

April 2005

European Court of Human Rights

Statistics 2004

SURVEY 2004

→ New applications

- 44,100 new applications lodged (38,800 in 2003): +14%;**
- 32,500 applications allocated to a decision body (27,200 in 2003): +19%.**

→ Processing applications

- Objective of 20,000 applications disposed of by decision/ judgment - 21,100 applications disposed of (17,950 in 2003): +17%.**

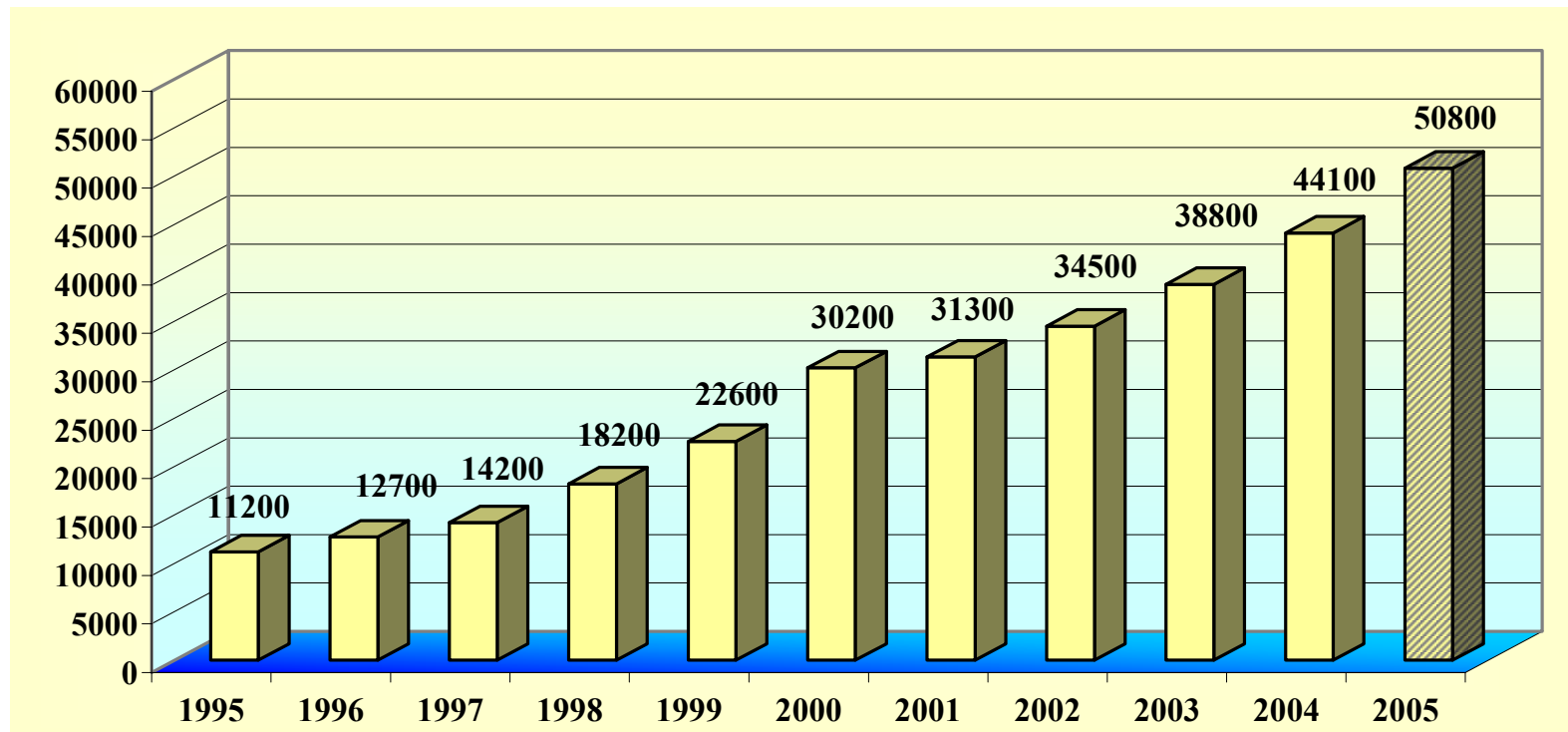
→ Pending applications

- Total of applications 78,000 in all procedural stages (65,500 beginning of 2004): +19%;**
- 50,000 applications pending before a decision body on 1 January 2005 (38,500 beginning of 2004): +30%.**

