persons				
	All grants	Residence	Marriage (3)	Minor children	Other (4)
1998	53,935	22,935	18,495	11,975	530
1999	54,900	23,170	18,920	12,270	540
2000	82,210	34,980	27,425	19,160	645
2001	90,295	39,775	28,625	21,270	625
2002	120,125	57,595	34,415	26,320	1,795
2003	130,535	54,965	36,755	35,345	3,465
2004	148,275	64,105	40,405	38,415	5,350
2005	161,700	77,335	34,495	41,640	8,230
2006	154,020	77,080	27,585	42,445	6,905
2007	164,635	87,785	30,425	40,535	5,895
2008(P)(R)	129,375	65,715	29,075	30,830	3,755

(1) See Explanatory Note 5.

(2) Data from November 2001 include grants of British citizenship in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

(3) Includes Civil Partnership introduced from 5 December 2005 (See Explanatory Note 3 s.6(2)).

(4) Includes British overseas territories citizens (before February 2002 known as British Dependent Territories citizens) from Gibraltar registered as British citizens under s.5 of the British Nationality Act 1981.

**Table 3 Grants(1)(2) of British citizenship in the United Kingdom by geographical region, 2003 to 2008**

Previous nationality grouped by geographical region	Number of persons					
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 (P)(R)
European Economic Area (3)	4,245	4,180	4,090	3,745	5,880	3,955
Remainder of Europe	15,255	15,950	24,600	20,290	14,515	10,875
Americas	10,455	12,080	13,605	12,015	12,530	10,050
Africa	40,145	45,255	47,235	46,270	51,255	40,910
Indian sub-continent	29,700	33,455	30,380	29,100	24,885	24,900
Middle East	6,250	6,985	10,185	10,230	12,685	12,880
Remainder of Asia	13,330	16,125	22,050	24,285	35,640	21,085
Oceania	3,875	4,620	4,985	4,980	4,285	3,060
Other (4)	7,280	9,625	4,570	3,100	2,965	1,660
<b>All grants</b>	<b>130,535</b>	<b>148,275</b>	<b>161,700</b>	<b>154,020</b>	<b>164,635</b>	<b>129,375</b>

(1) See Explanatory Note 5.

(2) Data include grants of British citizenship in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

(3) Includes the 10 accession states from 2004 and British overseas territories citizens (before February 2002 known as British Dependent Territories citizens) - from Gibraltar.

(4) British overseas territories citizens (before February 2002 known as British Dependent Territories citizens) except from Gibraltar, British Overseas citizens, British subjects, British protected persons, stateless and nationality uncertain.

**Table 4 Grants<sup>(1)</sup> of British citizenship in the United Kingdom in 2008<sup>(P)</sup> by previous nationality, type and category of grant**

Previous nationality	Total	Number of persons							
		Naturalisation		Registration					
		Residence	Marriage (2)	Entitlement (3)			Discretionary (4)		
				Adult	Minor Children	Other (5)	Adult	Minor Children	Other (5)
		Act section (6)							
s.6(1)	s.6(2)	ss 10(1), 13(1)	ss 1(3), 3(2), 3(5)	ss 1(4), 4(2), 4B, 4C	ss 10(2), 13(3)	ss 3(1)	ss 4A, 4(5)		
<b>European Economic Area</b>									
Austria	35	15	*	-	10	*	*	5	-
Belgium	35	10	5	-	10	5	-	5	-
Bulgaria	795	525	80	-	90	*	-	100	-
Cyprus	30	15	5	-	5	*	-	5	-
Czech Republic	40	10	20	-	5	-	-	10	-
Denmark	30	15	*	-	10	*	-	5	-
Estonia	20	10	5	-	*	-	-	*	-
Finland	30	15	5	-	5	-	-	10	-
France	370	155	20	-	105	15	-	70	-
Germany	300	130	55	-	50	15	-	45	-
Greece	225	140	20	-	40	*	-	20	-
Hungary	55	25	15	-	10	-	-	5	-
Ireland	95	45	10	-	20	10	-	15	-
Italy	240	140	20	-	50	10	-	20	-
Latvia	30	20	5	-	5	-	-	5	-
Liechtenstein	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lithuania	65	40	5	-	5	-	-	10	-
Luxembourg	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	-
Malta	20	5	5	5	-	*	-	-	-
Netherlands	130	55	15	*	35	5	-	25	-
Norway	15	10	*	-	5	*	-	-	-
Poland	250	130	50	-	40	*	-	30	-
Portugal	405	250	35	-	75	5	-	45	-
Romania	385	185	105	-	55	-	-	45	-

**Table 4 Grants<sup>(1)</sup> of British citizenship in the United Kingdom in 2008<sup>(P)</sup> by previous nationality, type and category of grant** (continued)

Previous nationality	Total	Number of persons							
		Naturalisation		Registration					
		Residence	Marriage (2)	Entitlement (3)			Discretionary (4)		
				Adult	Minor Children	Other (5)	Adult	Minor Children	Other (5)
		Act section (6)							
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Slovakia	55	20	25	-	5	-	-	5	-
Slovenia	5	*	*	-	-	-	-	*	-
Spain	125	50	20	-	25	5	-	25	-
Sweden	85	40	5	*	20	5	-	10	-
<b>Total European Economic Area</b>	<b>3,885</b>	<b>2,055</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Remainder of Europe</b>									
Albania	930	200	630	-	35	-	-	65	-
Armenia	70	40	15	-	5	-	-	15	-
Azerbaijan	160	80	30	-	10	-	-	35	-
Belarus	155	55	75	-	5	-	-	20	-
Bosnia-Herzegovina	110	40	40	-	15	-	-	10	-
Croatia	165	90	40	-	20	-	-	15	-
Cyprus (Northern part of)	85	45	15	-	10	-	-	15	-
Georgia	110	45	30	-	15	*	-	20	-
Kazakhstan	80	30	35	-	5	-	-	15	-
Kyrgyzstan	45	20	15	-	-	-	-	10	-
Macedonia	140	85	45	-	5	-	-	*	-
Moldova	100	40	40	-	10	-	-	15	-
Russia	1,380	545	590	-	60	-	-	180	-
Serbia and Montenegro	1,865	1,010	370	-	230	*	-	255	-
Switzerland	45	15	5	-	15	5	-	5	-



