

Migrant Country Profile

Nigeria



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Relationship with Ireland

Nigeria has also been listed among the top 10 nationalities of people naturalised since 2011 (source dated 2018) (Poland, India, Nigeria – ranked no.3, Romania, Philippines, Pakistan, China (Incl. Hong Kong), Ukraine, South Africa, and Bangladesh).¹

Nigeria was placed among the top 10 nationalities for visas granted in 2018 (India, China, Russia, Pakistan, Nigeria, Turkey, Philippines, Ukraine, Saudi Arabia and Indonesia).²

Nigerian nationals require a visa to enter Ireland.

If an individual is intending on staying in Ireland for less than three months, there are a number of visas which one can obtain: A Visit (Tourist) Visa, a Visit (Family/Friend) Visa, a Business Visa, a Conference/Event visa, a Visit (Tourist) Visa – for short time study, a Training Visa, a Performance/Tournament Visa, an Exam Visa, an Employment (Atypical) Visa, an Internship Visa, A join Ship Visa (or a Seafarer's Identity Document), a Marriage Visa, and a Medical Treatment Visa. Moreover, if an individual intends to join/accompany a EU/EEA or Swiss (not Irish) family member, please see the following link for more information on the process: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/visa-short-family-eu>

For detailed information on short-term visas for Nigerian nationals, please see this link: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/visa-required-short>

If an individual is intending on staying in Ireland for more than three months, there are also various visas which one must obtain: A Study Visa, an Employment Visa, an Employment (Scientific Researcher) Visa, an Internship Visa, a Volunteer Visa, and a Minister of Religion Visa. Furthermore, for additional information on training in Ireland for more than three months, please see here: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/visa-long-training> and if an individual is intending to join a family member, spouse or partner for more than three months, please see the detailed process here: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/visa-long-family>

For complete information on acquiring a visa for more than 3 months, please see here: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/visa-required-long>

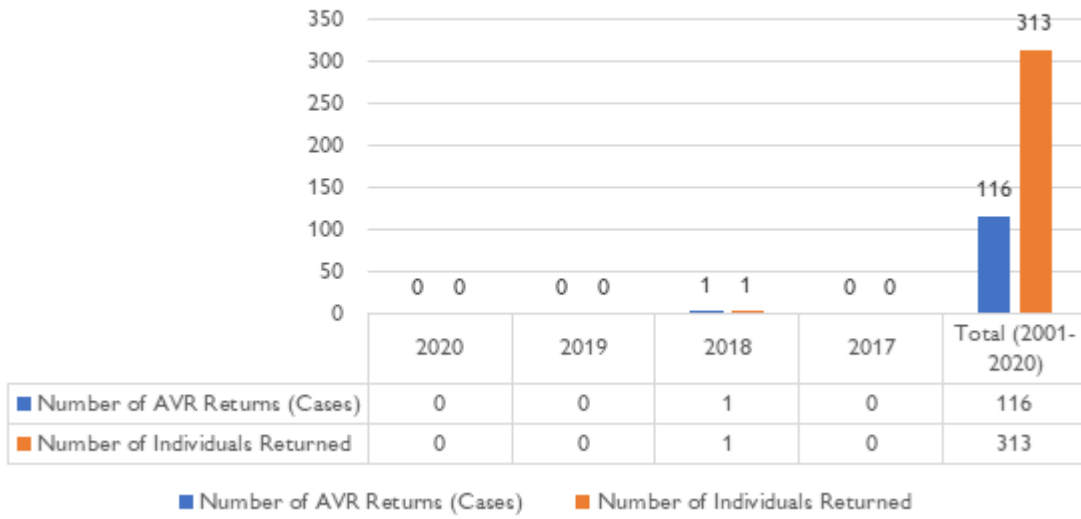
For information on transit through Ireland, please see here:

<http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/transit-visa-required-transit>