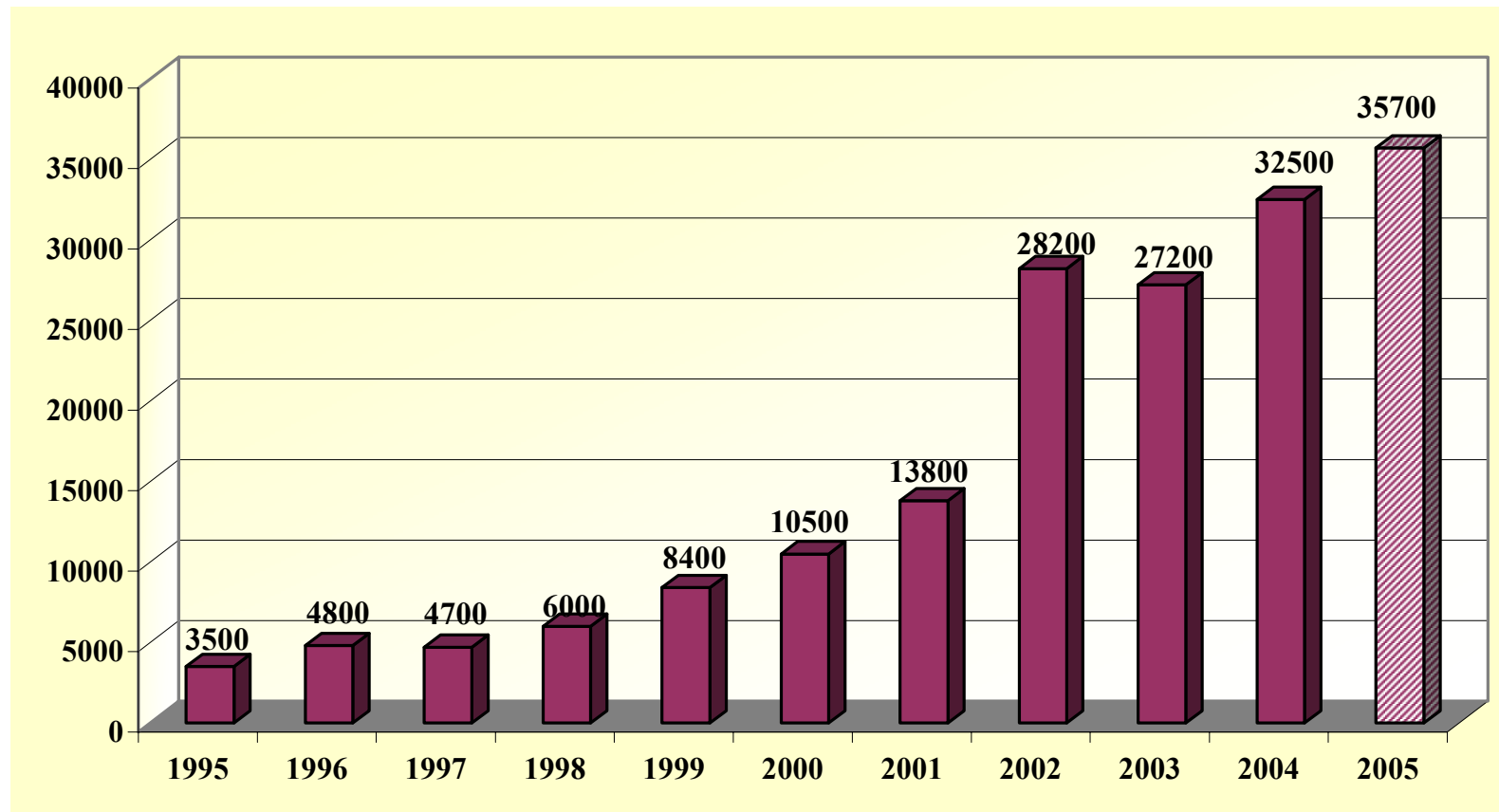
→ Staffing/budget levels

- Registry staff 458 on 1 January 2005 (393 beginning 2004): +17%;**
- Global budget 40,5 million (34,9 million in 2003): +16%.**

New applications lodged per year (1995 – 2004 and estimate for 2005)