**Table 4 Grants<sup>(1)</sup> of British citizenship in the United Kingdom in 2008<sup>(P)</sup> by previous nationality, type and category of grant** (continued)

Previous nationality	Total	Number of persons							
		Naturalisation		Registration					
		Residence	Marriage <sup>(2)</sup>	Entitlement <sup>(3)</sup>			Discretionary <sup>(4)</sup>		
				Adult	Minor Children	Other <sup>(5)</sup>	Adult	Minor Children	Other <sup>(5)</sup>
		Act section <sup>(6)</sup>							
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Tajikistan	10	*	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turkey	4,640	2,455	960	-	405	5	-	815	-
Turkmenistan	20	10	5	-	-	-	-	10	-
Ukraine	705	250	300	-	45	*	-	110	-
Uzbekistan	60	15	30	-	*	-	-	15	-
<b>Total Remainder of Europe</b>	<b>10,875</b>	<b>5,080</b>	<b>3,270</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,625</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Americas</b>									
Antigua and Barbuda	15	5	5	-	*	*	-	5	-
Argentina	120	70	30	-	10	5	-	10	-
Bahamas	15	*	*	5	5	*	*	*	-
Barbados	85	40	30	-	5	5	-	5	-
Belize	15	5	5	-	*	-	-	*	-
Bolivia	65	30	20	-	5	-	-	10	-
Brazil	605	225	290	-	40	*	-	50	-
Canada	815	250	200	-	65	220	-	85	-
Chile	90	45	25	-	5	*	-	10	-
Colombia	1,115	590	265	-	115	10	-	140	-
Costa Rica	10	*	5	-	-	-	-	*	-
Cuba	80	20	45	-	*	-	-	15	-
Dominica	45	25	10	-	5	-	-	5	-
Dominican Republic	35	10	20	-	-	*	-	5	-
Ecuador	580	315	75	-	75	5	-	115	-
El Salvador	15	5	5	-	*	-	-	5	-
Grenada	60	35	10	*	5	*	-	5	-
Guatemala	15	-	5	-	-	-	-	10	-
Guyana	210	110	45	-	10	*	-	45	-
Haiti	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	*	-

**Table 4 Grants<sup>(1)</sup> of British citizenship in the United Kingdom in 2008<sup>(P)</sup> by previous nationality, type and category of grant** (continued)

Previous nationality	Total	Number of persons							
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Honduras	10	5	5	-	-	-	-	*	-
Jamaica	2,715	1,275	695	-	245	45	-	455	*
Mexico	115	50	55	-	10	-	-	5	-
Netherlands Antilles	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nicaragua	10	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Panama	25	5	10	-	5	-	-	10	-
Paraguay	5	*	5	-	-	*	-	-	-
Peru	170	65	70	-	10	-	-	20	-
St. Kitts and Nevis	5	*	*	-	-	5	-	-	-
St. Lucia	140	120	10	-	*	*	-	5	-
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	135	95	20	-	5	5	-	10	-
Trinidad and Tobago	380	205	100	*	25	10	-	35	-
United States of America	2,205	725	655	5	230	270	-	320	-
Uruguay	10	5	5	-	*	-	-	*	-
Venezuela	120	45	65	-	5	*	-	5	-
<b>Total Americas</b>	<b>10,050</b>	<b>4,395</b>	<b>2,785</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>1,385</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Africa</b>									
Algeria	955	485	305	-	100	*	-	60	-
Angola	1,070	635	25	-	230	5	-	180	-
Benin	10	5	*	-	5	*	-	*	-
Botswana	20	5	5	5	*	-	-	5	-
Burkina Faso	10	5	-	-	5	-	-	*	-
Burundi	520	340	20	-	65	-	-	100	-
Cameroon	420	220	60	-	85	-	-	55	-
Cape Verde	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central African Republic	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chad	25	10	5	-	5	-	-	5	-

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Previous nationality	Total	Number of persons							
		Naturalisation		Registration					
		Residence	Marriage <sup>(2)</sup>	Entitlement <sup>(3)</sup>			Discretionary <sup>(4)</sup>		
				Adult	Minor Children	Other <sup>(5)</sup>	Adult	Minor Children	Other <sup>(5)</sup>
		Act section <sup>(6)</sup>							
s.6(1)	s.6(2)	ss 10(1), 13(1)	ss 1(3), 3(2), 3(5)	ss 1(4), 4(2), 4B, 4C	ss 10(2), 13(3)	ss 3(1)	ss 4A, 4(5)		
Comoros	5	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-
Congo	280	120	20	-	65	-	-	70	-
Congo Democratic Republic	1,575	775	70	-	395	-	-	335	-
Djibouti	10	-	5	-	5	*	-	-	-
Egypt	485	175	185	-	60	15	-	55	-
Equatorial Guinea	10	5	*	-	-	-	-	5	-
Eritrea	660	435	50	-	50	-	-	120	-
Ethiopia	485	295	80	-	45	*	-	65	-
Gabon	5	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gambia	395	165	115	-	80	5	-	35	-
Ghana	3,135	1,600	620	-	535	50	-	330	-
Guinea	95	40	10	-	25	-	-	15	-
Guinea-Bissau	5	5	*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ivory Coast	370	190	35	-	90	-	-	55	-
Kenya	1,405	670	335	15	125	30	-	235	-
Lesotho	10	5	5	-	-	-	-	5	-
Liberia	195	130	10	-	30	*	-	20	-
Libya	385	170	70	-	90	10	-	50	-
Madagascar	10	*	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malawi	175	95	25	-	20	*	-	30	-
Mali	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mauritania	5	5	*	-	*	-	-	-	-
Mauritius	650	365	155	-	60	5	-	60	-
Morocco	500	225	235	-	10	*	-	30	-
Mozambique	10	5	5	-	*	-	-	*	-
Namibia	20	10	5	*	*	*	-	5	-
Niger	*	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nigeria	4,530	2,390	1,005	-	545	75	-	515	-
Rwanda	405	245	15	-	55	-	-	90	-
Senegal	30	10	15	-	5	-	-	-	-

