

Asylum Performance Framework Measures

Asylum Work in Progress Caseload (WIP)

The number of cases that are unconcluded at the given point in time. This includes: undecided cases, those cases awaiting an appeal outcome and those cases awaiting removal

Status of applications	WIP as at end June 11	WIP as at end June 12	WIP as at end June 13
Awaiting Initial Asylum Decision	4,851	6,192	8,980
Asylum Appeal Outstanding	5,553	4,706	4,328
Subject to Removal Action	24,738	23,497	23,438
Further Leave Application Outstanding ⁽¹⁾	2,761	2,986	2,724
Total	37,903	37,381	39,470

Age of cases	WIP as at end June 11	WIP as at end June 12	WIP as at end June 13
0 - 12 mths	10,315	11,516	12,659
12 - 24 mths	7,088	6,477	6,822
24 - 36 mths	9,262	5,407	4,939
36 mths +	11,238	13,981	15,050
Total	37,903	37,381	39,470

Gender	WIP as at end June 11	WIP as at end June 12	WIP as at end June 13
Male	26,619	26,997	28,287
Female	11,240	10,355	11,153
Unknown	44	29	30
Total	37,903	37,381	39,470

Note: The figures demonstrate that the majority of cases in the work in progress caseload have been processed through the initial stages of the asylum system and are 'subject to removal action'.

Whilst some cases in this category await imminent removal, for many there will be significant barriers to removals which we are still working to overcome. Such barriers include:

Difficulties in obtaining documents from national governments; dealing with last minute legal challenges; and logistical and practical challenges in removing families in a humane and dignified fashion

Asylum Unit Cost

The cost of managing an asylum claim divided by the average WIP caseload

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Total Asylum costs ⁽²⁾ (excluding Case Resolution Directorate cases)	£ 567,856,116	£ 538,063,196	£ 500,219,742
Asylum WIP ⁽³⁾ (New Asylum Model only)	36,838	37,299	39,521
Unit Cost (New Asylum Model only) ⁽⁴⁾	£ 15,415	£ 14,426	£ 12,657

Conclusions Productivity

Average conclusions per month divided by NAM caseworking staff

	2011-12	2012-13
Total conclusions	19,686	19,793
Average conclusions per month	1641	1649
New Asylum Model caseworking staff - FTE ⁽⁵⁾	380	434
Conclusions Productivity (New Asylum Model only)	4.3	3.8

Principal Stage Productivity⁽⁶⁾

Average principal stages completed divided by NAM caseworking staff

	2011-12	2012-13
Total principal stages completed	62,382	65,495
Average principal stages completed per month	5199	5458
New Asylum Model caseworking staff - FTE ⁽⁵⁾	380	434
Principal Stage Productivity (New Asylum Model only)	13.7	12.58

For performance information relating to Asylum Intake and Asylum Support Costs please follow the links below:

Asylum Intake <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/asylum-iun-2012?view=Binary>

Asylum Support Costs <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/annual-reports-accounts/>
(UKBA annual report and accounts 12/13)

Notes:

(1) - Further Leave applications from former Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children given Discretionary Leave

(2) - The costs of managing an asylum claim include costs associated with deciding a case (screening clients, interviews and issuing a decision), managing any related appeal, the cost of supporting applicants until they are granted asylum or removed from the UK, detention costs where detention has been used and enforcement costs including removal. Also included are the costs of UKBA staff and buildings and the proportionate costs of the Home Office building and managerial costs.

(3) - Calculated from the management estimates of the WIP on the March 31 2011, WIP March 31 2012 and WIP March 31 2013

(4) - The costs of an asylum case will vary considerably dependent on the type of case (single, dependents) as well as barriers to documentation, legal challenges and logistical and practical challenges.

(5) - Caseworking staff defined as all staff responsible for delivering principal stages of the asylum system: screening, interviewing, deciding asylum claims, representing asylum claims at appeal and/or preparing cases for removal who have no right to remain in the country, excluding those undertaking asylum casework linked to deportation cases. Staff numbers calculated via a regional return process conducted in April 2013.

(6) - Principal stages defined as screening interviews, substantive interviews, decisions made, appeals represented and removal outcomes, including voluntary departures.

All figures quoted are management information which have been subject to internal quality checks. The numbers may differ from figures released as National Statistics in the Home Office Immigration Statistics as they are drawn from different snapshots of the UK Border Agency databases.