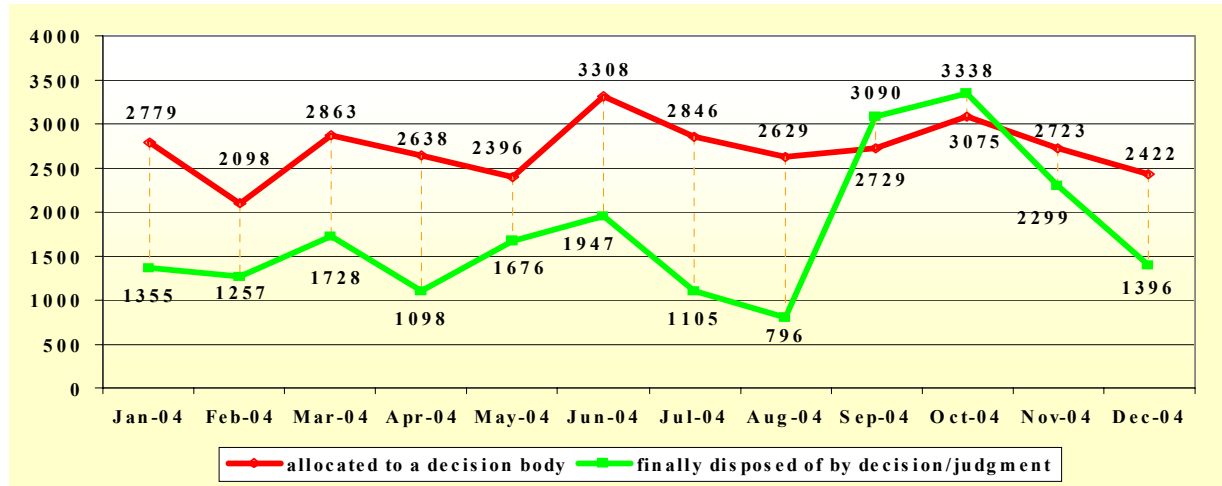


Applications allocated to a decision body per year (1995 – 2004 and estimate for 2005)