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Previous nationality	Total	Number of persons							
		Naturalisation		Registration					
		Residence	Marriage (2)	Entitlement (3)			Discretionary (4)		
				Adult	Minor Children	Other (5)	Adult	Minor Children	Other (5)
		Act section (6)							
s.6(1)	s.6(2)	ss 10(1), 13(1)	ss 1(3), 3(2), 3(5)	ss 1(4), 4(2), 4B, 4C	ss 10(2), 13(3)	ss 3(1)	ss 4A, 4(5)		
Seychelles	55	20	25	-	-	-	-	10	-
Sierra Leone	1,270	790	105	-	230	10	-	135	-
Somalia	7,165	3,885	445	-	440	5	-	2,390	-
South Africa	5,265	2,690	1,230	*	405	370	-	565	-
Sudan	570	330	110	-	50	*	-	80	-
Swaziland	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	*	-
Tanzania	410	150	120	*	55	10	-	75	-
Togo	60	30	10	-	5	-	-	15	-
Tunisia	150	40	95	-	10	-	-	5	-
Uganda	910	520	100	-	125	20	-	150	-
Western Sahara	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zambia	460	235	55	5	65	5	-	95	-
Zimbabwe	5,710	3,330	375	90	400	40	-	1,475	-
<b>Total Africa</b>	<b>40,910</b>	<b>21,870</b>	<b>6,180</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>4,565</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,520</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Indian sub-continent</b>									
Bangladesh	3,635	1,430	1,600	*	160	10	-	435	-
India	11,825	5,740	3,325	*	1,340	65	-	1,355	-
Pakistan	9,440	3,245	4,570	-	575	15	-	1,030	-
Indian sub-continent	24,900	10,415	9,495	*	2,075	90	-	2,820	-

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Previous nationality	Total	Number of persons							
		Naturalisation		Registration					
		Residence	Marriage (2)	Entitlement (3)			Discretionary (4)		
				Adult	Minor Children	Other (5)	Adult	Minor Children	Other (5)
Act section (6)									
	s.6(1)	s.6(2)	ss 10(1), 13(1)	ss 1(3), 3(2), 3(5)	ss 1(4), 4(2), 4B, 4C	ss 10(2), 13(3)	ss 3(1)	ss 4A, 4(5)	
<b>Middle East</b>									
Bahrain	10	5	5	-	*	-	-	*	-
Iran	2,200	1,460	360	-	75	5	-	300	-
Iraq	8,895	7,170	655	-	315	10	-	745	-
Israel	350	120	100	-	60	20	-	45	-
Jordan	175	70	70	-	15	-	-	20	-
Kuwait	40	20	5	-	5	5	-	5	-
Lebanon	320	110	130	-	35	-	-	45	-
Oman	5	*	*	-	-	-	-	*	-
Palestine	280	130	35	-	65	-	-	50	-
Saudi Arabia	30	10	5	-	5	*	-	5	-
Syria	230	105	75	-	25	5	-	20	-
United Arab Emirates	10	*	*	-	10	-	-	*	-
Yemen	335	125	80	-	35	5	-	90	-
<b>Total Middle East</b>	<b>12,880</b>	<b>9,325</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,335</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Remainder of Asia</b>									
Afghanistan	5,540	3,710	570	-	325	-	-	935	*
Bhutan	30	25	*	-	*	-	-	5	-
Brunei	5	*	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cambodia	15	*	10	-	-	-	-	5	-
China	2,860	1,210	780	*	470	10	*	385	*
Hong Kong SAR of China (Holder of Certificate of Identity or Document of Identity)	10	5	*	-	*	-	-	*	-
Hong Kong SAR of China (Holder of Special Administrative Region Passport)	105	45	20	-	15	10	-	20	-

**Table 4 Grants<sup>(1)</sup> of British citizenship in the United Kingdom in 2008<sup>(P)</sup> by previous nationality, type and category of grant** (continued)

Previous nationality	Total	Number of persons							
		Naturalisation		Registration					
		Residence	Marriage (2)	Entitlement (3)			Discretionary (4)		
				Adult	Minor Children	Other (5)	Adult	Minor Children	Other (5)
		Act section (6)							
s.6(1)	s.6(2)	ss 10(1), 13(1)	ss 1(3), 3(2), 3(5)	ss 1(4), 4(2), 4B, 4C	ss 10(2), 13(3)	ss 3(1)	ss 4A, 4(5)		
Indonesia	115	45	50	-	10	*	-	10	-
Japan	110	55	30	-	20	*	-	5	-
Korea (North)	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Korea (South)	410	245	60	-	50	-	-	50	-
Laos	10	-	5	-	*	-	-	*	-
Malaysia	590	335	155	-	50	5	-	50	-
Maldives	5	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	-
Mongolia	70	35	10	-	15	-	-	10	-
Myanmar (Burma)	145	90	25	*	5	-	-	25	-
Nepal	930	405	105	-	55	-	-	365	-
Philippines	5,380	2,815	1,090	-	525	5	-	945	-
Singapore	120	70	25	-	5	*	-	20	-
Sri Lanka	3,285	1,630	940	-	315	10	-	390	-
Thailand	1,070	255	595	-	30	-	-	190	-
Vietnam	290	110	105	-	20	5	-	50	-
<b>Total Remainder of Asia</b>	<b>21,085</b>	<b>11,080</b>	<b>4,580</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>1,910</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>3,465</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Oceania</b>									
American Samoa	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-
Australia	1,990	810	420	5	125	505	-	125	*
Fiji	80	55	10	-	*	*	-	10	-
Nauru	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Zealand	980	525	205	-	70	135	-	50	-
Papua New Guinea	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	-
Samoa	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tonga	10	*	5	-	-	-	-	*	-
<b>Total Oceania</b>	<b>3,060</b>	<b>1,395</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>*</b>

