

Request	NAO Response
<p>1. <i>Number of civil servants working in the immigrant department</i></p>	<p>The '2022-23 Home Office annual report and accounts' includes information about the number of staff employed by the Home Office, including a breakdown by different teams within the Home Office on page 166. The report can be found here: Home Office Annual Report and Accounts 2022-2023 (publishing.service.gov.uk).</p> <p>Statistics relating to the Illegal Migration Act also provides information about the number of asylum case working staff. This can be found on tab 'IMB_06' here: statistics-relating-to-the-illegal-migration-act-data-tables-to-nov-2023.ods (live.com).</p>
<p>2. <i>Average length of time it takes to process an immigration application (by type - asylum, work, join family etc)</i></p>	<p>The Home Office includes tables showing the processing times for different types of visas in its online guidance. This can be found here: Visa processing times: applications outside the UK - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).</p> <p>Some information is published on asylum processing times. Tab 'Asy_04' in asylum summary tables, shows the proportion of concluded initial asylum decisions that took over six months, and the proportion that took under six months. This can be found here: asylum-summary-sep-2023-tables.ods (live.com)</p>
<p>3. <i>Number of immigration applications processed per annum over the last 3-5 years (split between regular, illegal, asylum, skills shortage, joining family etc)</i></p>	<p>'Immigration system statistics data' includes several databases detailing the number of visa applications granted (e.g., family reunion visa grants and work visas by occupation and industry). This can be found here: Immigration system statistics data tables - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). We are not aware of datasets that sets out the total number of visa applications processed.</p> <p>Information on the number of asylum applications processed is published on tab 'Asy_02a' of the asylum summary tables. This can be found here: Immigration system statistics data tables - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).</p>
<p>4. <i>Number of outstanding applications at the start and end of each year for the past 3-5 years (IE opening number, plus new ones, less processed, closing balance)</i></p>	<p>Any published information can be found here: asylum-applications-awaiting-decision-datasets-sep-2023.xlsx (live.com). Tab 'Asy_D03', sets out the volume of asylum decisions waiting for an initial decision. We are not aware of other similar datasets published for visa applications.</p>
<p>5. <i>Number of amnesties granted over past 3-5 years and reason (e.g. inability to process, time barred to go on leave to work etc)</i></p>	<p>We are not aware of any published data on this topic. The Home Office may be able to provide further information on this. Details of how to contact them can be found on their homepage here: Home Office - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).</p>

<p>6. <i>Number of civil servants by ethnic origin working in the immigration department</i></p>	<p>The '2022-23 Home Office annual report and accounts' includes information about the proportion of ethnic minority staff on page 178. The report can be found here: Home Office Annual Report and Accounts 2022-2023 (publishing.service.gov.uk).</p>
<p>7. <i>Immigration applications granted by type (e.g. family, skills shortage)."</i></p>	<p>'Immigration system statistics data' includes several databases detailing the number of visa applications granted (e.g., family reunion visa grants and work visas by occupation and industry). This can be found here: Immigration system statistics data tables - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).</p>