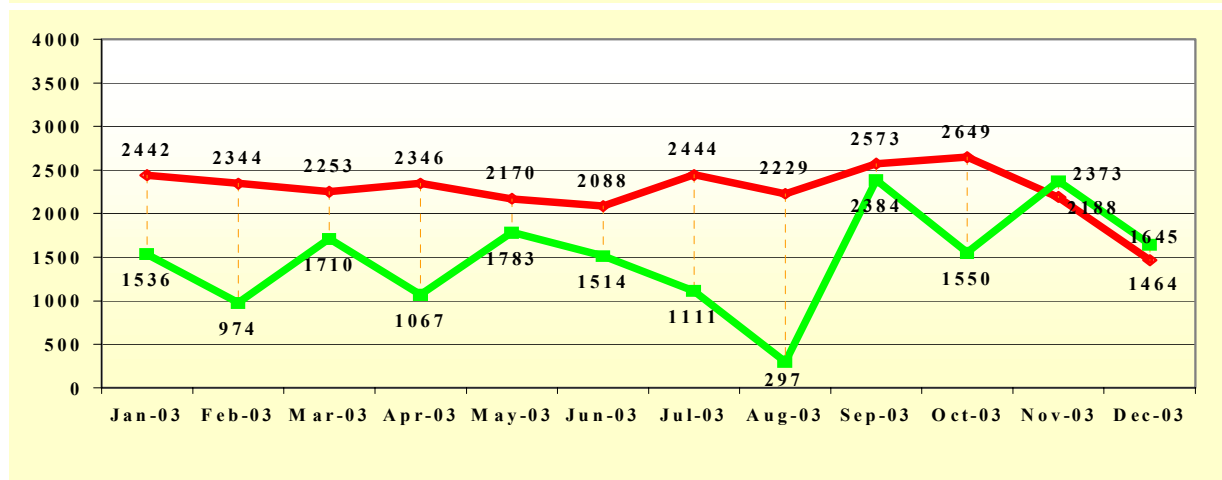


Applications allocated and applications disposed of judicially

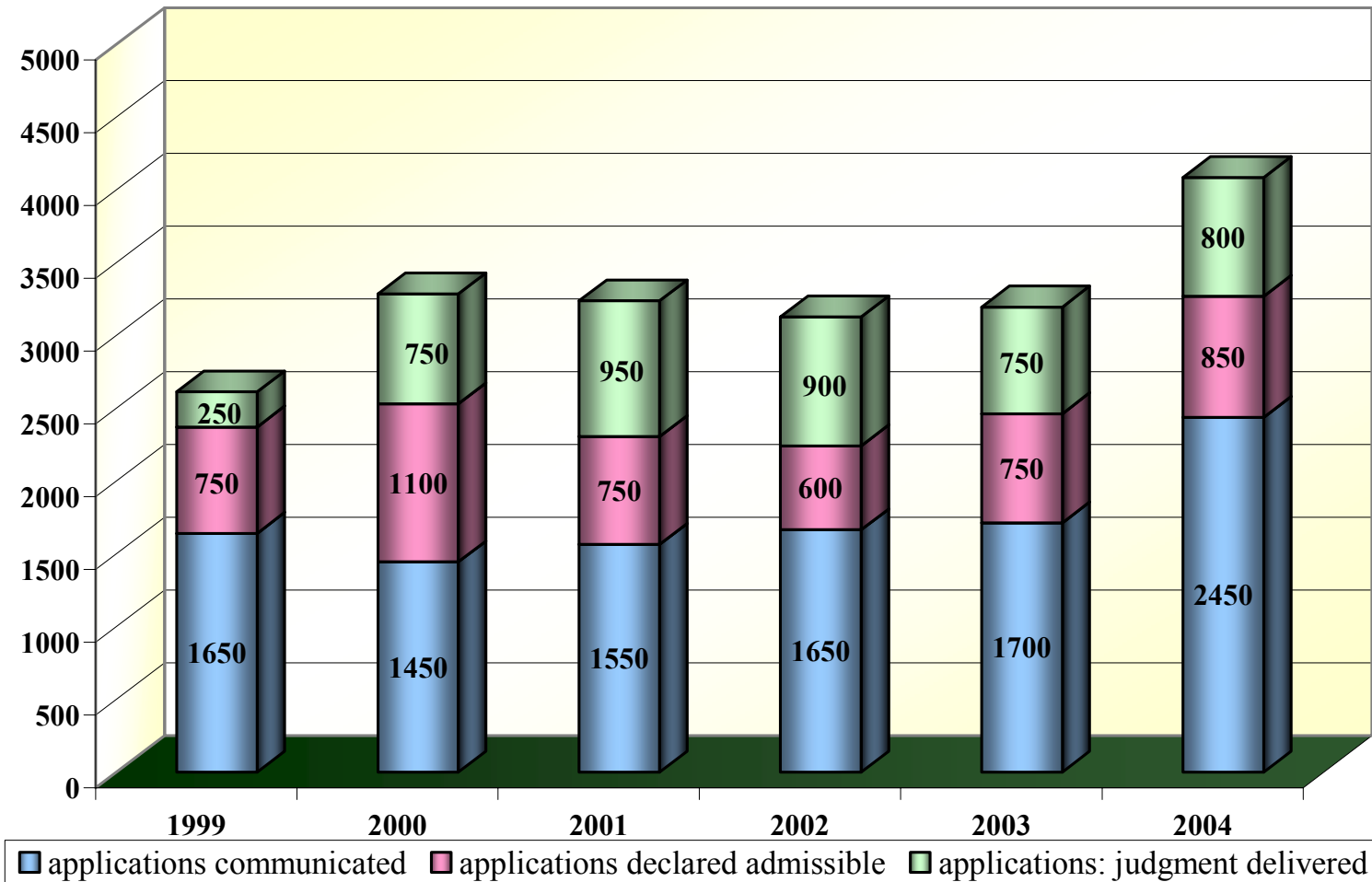