**Table 4 Grants<sup>(1)</sup> of British citizenship in the United Kingdom in 2008<sup>(P)</sup> by previous nationality, type and category of grant** (continued)

Previous nationality	Total	Number of persons							
		Naturalisation		Registration					
		Residence	Marriage (2)	Entitlement (3)			Discretionary (4)		
				Adult	Minor Children	Other (5)	Adult	Minor Children	Other (5)
Act section (6)									
		s.6(1)	s.6(2)	ss 10(1), 13(1)	ss 1(3), 3(2), 3(5)	ss 1(4), 4(2), 4B, 4C	ss 10(2), 13(3)	ss 3(1)	ss 4A, 4(5)
<b>Other</b>									
British overseas territories citizen (7)	330	*	-	-	-	*	-	*	325
British Nationals (Overseas)	540	45	40	*	5	395	-	45	5
British Overseas citizen	570	10	5	*	*	550	-	*	*
British protected persons	50	-	-	-	-	50	-	*	-
British subjects	60	10	-	5	10	40	-	*	-
Nationality Currently Unknown	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nationality Unknown Officially Designated as Stateless	20	5	5	-	5	*	-	5	-
Stateless - Defined 1954 Convention	70	20	*	-	25	5	-	20	-
Stateless Refugee - Defined 1951 Convention	5	5	*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stateless refugee - Other	10	5	*	-	*	*	-	*	-
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>1,660</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>335</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>129,310</b> (8)	<b>65,715</b>	<b>29,075</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>11,895</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18,940</b>	<b>340</b>

(1) See Explanatory Note 5.

(2) Includes Civil Partnership (s.6(2)) introduced from 5 December 2005 (See Explanatory Note 3).

(3) See Explanatory Note 7.

(4) See Explanatory Note 8.

(5) Eligibility not restricted by age of applicant.

(6) See Explanatory Note 3.

(7) Excluding Gibraltar BOTCs.

(8) In addition, 65 Gibraltar BOTCs were registered under section 5 of the British Nationality Act 1981.

**Table 5 Grants<sup>(1)</sup> of British citizenship in the United Kingdom by age, gender and geographical region, 2008 <sup>(P)</sup>(2)**

Geographical Region and Gender	Total Grants	Children (under 18)	Total Adults	Number of persons				
				Adults by age group				
				18-24	25-34	35-44	45-59	60+
<b>All Nationalities</b>								
Male	<b>63,845</b>	15,320	<b>48,520</b>	5,810	20,415	14,995	5,865	1,435
Female	<b>65,475</b>	15,060	<b>50,420</b>	5,740	21,910	14,510	6,335	1,920
Total (3)	<b>129,320</b>	30,380	<b>98,940</b>	11,555	42,325	29,505	12,200	3,360
<b>European Economic Area</b>								
Male	<b>1,860</b>	620	<b>1,240</b>	80	410	470	215	60
Female	<b>2,090</b>	595	<b>1,495</b>	80	655	510	200	50
Total	<b>3,950</b>	1,215	<b>2,735</b>	160	1,065	980	420	110
<b>Remainder Of Europe</b>								
Male	<b>5,260</b>	1,270	<b>3,990</b>	605	1,855	1,130	355	40
Female	<b>5,615</b>	1,175	<b>4,440</b>	505	2,170	1,225	460	75
Total	<b>10,875</b>	2,445	<b>8,425</b>	1,115	4,025	2,355	815	115
<b>Americas</b>								
Male	<b>4,335</b>	1,110	<b>3,225</b>	280	1,185	1,090	515	155
Female	<b>5,710</b>	1,120	<b>4,590</b>	375	1,655	1,520	850	195
Total	<b>10,045</b>	2,230	<b>7,815</b>	650	2,840	2,615	1,360	350
<b>Africa</b>								
Male	<b>18,935</b>	5,945	<b>12,990</b>	1,515	4,560	4,275	2,110	530
Female	<b>21,950</b>	5,940	<b>16,005</b>	2,325	6,170	4,690	2,145	680
Total	<b>40,885</b>	11,885	<b>29,000</b>	3,840	10,730	8,965	4,250	1,210
<b>Indian sub-continent</b>								
Male	<b>11,885</b>	2,425	<b>9,455</b>	695	4,455	3,085	990	235
Female	<b>13,010</b>	2,400	<b>10,615</b>	1,275	5,820	2,290	860	370
Total	<b>24,895</b>	4,825	<b>20,070</b>	1,970	10,275	5,370	1,845	605
<b>Middle East</b>								
Male	<b>9,235</b>	1,000	<b>8,230</b>	1,585	4,440	1,595	465	145
Female	<b>3,640</b>	925	<b>2,715</b>	360	1,175	715	305	160
Total	<b>12,875</b>	1,925	<b>10,950</b>	1,950	5,620	2,305	770	305
<b>Remainder of Asia</b>								
Male	<b>10,055</b>	2,660	<b>7,400</b>	955	2,770	2,655	855	165
Female	<b>11,025</b>	2,625	<b>8,395</b>	730	3,450	2,920	1,060	235
Total	<b>21,080</b>	5,285	<b>15,795</b>	1,685	6,220	5,575	1,915	395
<b>Oceania</b>								
Male	<b>1,515</b>	185	<b>1,330</b>	25	575	540	150	40
Female	<b>1,545</b>	185	<b>1,360</b>	30	635	470	185	45
Total	<b>3,060</b>	370	<b>2,690</b>	55	1,210	1,010	335	80
<b>Other</b>								
Male	<b>770</b>	105	<b>665</b>	65	160	155	215	70
Female	<b>885</b>	90	<b>795</b>	60	175	175	270	115
Total	<b>1,655</b>	195	<b>1,460</b>	125	335	330	485	185

