

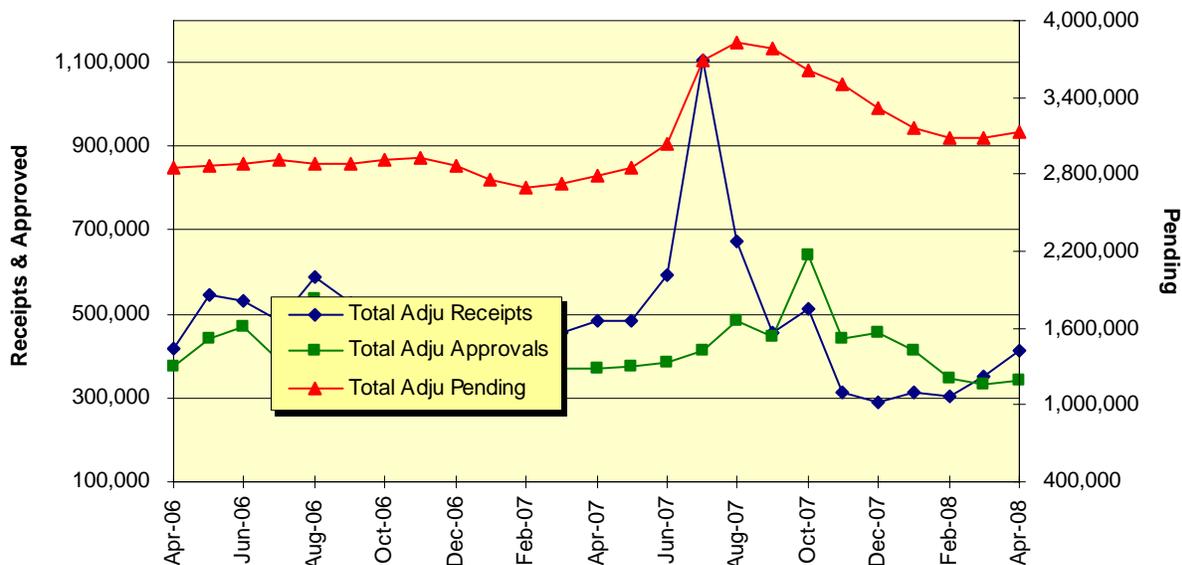
APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in April 2008 decreased 15 percent compared to the number received in April 2007. April 2008 approvals decreased by 8 percent, denials increased by 2 percent, and pending increased by 12 percent compared to April 2007.

	<i>April 2008</i>	<i>Month April 2007</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2008 to Date</i>	<i>Fiscal Year FY 2007 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>Total FY 2007</i>
Initial Receipts	411,969	481,998	-15%	2,497,554	2,838,113	-12%	6,149,711
Approved	340,489	370,353	-8%	2,968,604	2,612,705	14%	4,710,984
Denied	43,815	43,048	2%	304,674	347,494	-12%	581,511
Pending	3,127,040	2,786,815	12%	3,127,040	2,786,815	12%	3,790,194

Data source: PAS G-22.2

Applications for Benefits: Receipts, Approved, and Pending



- Major receipt volumes in April 2008 include: 90,914 I-765 employment authorizations; 89,293 I-129 forms filed; 57,643 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 50,951 I-485 applications to adjust status; 34,811 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements; 25,511 I-131 reentry permit/advance parole.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of April 2008 include: 1,400,355 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 742,597 I-485 applications to adjust status; 184,251 I-765 employment authorizations; 155,984 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements; 140,635 I-140 immigrant worker; 135,295 I-131 reentry permit/advance parole.

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."