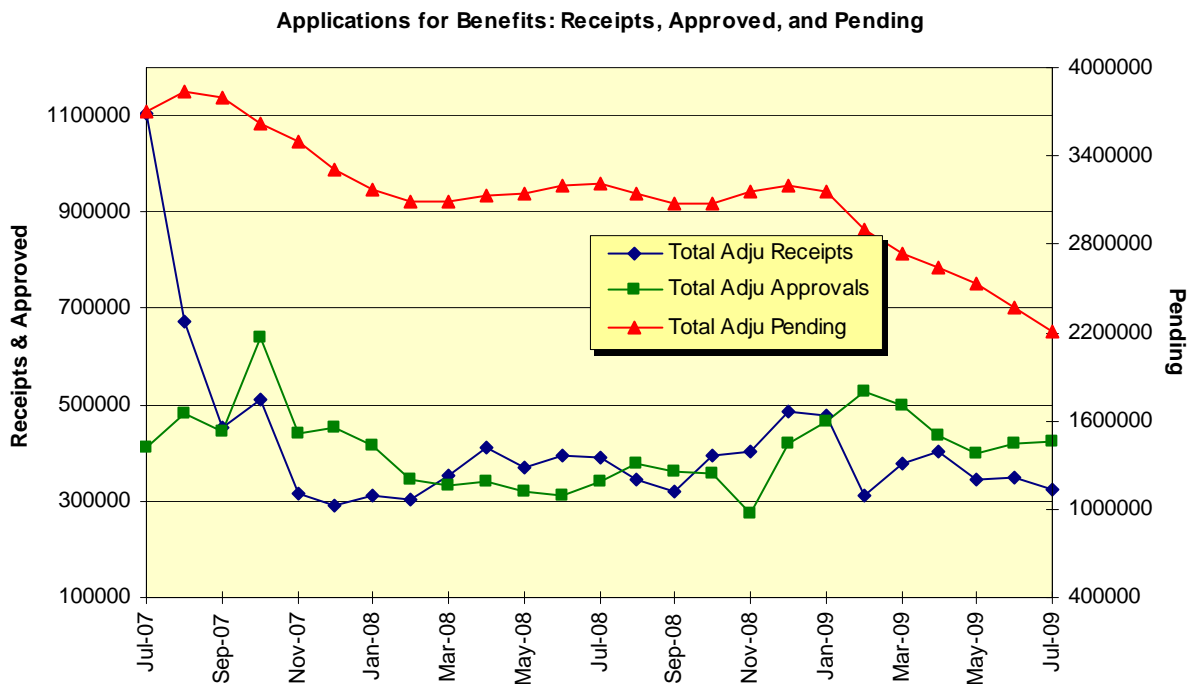


## APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in July 2009 decreased 17 percent compared to the number received in July 2008. July 2009 approvals increased by 25 percent, denials increased by 129 percent, and pending decreased less than 31% compared to July 2008.

	Month			Fiscal Year			Total FY 2008
	July 2009	July 2008	% Change	FY 2009 to Date	FY 2008 to Date	% Change	
<b>Initial Receipts</b>	323,545	389,578	-17%	3,870,606	3,654,098	6%	4,319,134
<b>Approved</b>	425,402	341,431	25%	4,218,057	3,942,593	7%	4,684,090
<b>Denied</b>	90,785	39,580	129%	609,823	421,956	45%	507,606
<b>Pending</b>	2,208,699	3,210,757	-31%	2,208,699	3,210,757	-31%	3,073,166

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in July 2009 include: 72,965 I-765 employment authorizations; 53,761 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 43,897 I-485 applications to adjust status; 36,861 I-131 reentry permit/refugee travel document and advance parole; 35,868 green card renewals/replacements; 23,821 I-129 forms filed.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of July 2009 include: 1,136,369 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 498,186 I-485 applications to adjust status; 113,508 I-765 employment authorizations; 94,535 I-90 green card renewals/replacements; 87,231 I-751 remove conditions spouse jointly/waive; 65,136 I-129 forms filed.

Footnote: “Initial Receipts data only reflects the number of applications that USCIS was able to fee receipt and/or data enter into a case processing system. Applications currently held in USCIS mailroom facilities but not processed to the point of recognition as Initial Receipts are deemed frontlog cases. These frontlog cases are also not reflected in Pending figures.”