(1) See Explanatory Note 5.

(2) Data include grants of British citizenship in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

(3) Excludes 5 cases for which information on age is not available and 55 cases where gender is unknown.



**Table 6 Other grants of British citizenship by type of citizenship, 2003 to 2008**

Type of citizenship	Number of persons					
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 (P)
British citizenship granted in the UK to residents of Hong Kong (1)(2)	175	80	150	570	780	850
British overseas territories citizenship granted in the British overseas territories (3)	1,355	1,215	1,355	1,630	2,025	1,080

(1) Includes persons of non-Chinese ethnic origin.

(2) Data prior to 2006, may undercount (see Explanatory Note 11).

(3) Data supplied by Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO). The total in a year may include decisions made in a subsequent year.

**Table 7 Reasons for refusal of British citizenship by type of refusal and other outcomes, 2003 to 2008**

Reason for refusal	Number of decisions					
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 <sup>(P)(R)</sup>
Incomplete applications (1)	610	825	1,310	1,595	930	530
Parent not a British citizen	775	1,100	1,670	2,160	2,535	1,305
Not of good character (2)	945	1,185	1,665	1,765	1,695	2,665
Delay in replying to enquiries from UKBA	1,755	1,600	2,160	1,955	2,230	820
Residence (3)	4,275	6,510	6,260	4,740	4,135	2,220
Oath not taken in time	115	185	340	105	40	35
Insufficient Knowledge of English and KOL (4)	:	:	234	502	2,365	608
Other (5)	500	710	895	790	795	550
<b>Total refusals</b>	<b>8,975</b>	<b>12,120</b>	<b>14,530</b>	<b>13,610</b>	<b>14,725</b>	<b>8,735</b>
British already (6)	1,395	1,500	1,860	1,440	660	265
Withdrawn (7)	185	200	250	255	245	90
<b>Total refused or withdrawn</b>	<b>10,555</b>	<b>13,820</b>	<b>16,640 <sup>(R)</sup></b>	<b>15,310</b>	<b>15,630</b>	<b>9,085</b>
Rejected applications (8)	:	:	3,260	6,105	255	40

(1) Includes cases where the applicant has not paid the fee, submitted unacceptable documentation, late and improper applications.

(2) Includes applicants who are considered a threat to national security.

(3) Includes applicants who have not lived lawfully in the UK for the required period, have been in breach of the immigration laws, have been absent from the UK for more than 450 days or more than 90 days in the last 12 months. (See Explanatory Note 3, s6(1) and s6(2)).

(4) Knowledge of Life in the United Kingdom.

(5) Includes cases where the applicant is not of full capacity, is under/over the age limit, is not married to a British citizen, has no qualifying connections and transitory period.

(6) Reflects cases where the applicant was already British and the application refused to 2005. From 2006 the figure includes applications rejected (see Explanatory Note 6).

(7) Reflects cases where the application was withdrawn by the applicant.

(8) Applications rejected prior to consideration of the case (see Explanatory Note 6).

**Table 8 Persons attending a British citizenship ceremony by Region and Authority 2006 to 2008(P)**

Region	Authority (1)	Ceremony Attended (2)			Region	Authority (1)	Ceremony Attended (2)		
		2006	2007 (R)	2008 (P)			2006	2007 (R)	2008 (P)
<b>North East</b>	Darlington	45	45	55	<b>North West (cont)</b>	Warrington	100	120	140
	Durham County Council	85	120	80		Wigan	100	125	140
	Gateshead	180	145	115		Wirral	125	200	120
	Hartlepool	20	50	40		<b>Total</b>	<b>6,345</b>	<b>6,790</b>	<b>7,370</b>
	Middlesborough Council	125	180	190	<b>Yorkshire and The Humber</b>	Barnsley M.B.C	60	55	65
	Newcastle upon Tyne	445	595	405		Calderdale	140	125	190
	North Tyneside	110	140	80		City of Bradford	1,005	755	1,050
	Northumberland	65	80	45		City of York	95	145	70
	Redcar and Cleveland	35	40	30		Doncaster	150	165	300
	South Tyneside	70	50	25		East Riding of Yorkshire	85	125	80
	Stockton-on-Tees	75	135	145		Kingston-upon-Hull	160	300	335
	Sunderland	160	160	95		Kirklees	500	405	765
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>1,305</b>		Leeds City	1,100	1,295	1,285
<b>North West</b>	Blackburn and Darwen	495	220	235		North East Lincolnshire	75	75	105
	Blackpool	65	120	90		North Lincolnshire	65	65	135
	Bolton	360	215	670		North Yorkshire	180	170	130
	Bury	125	140	215		Rotherham	180	140	210
	Cheshire	270	335	255	Sheffield City	830	840	1,125	
	Cumbria	90	135	110	Wakefield	170	200	215	
	Halton	25	35	35	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,790</b>	<b>4,860</b>	<b>6,055</b>	
	Knowsley	40	65	40	<b>East Midlands</b>	Derby City	480	415	535
	Lancashire	730	685	655		Derbyshire	165	185	175
	Liverpool	545	700	630		Leicester City	1,585	1,595	1,605
	Manchester	1,670	2,200	2,135		Leicestershire	460	465	355
	Oldham	340	155	405		Lincolnshire	200	245	255
	Rochdale	220	190	365		Northamptonshire	875	920	595
	Salford	245	225	290		Nottingham City	530	740	765
	Sefton	75	70	85		Nottinghamshire County Council	330	365	270
	St Helens	40	70	45		Rutland County Council	10	15	20
	Stockport	260	280	185		<b>Total</b>	<b>4,625</b>	<b>4,945</b>	<b>4,565</b>
	Tameside	120	95	195					
Trafford	300	405	335						

