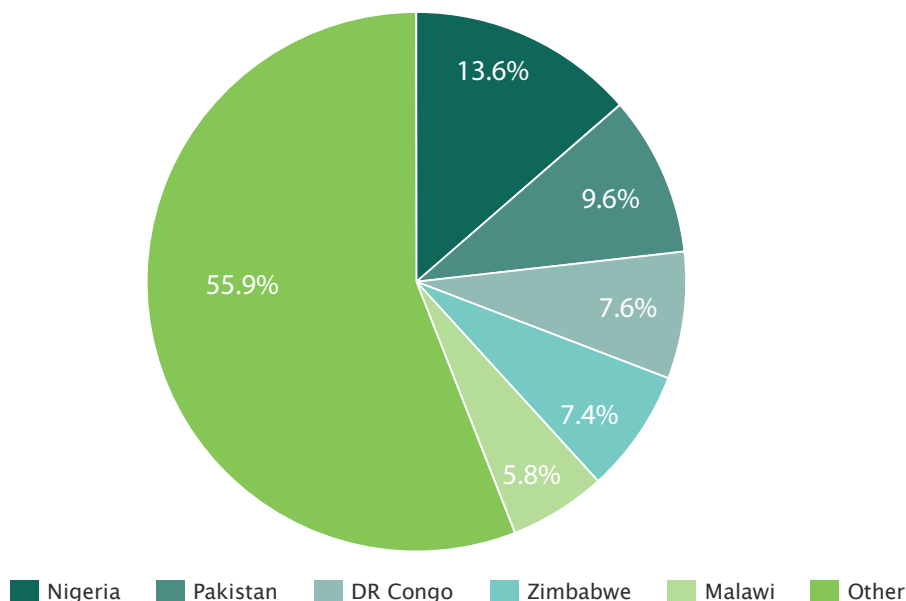


## Appendix G. Refugees and asylum seekers

In 2013, 44.1% of asylum seekers originated from Nigeria, Pakistan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Zimbabwe and Malawi. The remaining 55.9% originated from a wide range of countries.<sup>(6)</sup>



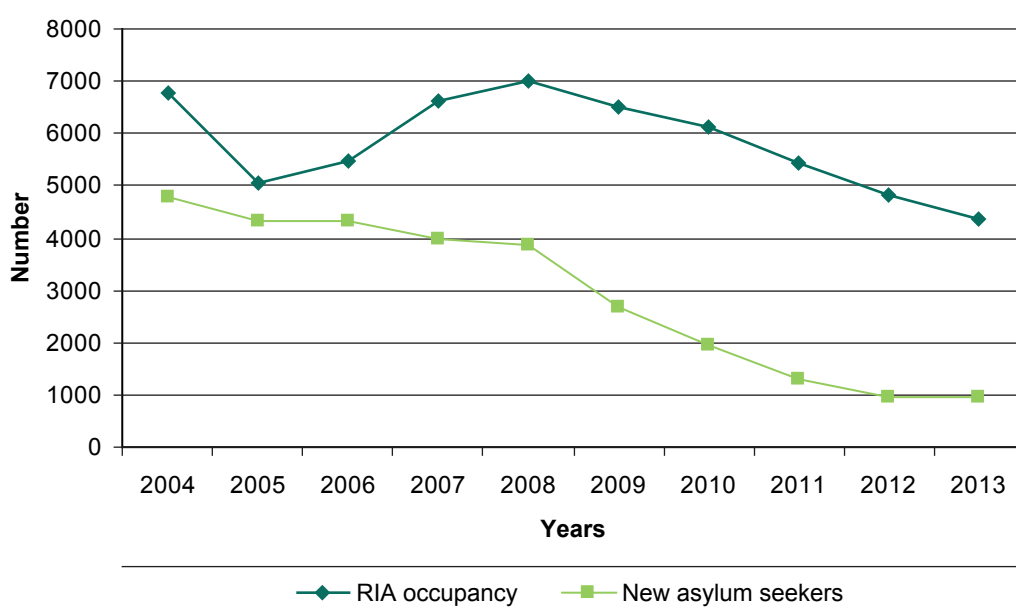
**Figure 1 Applications for declaration as a refugee; top 5 countries of origin, to end of December 2013**

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### Provision for asylum seekers

The Reception and Integration Agency (RIA) is a functional unit of the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service (INIS), a division of the Department of Justice and Equality. RIA is responsible for providing asylum seeker residents with full board accommodation free of utility and other costs.