2004:
Deficit
11,421 applications
(952 per month).



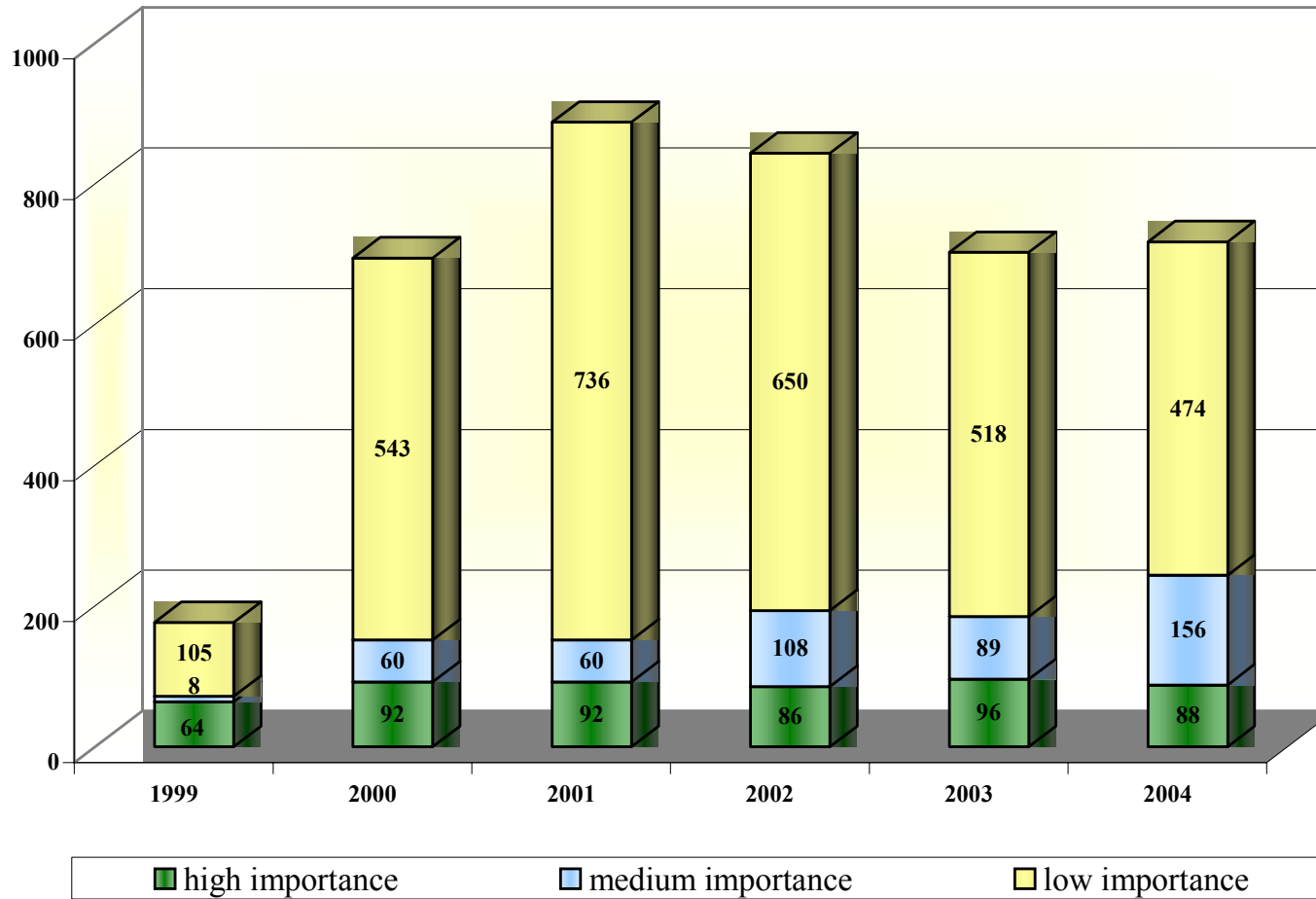
2003:
Deficit
9,246 applications
(771 per month).



