

1. The table below provides monthly breakdowns of asylum applicants removed from the UK, nationals of Sri Lanka, for December 2004 to December 2005. Additionally, there were 15 non-asylum applicants removed from the UK, nationals of Sri Lanka in December 2004. This figure is rounded to the nearest five and is provisional. Information on non-asylum applicants broken down by nationality is not available for 2005.
2. The length of time it takes to obtain a document for a Sri Lankan national varies on a case by case basis. It is subject to factors which may fall outside the control of ISDU (Immigration Service Documentation Unit), examples of which would be the existence and quality of any supporting documentary evidence, the co-operation provided by the High Commission during any interview and/or documentation process and the level of co-operation from the subject. For these reasons it is not possible to offer any firm guidance as to the length of the process.
3. No information is held on Sri Lankan nationals currently held in Immigration detention awaiting removal due to the fact that they have not been recognised by the UK as refugees and have further had their claim certified under Section 94[3] of the Nationality, Immigration, and Asylum Act 2002 or have exhausted all appeals rights. Information relating to the number of Sri Lankan nationals who are solely detained under Immigration Act powers as at 31 December 2005 is published in the Quarterly Asylum Bulletin, on the Home Office Research Development and Statistics website at: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration1.html>.

**Asylum applicants removed from the United Kingdom, nationals of Sri Lanka
December 2004 to December 2005^{(1)(P)}**

	De- c- 04	Ja- n- 05	Fe- b- 05	Ma- r- 05	Apr- 05	Ma- y- 05	Ju- n- 05	Jul- 05	Au- g- 05	Se- p- 05	Oc- t- 05	No- v- 05	De- c- 05
Total asylum applicants removed⁽²⁾, nationals of Sri Lanka	25	20	30	50	40	40	35	35	35	30	45	35	50
Principal asylum applicants⁽³⁾	25	20	30	45	40	40	35	30	30	30	45	35	45
of whom: removed as a result of enforcement action ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	10	5	10	15	15	10	15	10	15	15	20	15	40
of whom: left under Assisted Voluntary Return Programmes ⁽⁵⁾	10	15	20	30	25	30	15	25	20	20	25	20	5
Dependants of asylum applicants	*	-	-	5	-	*	5	5	5	-	-	*	10
of whom: removed as a result of enforcement action ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	-	-	-	*	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	10
of whom: left under Assisted Voluntary Return Programmes ⁽⁵⁾	*	-	-	5	-	*	-	-	5	-	-	*	-

(1) Figures rounded to the nearest five, with - = 0, * = 1 or 2, and may not sum due to rounding.

(2) Including persons departing 'voluntarily' after enforcement action had been initiated against them, and those who it is

established have left the UK without informing the Immigration Authorities.

(3) Persons who had sought asylum at some stage, excluding dependants.

(4) Excludes Assisted Voluntary Returns.

(5) Persons leaving under Voluntary Assisted Return Programmes run by the International Organisation for Migration. May include

some on-entry cases and some cases where enforcement action has been initiated.

(P) Provisional figures.