¹ INIS, 2018: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-2018.pdf>

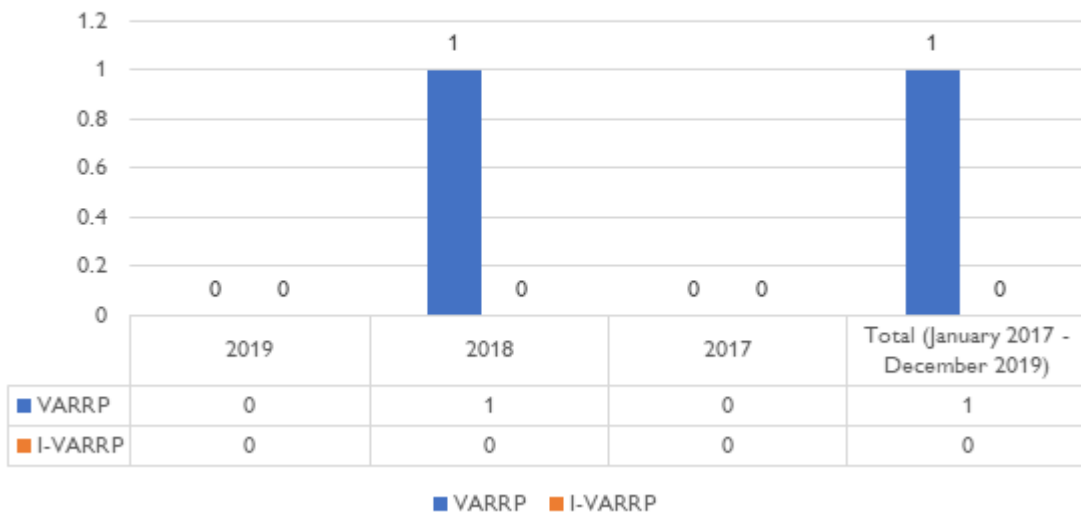
² INIS, 2018: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-2018.pdf>

IOM Ireland Assisted Voluntary Return for Nigeria: An Overview



Source: IOM Ireland Data Resources (accessed on 26.03.2020)

IOM Ireland VARRP & I-VARRP Returns for Nigeria : An Overview



Source: IOM Ireland Data Resources (accessed on 26.03.2020)

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Email: enquiries@nigerianembassydublin.org
Website: <https://nigerianembassydublin.org/>

Embassy of Ireland in Nigeria Address:

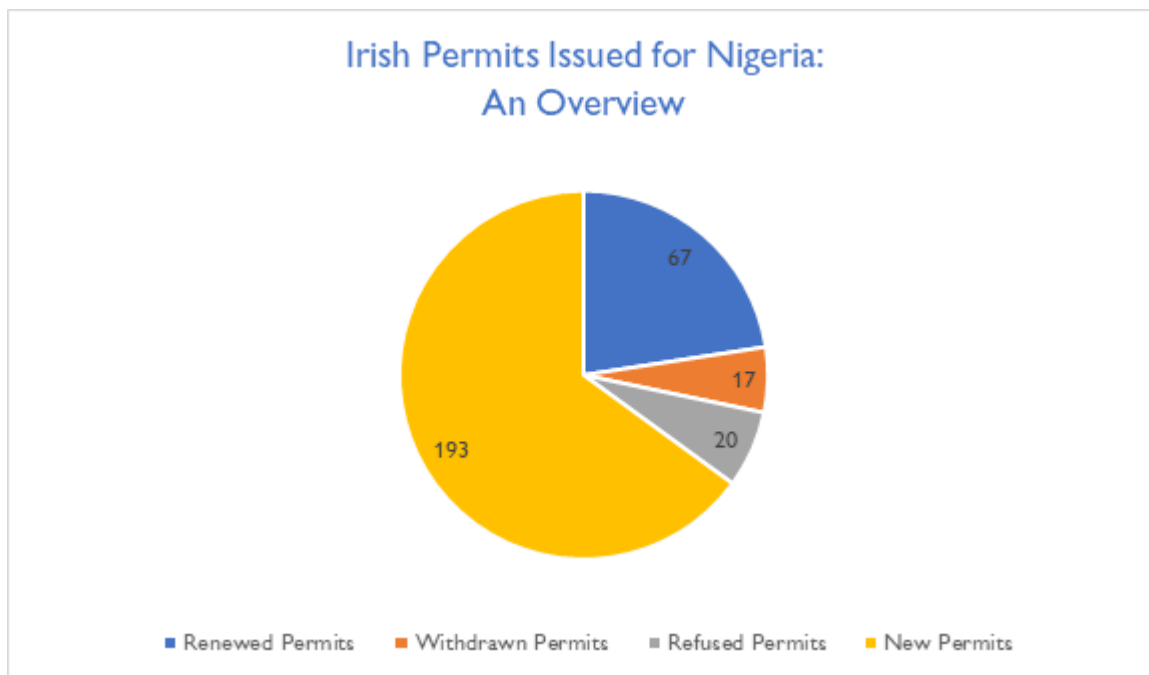
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Irish Permits in Ireland (2019)