Major steps in processing meritorious applications (1999-2004)

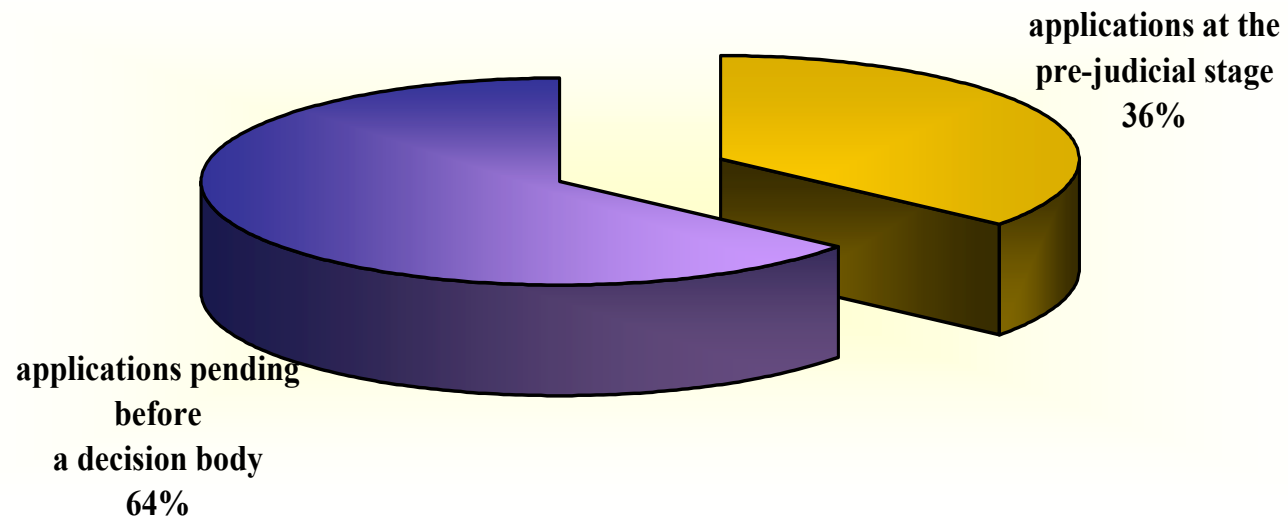


Judgments by importance level (1999 - 2004)*



* A judgment may concern more than one application

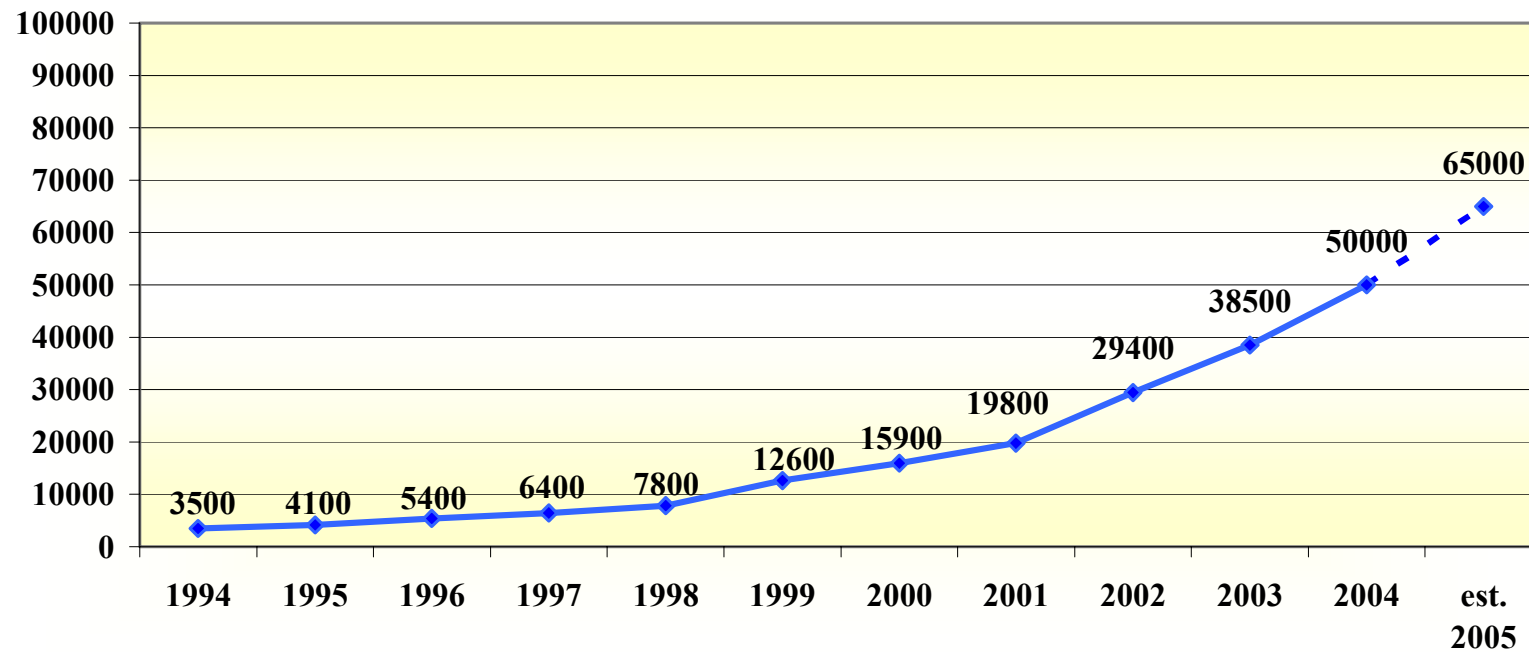
Total of pending applications (78,000)



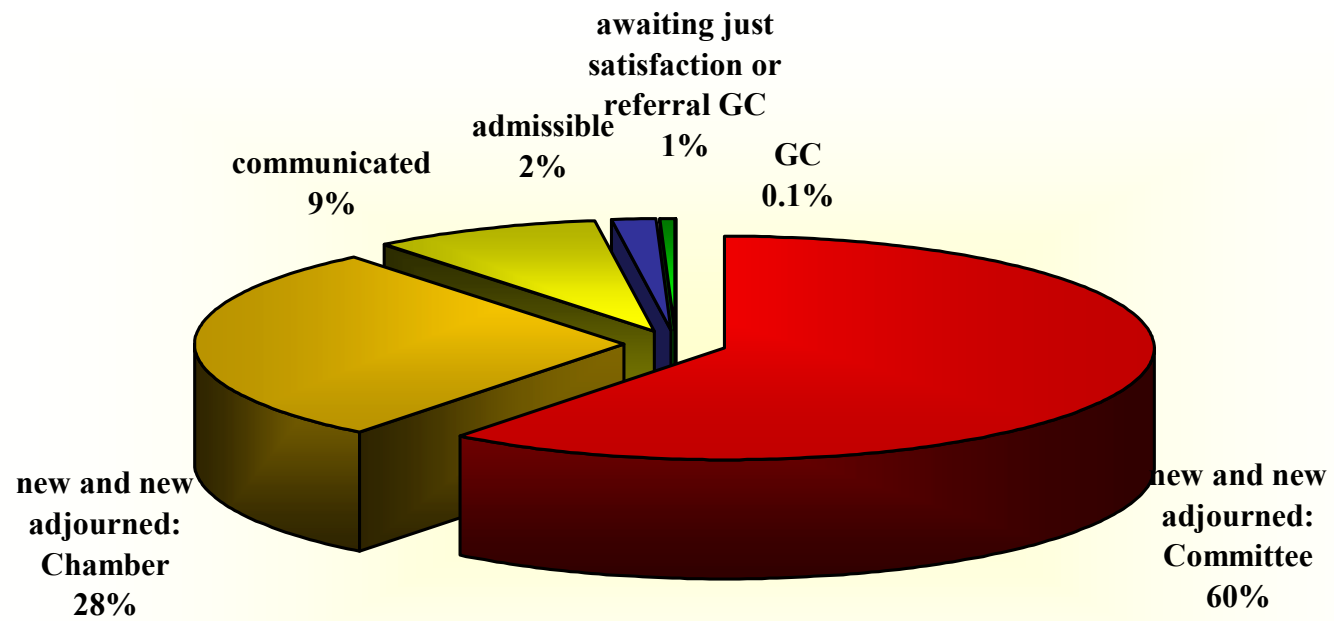
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Applications pending before a decision body

