

Immigration Nationality Directorate (IND) do not hold the information regarding the number Unaccompanied Asylum seeking children reform programme (UASC) applications in Northern Ireland. Asylum is applied for in relation to the United Kingdom as a whole and therefore it is not possible to break down the UK total into number of applications for asylum to specific regions. Information on the numbers of applications for asylum in the UK that were made in Northern Ireland by UASCs is also not available.

At present IND do not hold information on the number of UASCs currently supported by Local Authorities in Northern Ireland. We suggest contacting the Northern Irish Local Authorities directly for this information. You may also wish to try the new National Register for Unaccompanied Children <http://www.nruc.gov.uk/nruc.html> (contacts nruc.info@alg.gov.uk)

IND do produce and provide a breakdown the number of asylum seekers with dependents being supported by the National Asylum Support Service (NASS). However IND do not know how many children are contained in each family unit. For example if a family unit is of size 2 IND do not know if that includes a principle applicant and dependant spouse or a principal applicant and dependant child or two different principal applicants. The same principle applies to family units of greater size.

The table below shows the number of asylum seekers supported by NASS as at the end of December 2002, 2003 and 2004 either supported with accommodation and subsistence or subsistence only. It is further broken down by the size of the group

Numbers of asylum seekers⁽¹⁾ supported by the National Asylum Support Service as at the end of December 2002-2004 In the Government Office Region of Northern Ireland.

Dispersed cases group size	End of: Dec-02		End of: Dec-03		End of: Dec-04	
	cases	people	cases	people	cases	people
1	95	95	55	55	25	25
2	10	20	10	25	15	35
3	5	20	5	15	5	10
4	5	15	5	15	*	10
5	5	20	5	15	5	20
6	-	-	*	10	*	5
7	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	-	-	-	-	*	10
TOTAL	120	170	80	135	55	115

Subsistence only cases group size	End of: Dec-02		End of: Dec-03		End of: Dec-04	
	cases	people	cases	people	cases	People
1	20	20	15	15	10	10
2	*	*	*	5	-	-
3	-	-	-	-	*	5
TOTAL	20	20	15	15	15	15

(1) Figures rounded to the nearest 5 with * representing 1 or 2

National Statistics on the number and nationality of asylum applicants, as well as their dispersal areas can be found at www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration1.html.