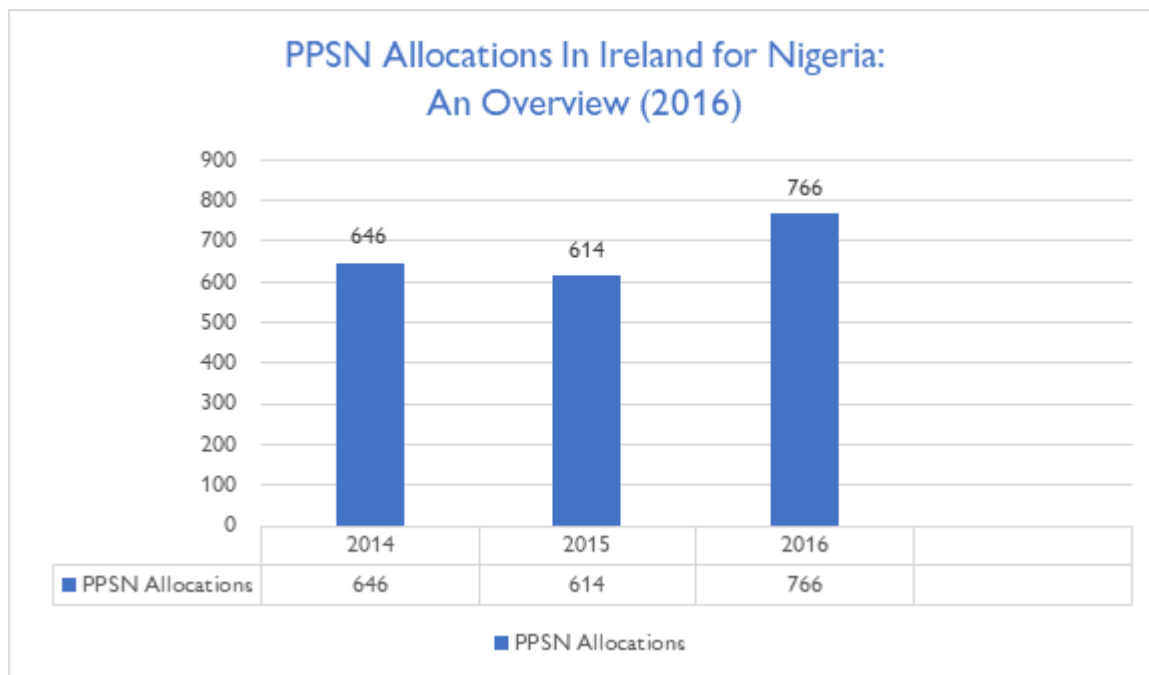


Source accessed on 26.03.2020: Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation: <https://dbei.gov.ie/en/Publications/Employment-Permit-Statistics-2019.html>

In 2019, 193 new permits were issued to Nigerian nationals, 67 permits were renewed, 20 were refused, 17 were withdrawn and the total number of permits for this year was 260.³

³ Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation: <https://dbei.gov.ie/en/Publications/Employment-Permit-Statistics-2019.html>

Nigeria PPSN Allocations



Source accessed on

26.03.2020: <https://www.cso.ie/en/releasesandpublications/er/fnaes/foreignnationalsppsnallocationsemploymentandsocialwelfareactivity2016/>

In 2016, there were 766 PPSN allocations to Nigerian nationals in Ireland, compared with 614 in 2015, and 646 in 2014.⁴

International Protection

For the month of January 2020, Nigeria was ranked no. 1 among the top 5 nationalities in Ireland seeking international protection with 40 applications (13.1% of overall total for that month).⁵

<https://www.cso.ie/en/releasesandpublications/er/fnaes/foreignnationalsppsnallocationsemploymentandsocialwelfareactivity2016/>

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<http://www.ipo.gov.ie/en/IPO/IPO%20Monthly%20Website%20Statistics%20January%202020.pdf/Files/IPO%20Monthly%20Website%20Statistics%20January%202020.pdf>

Nigeria is ranked among the top 5 nationalities for International Protection in Ireland in 2019 (Albania, Georgia, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, and South Africa).⁶

In 2019, 386 applications for International protection were made for Nigerian nationals. Overall, this was 8.1% of the total for 2019.⁷

Nigeria was also ranked among the top registered nationalities in Ireland in 2018; making up 3% of the overall total for that year.⁸



Source accessed on 26.03.2020: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf>

251 international protection applications⁹

77 international protection refusals¹⁰

31 international protection grants¹¹

Visas (INIS 2018)

⁶ IPO, 2019:

<http://www.ipo.gov.ie/en/IPO/20191114.WebsiteStatsOct2019FINALV2.pdf/Files/20191114.WebsiteStatsOct2019FINALV2.pdf>