(end 1994 - end 2004 with forecast end 2005)

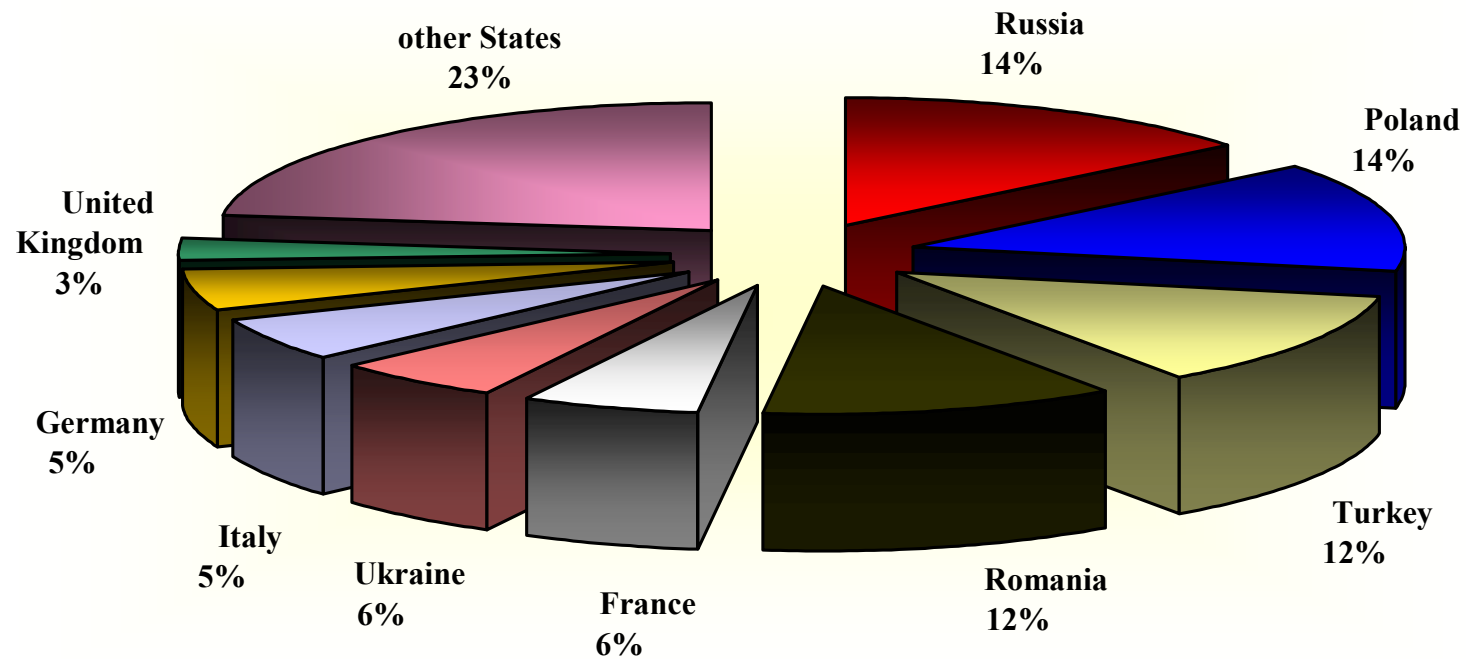


Composition of the caseload by stage of proceedings and decision body



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High case-count States with a total of more than 2,000 applications pending