**Table 8 Persons attending a British citizenship ceremony by Region and Authority 2006 to 2008(P)** (continued)

Region	Authority (1)	Ceremony Attended (2)			Region	Authority (1)	Ceremony Attended (2)		
		2006	2007 (R)	2008 (P)			2006	2007 (R)	2008 (P)
<b>West Midlands</b>	Birmingham	3,255	3,135	3,230	<b>Greater London (cont)</b>	Bromley	700	865	540
	Borough of Telford and Wrekin	105	110	85		Camden	1,725	1,895	1,230
	Coventry	920	1,000	1,030		Corporation of the City of London	90	90	55
	Dudley	245	340	280		Croydon	1,910	2,160	1,575
	Sandwell	845	625	685		Ealing	3,150	3,905	2,565
	Shropshire	75	140	90		Enfield	2,660	2,360	1,970
	Solihull MBC	145	180	115		Greenwich	1,400	1,645	665
	Staffordshire	265	315	350		Hackney	2,240	1,845	1,340
	Stoke-on-Trent	210	320	390		Hammersmith & Fulham	1,550	1,580	950
	Walsall	345	330	315		Haringey	2,425	2,250	1,695
	Warwickshire	365	365	295		Harrow	1,900	2,370	1,430
	Wolverhampton	780	555	620		Havering	355	460	270
	Worcestershire	230	300	250		Hillingdon	1,490	1,980	1,305
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7,775</b>	<b>7,710</b>	<b>7,735</b>		Hounslow	2,080	2,310	1,685
<b>East of England</b>	Bedfordshire	625	665	420	Islington	1,660	1,700	1,050	
	Cambridgeshire	730	840	580	Kensington and Chelsea	1,165	1,330	765	
	Essex	1,120	1,385	885	Kingston upon Thames	705	1,055	535	
	Herefordshire Council	40	50	60	Lambeth	2,285	2,280	1,480	
	Hertfordshire	1,790	2,035	1,405	Lewisham	1,685	2,160	1,370	
	Luton	695	745	730	Merton	1,535	1,815	1,075	
	Norfolk	425	605	400	Newham	3,085	3,075	2,375	
	Peterborough	380	500	585	Redbridge	1,800	1,915	1,255	
	Southend-on-Sea	165	275	185	Richmond upon Thames	730	810	500	
	Suffolk	385	560	545	Southwark	2,460	2,755	1,830	
	Thurrock	365	370	285	Tower Hamlets	1,890	1,375	1,295	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,715</b>	<b>8,030</b>	<b>6,075</b>	Waltham Forest	1,860	1,865	1,460	
<b>Greater London</b>	Barking & Dagenham	1,410	1,620	980	Wandsworth	2,145	2,345	1,640	
	Barnet	2,375	2,835	1,975	Westminster	2,125	2,535	1,545	
	Bexley	550	605	310	<b>Total</b>	<b>56,995</b>	<b>62,125</b>	<b>41,605</b>	
	Borough of Sutton (London)	590	855	505	<b>South East</b>	Bracknell Forest	235	315	195
	Brent	3,260	3,480	2,380		Brighton and Hove	450	605	390
				Buckinghamshire		735	760	545	

**Table 8 Persons attending a British citizenship ceremony by Region and Authority 2006 to 2008(P)** (continued)

Region	Authority (1)	Ceremony Attended (2)			Region	Authority (1)	Ceremony Attended (2)		
		2006	2007 (R)	2008 (P)			2006	2007 (R)	2008 (P)
<b>South East (cont)</b>	East Sussex	430	510	405	<b>Scotland</b>	Aberdeen City	185	235	180
	Hampshire	980	1,350	905		Aberdeenshire	60	55	55
	Isle of Wight	35	60	45		Angus	15	20	20
	Kent	1,475	1,705	1,040		Argyll & Bute Council	20	25	15
	Medway	275	400	265		City of Edinburgh	460	635	465
	Milton Keynes	795	915	565		Clackmannanshire	10	20	10
	Oxfordshire	1,055	1,230	910		Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	5	5	5
	Portsmouth	260	400	380		Dumfries & Galloway	15	40	25
	Reading	620	670	470		Dundee City	75	90	70
	Slough	1,015	965	715		East Ayrshire	25	10	15
	Southampton	365	700	515		East Dunbartonshire	70	40	40
	Surrey	1,900	2,375	1,325		East Lothian	15	20	30
	West Berkshire District Council	165	195	120		East Renfrewshire	45	50	30
	West Sussex	755	950	590		Falkirk	25	45	30
	Windsor & Maidenhead	315	315	240		Fife	110	110	90
	Wokingham	280	265	180		Glasgow City	680	770	630
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12,145</b>	<b>14,680</b>	<b>9,800</b>		Highland	40	55	45
<b>South West</b>	Bath and North East Somerset	80	155	80	Inverclyde	15	20	5	
	Bournemouth	210	295	240	Midlothian	15	30	25	
	Bristol	695	975	790	Moray	20	25	10	
	Cornwall	120	140	90	North Ayrshire	25	20	15	
	Devon	205	220	135	North Lanarkshire	60	90	40	
	Dorset	105	160	125	Orkney Islands	5	*	*	
	Gloucestershire	325	420	285	Perth & Kinross	25	55	20	
	Isles of Scilly	-	-	*	Renfrewshire	40	55	40	
	North Somerset	85	75	65	Scottish Borders	20	30	20	
	Plymouth	105	175	170	Shetland Islands	5	15	10	
	Poole	90	125	90	South Ayrshire	25	25	20	
	Somerset	120	200	115	South Lanarkshire	70	105	75	
	South Gloucestershire	165	225	130	Stirling	25	30	5	
	Swindon	275	320	265	West Dunbartonshire	10	20	20	
	Torbay	50	70	50	West Lothian	60	85	50	
	Wiltshire	180	320	265	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,280</b>	<b>2,830</b>	<b>2,130</b>	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,810</b>	<b>3,880</b>	<b>2,900</b>					