⁷ IPO, 2019: <http://www.ipo.gov.ie/en/IPO/Dec%202019.pdf/Files/Dec%202019.pdf>

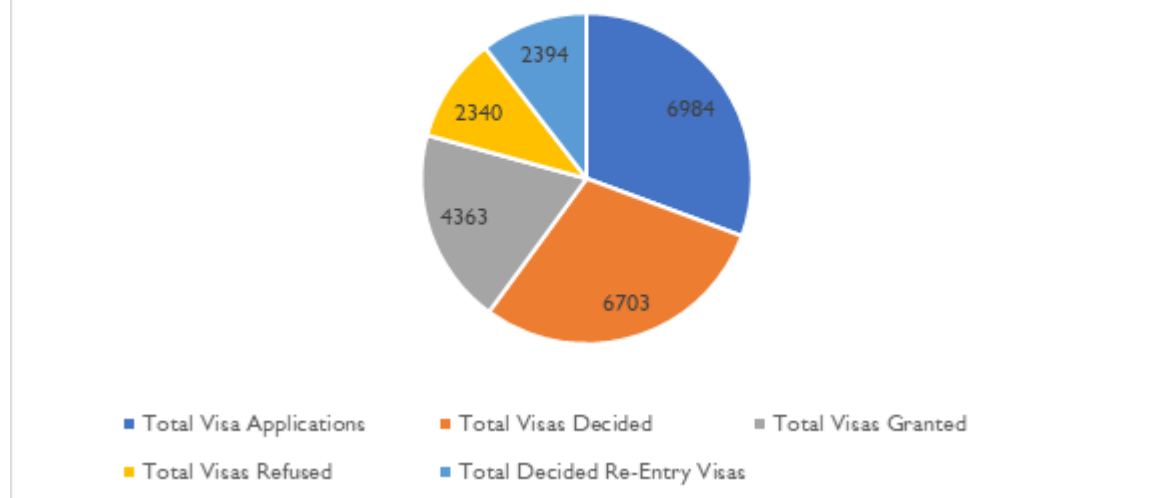
⁸ INIS, 2018: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-2018.pdf>

⁹ <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf>

¹⁰ <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf>

¹¹ <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf>

Visas Issued In Ireland - Nigeria An Overview (2018):



Source accessed on 26.03.2020: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf>

6984 Total visa applications in 2018.¹²

6703 Total visas decided in 2018.¹³

4363 Total visas granted¹⁴

2340 total visas refused¹⁵

2394 total re-entry visas¹⁶

Citizenship (INIS 2018)

479 total citizenship certificates issued¹⁷

819 total citizenship applications¹⁸

¹² <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf>

¹³ <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf>

¹⁴ <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf>

¹⁵ <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf>

¹⁶ <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf>

¹⁷ <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf>

¹⁸ <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf>

Refugee Applicants in Direct Provision (INIS 2018)

750 refugee applicants in direct provision¹⁹

Family Reunification (INIS 2018)

9 Family reunification applications²⁰

8 family reunification grants²¹

Deportations (INIS 2018)

51 deportations signed²²

Nigeria: Europa Migration Profile:

https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/bitstream/JRC117922/mp_nigeria_2019_online.pdf

31.0% of Nigerian migrants are in the EU.²³

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32,667 first residence permits for Nigerian migrants in the EU in 2017. 38.1% were for family reunification reasons, 20.1% for educational purposes, 6.2% for remunerated activities, 35.6% for other purposes.²⁵

IOM Data Portal – Nigeria | Trafficking | Human Rights Instruments

1. Trafficking

Women trafficked, country of origin (2002 –2017): 91.4%²⁶

Children trafficked, country of origin (2002 – 2017): 11.2%²⁷

¹⁹ <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf>

²⁰ <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf>

²¹ <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf>

²² <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf>

²³ https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/bitstream/JRC117922/mp_nigeria_2019_online.pdf

²⁴ https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/bitstream/JRC117922/mp_nigeria_2019_online.pdf

²⁵ https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/bitstream/JRC117922/mp_nigeria_2019_online.pdf

²⁶ <https://migrationdataportal.org/?i=numrat&t=2017&cm49=566>

²⁷ <https://migrationdataportal.org/?i=numrat&t=2017&cm49=566>

2. [Human Rights Instruments](#)

Ratifications of Human Rights Instruments (2017): 19²⁸

[UNHCR | Nigeria](#): https://www.unhcr.org/nigeria-emergency.html?gclid=EAlalQobChMli5eptOep6AlVirHtCh29eAIREAAYASAAEgJM4vD_BwE

[Nigerian Diaspora Networks in Ireland \(NCP\):](#)

1. Anambra Irish Professionals Association (AIPA) Ireland – Contact Name: Website: <http://aipaireland.com> Email: mail@aipaireland.com
2. Bini Community of Ireland - Website: <https://www.facebook.com/BINICOMIRELAND/> (Facebook)
3. Hofann Global Initiative – Contact Name: Aniete Inwang Website: www.hofann.org Email: info@hofann.org
4. Igbo Union Cork Ireland – Contact Name: Ben Uzoma Website: <http://igbounioncorkireland.org> Email: igbounioncorkchapter1@gmail.com
5. Love and Care for People – Website: <https://loveandcareforpeople.eu> Email: ini.gvyc@gmail.com

[Nigeria | Irish and International Media](#)

1. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/world-47231187/nigerian-migrants-why-are-numbers-to-europe-dropping>

²⁸ <https://migrationdataportal.org/?i=numrat&t=2017&cm49=566>