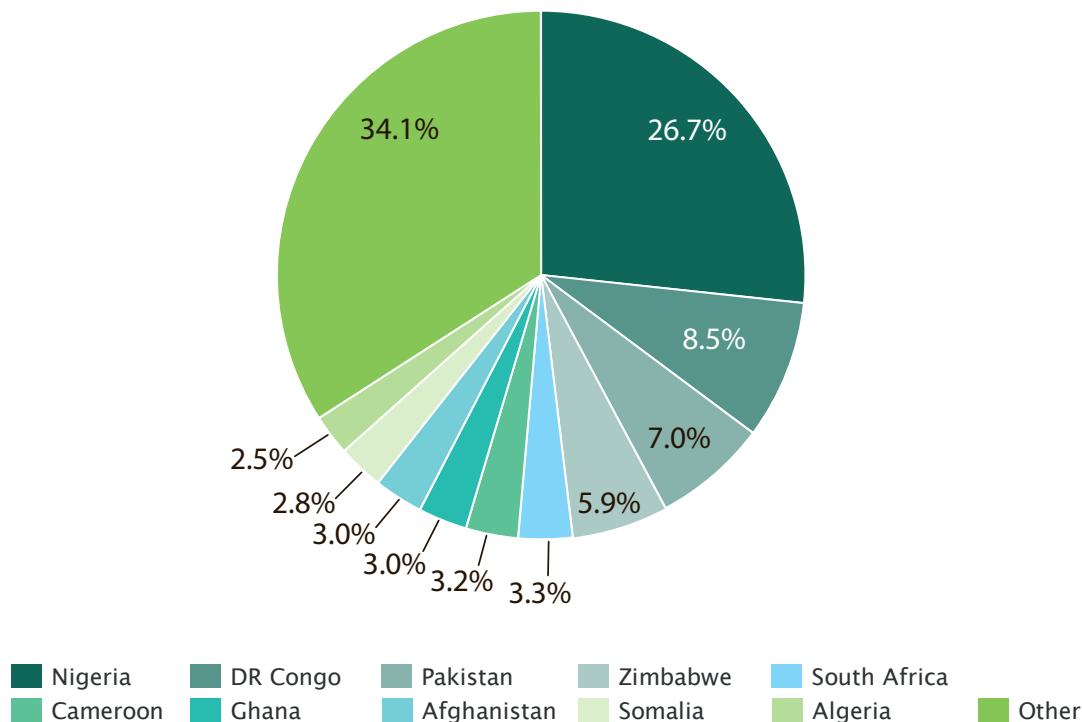
Although the number of applications to the Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner (ORAC) has declined significantly in recent years, a significant number of applicants are reliant on the directly provided services offered by RIA. In 2013, 4,360 were resident in the 34 RIA accommodation sites located in 17 counties.<sup>(6)</sup>



**Figure 2 Trends in Asylum applications and RIA Occupancy 2004-2013**

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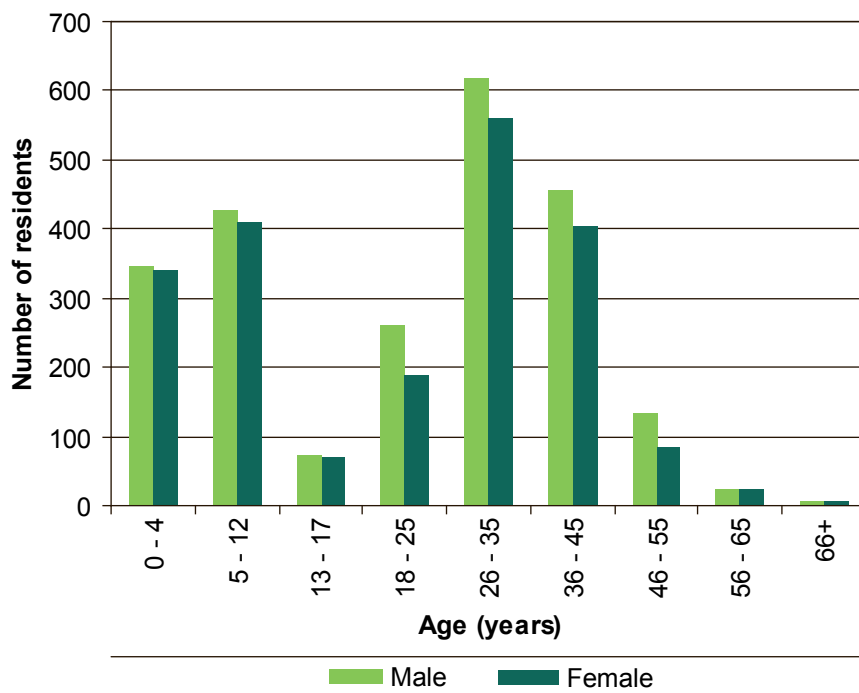
The nationality of RIA residents is outlined below. Of the total number of residents, (n=4,360), over 70% of residents originate from the continent of Africa.<sup>(6)</sup>



**Figure 3 Nationality of RIA residents, end of December 2013**

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RIA residents are mainly young, single adults aged 26-35 years. However there is also a significant number of children (male and female) under the age of 12 years (n=1,523).<sup>(6)</sup>



**Figure 4 Gender and Age profile of RIA residents, December 2013**

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