31/12/2004

State	Population (1000s)		New applications lodged		Lodged/ population (10,000s)		Applications allocated to a decision body		Allocated/ population (10,000s)	
	01/01/2003	01/01/2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Albania	3,401	3,401	24	28	0.1	0.1	17	13	0.05	0.04
Andorra	67	72	2	3	0.3	0.4	2	1	0	0.1
Armenia	3,210	3,212	89	122	0.3	0.4	67	96	0.2	0.3
Austria	8,102	8,140	445	421	0.5	0.5	324	304	0.4	0.4
Azerbaijan	8,203	8,266	266	251	0.3	0.3	238	151	0	0.2
Belgium	10,356	10,356	216	247	0.2	0.2	117	125	0.1	0.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3,781	3,781	94	221	0.2	0.6	59	137	0.2	0.4
Bulgaria	7,846	7,801	700	986	0.9	1.3	517	739	0.7	0.9
Croatia	4,442	4,442	878	696	2	1.6	664	697	1.5	1.6
Cyprus ¹	803	818	44	65	0.5	0.8	36	47	0.4	0.6
Czech Republic	10,203	10,212	941	1406	0.9	1.4	629	1064	0.6	1
Denmark	5,384	5,398	142	129	0.3	0.2	73	86	0.1	0.2
Estonia	1,356	1,351	178	186	1.3	1.4	131	138	1	1
Finland	5,206	5,220	285	313	0.5	0.6	260	244	0.5	0.5
France	59,635	59,901	2904	3025	0.5	0.5	1481	1737	0.2	0.3
Georgia	4,343	4,315	44	60	0.1	0.1	35	47	0.1	0.1
Germany	82,537	82,532	1935	2562	0.2	0.3	998	1527	0.1	0.2
Greece	11,006	11,006	480	405	0.4	0.4	354	274	0.3	0.2
Hungary	10,142	10,117	499	589	0.5	0.6	330	397	0.3	0.4
Iceland	289	291	17	10	0.6	0.3	10	6	0.3	0.2
Ireland	3,964	4,028	76	64	0.2	0.2	29	32	0.1	0.1
Italy	57,321	57,888	1848	1867	0.3	0.3	1351	1480	0.2	0.3
Latvia	2,332	2,319	312	332	1.3	1.4	133	195	0.6	0.8
Liechtenstein	34	34	5	5	1.5	1.5	3	5	1	1.5
Lithuania	3,463	3,446	485	465	1.4	1.3	355	451	1	1.3
Luxembourg	448	452	58	40	1.3	0.9	21	12	0.5	0.3
Malta	397	400	19	14	0.5	0.4	4	8	0.1	0.2
Moldova	3,618	3,607	357	441	1	1.2	238	344	0.7	1
Netherlands	16,193	16,258	451	553	0.3	0.3	278	350	0.2	0.2
Norway	4,552	4,578	74	110	0.2	0.2	51	82	0.1	0.2
Poland	38,219	38,191	5359	5796	1.4	1.5	3658	4321	1	1.1
Portugal	10,408	10,475	243	175	0.2	0.2	148	115	0.1	0.1
Romania	21,773	21,711	4282	3988	2	1.8	2165	3225	1	1.5
Russia	144,964	144,168	6062	7855	0.4	0.5	4738	5835	0.3	0.4
San Marino	29	29	2	5	0.7	1.7	2	0	0.7	0
Serbia and Montenegro	10,637	10,637	101	615	0.1	0.6	0	452	0	0.4
Slovakia	5,379	5,380	539	484	1	0.9	349	403	0.6	0.7
Slovenia	1,995	1,996	265	303	1.3	1.5	251	271	1	1.4
Spain	41,551	42,198	604	690	0.1	0.2	455	423	0.1	0.1
Sweden	8,941	8,976	436	524	0.5	0.6	257	398	0.3	0.4
Switzerland	7,321	7,364	273	311	0.4	0.4	162	203	0.2	0.3
TFYR Macedonia	2,024	2,030	148	148	0.7	0.7	98	115	0.5	0.6
Turkey	70,173	71,254	2944	3930	0.4	0.6	3558	3679	0.5	0.5
Ukraine	48,004	47,622	2287	2265	0.5	0.5	1858	1538	0.4	0.3
United Kingdom	59,380	59,516	1396	1423	0.2	0.2	685	745	0.1	0.1

Source: Joint Council of Europe/Eurostat demographic data collection, Statistics in focus, First results of the demographic data collection for 2003 in Europe, Population and social conditions, 13/2004, and Recent demographic developments in Europe, 2004 (January 2005).

NB: For some States, no new data were available for 2003/04 or figures indicated are provisional, estimates or annual averages (details are listed in the above-mentioned source document). However, this has no impact on the ratios calculated for the purposes of the present table.

**EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
STATISTICS 2004**

1. Applications lodged [round figures (50)]	2004	2003	+/-
Applications lodged	44100	38800	+14%

2. Applications allocated to a judicial formation (Committee/Chamber) [round figures (50)]	2004	2003	+/-
Applications allocated	32500	27200	+19%

3. Interim procedural events	2004	2003	+/-
Applications communicated to respondent Government for observations	2438	1712	+42%
Applications declared admissible	830	753	+10%
- in separate decision	528	567	-7%
- in judgment on merits	302	186	+62%

4. Applications disposed of	2004	2003	+/-
Judicially	21082	17945	+17%
- by final judgment	734	669	+10%
- by decision (inadmissible or struck off)	20348	17276	+18%
Administratively (applications not pursued - files destroyed)	11163	11511	-3%

5. Pending applications [round figures (50)]	01/01/2005	01/01/2004	+/-
All applications	78000	65500	+19%
Applications not allocated to a judicial formation	28000	27000	+4%
Applications pending before a judicial formation	50000	38500	+30%
- Chamber (7 judges)	19750	16400	+20%
- Committee (3 judges)	30250	22100	+37%

6. Staffing	01/01/2005	01/01/2004	+/-
Registry staff	458	393	+17%

7. Court's budget	2004	2003	+/-
Global budget	40,5 mil.	34,9 mil.	+16%