**Table 8 Persons attending a British citizenship ceremony by Region and Authority 2006 to 2008<sup>(P)</sup>** (continued)

Region	Authority (1)	Ceremony Attended (2)			Region	Authority (1)	Ceremony Attended (2)			
		2006	2007 (R)	2008 (P)			2006	2007 (R)	2008 (P)	
<b>Wales</b>	Blaenau Gwent	5	15	15	<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>275</b>		
	Bridgend	50	100	65		<b>Channel Islands</b>	Guernsey	30	25	35
	Caerphilly	30	35	20			Jersey	70	55	50
	Cardiff	450	630	505		<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	
	Carmarthenshire	70	115	30		<b>Isle of Man</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>110</b>	
	Ceredigion	25	25	20			<b>Gibraltar</b>	-	<b>85</b>	*
	City & County of Swansea	130	170	185		<b>Total (United Kingdom) (3)</b>				
	Conwy	30	45	50						
	Denbighshire	35	70	20						
	Flintshire	35	30	40						
	Gwynedd	35	65	40						
	Isle of Anglesey	10	15	10						
	Merthyr Tydfil	15	25	5						
	Monmouthshire	20	25	25						
	Neath Port Talbot	30	45	35						
	Newport	110	150	165						
	Pembrokeshire	30	30	35						
	Powys	20	30	25						
	Rhondda-Cynon-Taff	30	90	60						
	Torfaen	15	20	5						
Vale of Glamorgan	45	75	45							
Wrexham	50	65	50							
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,260</b>	<b>1,865</b>	<b>1,440</b>						
						<b>107,565</b>	<b>120,275</b>	<b>91,450</b>		

(1) Includes both County and Local Authorities.

(2) Relates to adults only (See Explanatory Note 9).

(3) Excludes ceremonies held at Foreign and Commonwealth office posts outside the United Kingdom.

# EXPLANATORY NOTES

## Grants of British Citizenship

1. The British Nationality Act 1981 came into force on 1 January 1983. Certain entitlements to citizenship, which had existed before 1 January 1983, were extended for a transitional period which, in most cases, ended on 31 December 1987.

2. The nationality shown in the first column of Tables 3 and 4 is the one, or in cases of dual nationality the main, birth nationality at the time of application.

3. The categories shown in Tables 2 and 4 relate to the section of the British Nationality Act 1981 under which citizenship was acquired. The following is a brief summary of the provisions of the relevant sections of the Act.

s.1(3) - entitlement to registration of a minor born in the United Kingdom after 1 January 1983 when one of his/her parents later becomes a British citizen or becomes settled in the United Kingdom.

s.1(4) - entitlement to registration of a person in the United Kingdom after 1 January 1983 who spent the first ten years of his/her life in the United Kingdom.

s.3(1) - discretionary registration of a minor as a British citizen.

s.3(2) - entitlement to registration of a minor less than one year old born outside the United Kingdom after 1 January 1983 (or outside the United Kingdom and the qualifying territories<sup>5</sup> since 21 May 2002) to a parent who was a British citizen by descent.

s.3(5) - entitlement to registration of a minor born outside the United Kingdom after 1 January 1983 (or outside the United Kingdom and the qualifying territories<sup>5</sup> after 21 May 2002) to a parent who was a British citizen by descent where the minor and parents are resident in the United Kingdom or a qualifying territory<sup>5</sup>.

s.4A - discretionary registration for adults and minors who are British overseas territories citizens by connection with a qualifying territory<sup>5</sup>.

s.4B - entitlement to registration for British overseas citizens, British subjects and British protected persons who have no other citizenship or nationality.

s.4C - entitlement to registration for certain people born after 7 February 1961 and before 1 January 1983 to mothers who were citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies at the time of their birth.

s.4(2) - entitlement to registration of a British overseas territories citizen, a British Overseas citizen, a British National (Overseas), a British subject or a British protected person resident in the United Kingdom.

s.4(5) - discretionary registration on the grounds of Crown service in a British overseas territory of a British overseas territories citizen, a British Overseas

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<sup>5</sup> References to "qualifying territory" are references to the British overseas territories except for the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia (in Cyprus).

citizen, a British National (Overseas), a British subject or a British protected person.

s.5 - entitlement to registration of a British overseas territories citizen from Gibraltar.

s.6(1) - naturalisation of an adult by virtue of 5 years residence in the United Kingdom or UK Crown service.

s.6(2) - naturalisation of an adult who is married to<sup>6</sup> British citizen by virtue of 3 years residence in the United Kingdom.

s.7 - transitional entitlements to registration of a Commonwealth citizen who was resident in the United Kingdom.

s.8(1) - transitional entitlement to registration of a woman still married since before 1983 to a man who became a British citizen on 1 January 1983.

s.8(2) and 8(3) - transitional discretionary registration of a woman married before 1983 to a man who either (a) became or would have become a British citizen but for his death (and they were no longer married) or renounced citizenship (and they were still married).

s.9 - transitional entitlement to registration of a minor less than one year old born abroad on or after 1 January 1983 who, if they had been born before 1 January 1983 and had been consularly registered, would have become a British citizen on 1 January 1983.

s.10(1) - entitlement to acquire British citizenship by a person who had renounced citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies before 1983.

s.10(2) - discretionary registration of a person connected with the United Kingdom who renounced citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies before 1983.

s.13(1) - entitlement to resume British citizenship by a person who has previously renounced it.

s.13(3) - discretionary registration of a person who has previously renounced British citizenship.

Schedule 2 - entitlement to registration of a stateless person.

Schedule 8 - relates to applications made before the commencement of the 1981 Act and provides that: (a) applications will continue to be decided in accordance with the provisions of the previous nationality Acts and (b) applicants, if successful, acquire the citizenship they would have acquired on 1 January 1983 if the application had been decided before 1983.

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<sup>6</sup> Or civil partner under the terms of the Civil Partnership Act (effective from 5 December, 2005).



4. There are currently six forms of British nationality.

- **British citizens** are the majority. They have that citizenship usually through: birth, adoption, descent, registration, or naturalisation; and have the right of abode in the UK.
- **British overseas territories citizens (BOTCs)** – known as British Dependent Territories citizens before February 2002 - have that citizenship through a connection with a British overseas territory such as Gibraltar, St Helena etc. NB. Hong Kong BDTCs lost that citizenship automatically on 1 July 1997 but may still hold another form of British nationality (see below).
- **British Overseas citizens (BOCs)** are a smaller group connected with the former British colonies who, for the most part, did not acquire citizenship of the new country when it attained independence. Hong Kong BDTCs became BOCs on 1 July 1997 if they would otherwise have been stateless.
- **British Nationals (Overseas) (BN(O)s)** are a separate sub-group of former Hong Kong BDTCs. The vast majority of British Nationals (Overseas) are ethnically Chinese who became Chinese on 1 July 1997. Although their BDTC status was lost on that date they are, as BN(O)s, entitled to hold a British passport.
- **British subjects (BSs)** are a dwindling group of people who normally hold that status either:
  - (a) By virtue of their birth in Eire before 1 January 1949.
  - (b) Because they were BSs before 1 January 1949 through a connection with a place which became a Commonwealth country on that date and, although they were potentially citizens of that country, did not acquire citizenship of that or any other country before 1 January 1983. Known as British subjects without citizenship before 1983, they would lose that status if they acquired another nationality.
- **British protected persons (BPPs)** are a small group of persons who hold that status through a connection (normally birth) with a place which was either a UK protectorate, protected state, mandated or trust territory. In most cases, BPP status was lost if the place was part of a country which attained independence or if they acquired another nationality.

5. **Grants:** A positive outcome of an application for British citizenship prior to attending a citizenship ceremony by applicants over 18 years of age. At the ceremony, the applicant takes the Oath or Affirmation of allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen and the Pledge of loyalty to the United Kingdom. Children under 18 do not have to take the Oath/Affirmation or Pledge.

6. **Rejection:** In 2005 and 2006, new processes for rejecting applications, prior to any substantive consideration of the case, were introduced. These processes deal with situations where the applicant is found to be British already or whose application is not at the outset supported by the requisite evidence of entitlement to or qualification for British citizenship.

7. **Entitlement:** The applicant satisfied the conditions specified by the 1981 Act.

8. **Discretionary:** The success of the application depends, either in whole or in part, on the Secretary of State being satisfied on the basis of all the information at his disposal that it would be appropriate to grant it.

9. **Ceremony Attended:** A ceremony organised by County or Local Authorities for successful applicants over 18 years of age for British citizenship. At the ceremony the applicant takes the Oath or Affirmation of allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen and the Pledge of loyalty to the United Kingdom. Since 1 January 2004 this has been the final stage in the process of attaining British citizenship.

10. Reported figures of applications have, before 2005, included both British citizenship and Right of Abode in the UK as a Commonwealth national, although Right of Abode decisions are not included in the subsequent commentary or tables. From 2005 it has been possible to separately identify Right of Abode and British citizenship applications allowing the figures to be presented separately.

11. The figure relating to grants of British citizenship to residents of Hong Kong in the UK for 2006 is drawn from a new source of more complete data. It is understood that figures for 2005 and earlier years significantly under count grants of this type. There is therefore a discontinuity in the series between 2005 and 2006.

12. On 5 December 2007 the Home Secretary announced changes to the way that an applicant's good character will be assessed for the purposes of naturalisation and registration as a British citizen. The changes took effect as from 1 January 2008. Applications made on and after that date will normally be refused if the applicant has been convicted of a criminal offence and the conviction has not yet become 'spent' in accordance with the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

#### General

13. Data have been rounded to the nearest 5, to protect statistical confidentiality and to indicate that data is not necessarily accurate to the nearest one. Percentages are generally given to the nearest percentage point.

14. Data in some of the tables in this bulletin may not sum to the totals shown because they have been rounded independently. The following symbols have been used in the tables:

: Not applicable

- Nil

\* 2 or less

(P) Provisional figures

(R) Figures have been revised since the previous issue of this bulletin or publication in quarterly summary figures, for example to include late returns.

15. Statistics for the years 1962-1983 were published annually in "Statistics of persons acquiring Citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies" (for 1962-77), "Tables of persons acquiring Citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies" (for 1978-82) and "Tables of persons acquiring British Citizenship" (for 1983), all of which are available from The Stationery Office. Statistics for 1984 and subsequent years were published in the relevant annual Statistical Bulletin.

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