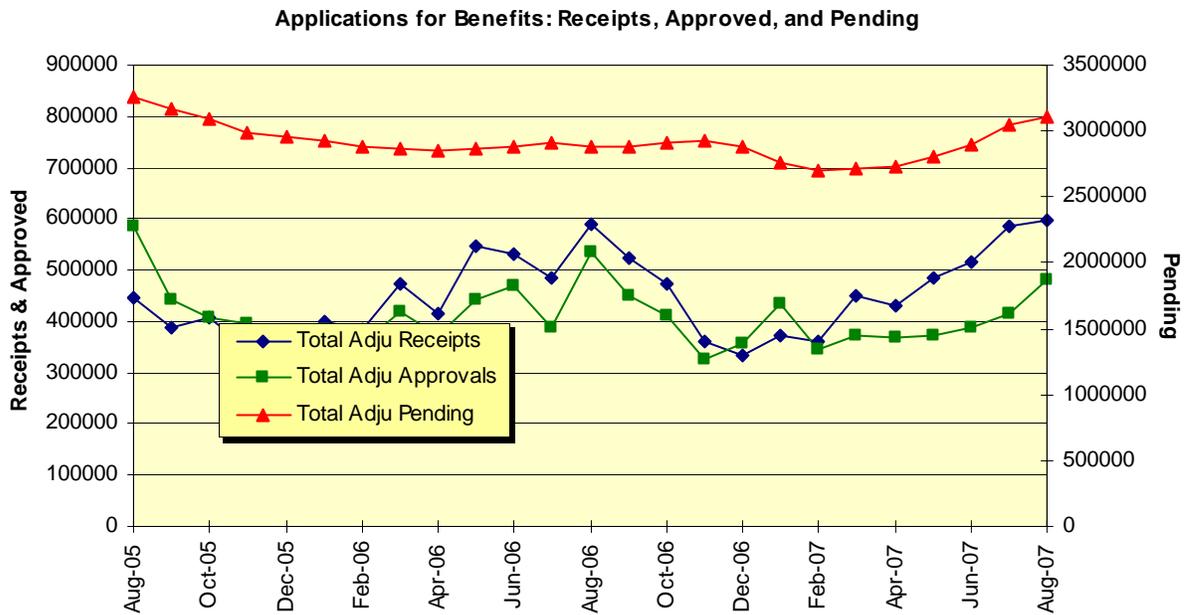


APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in August 2007 increased 2 percent compared to the number received in August 2006. August approvals decreased by 10 percent, denials decreased by 20 percent, and pending increased by 8 percent compared to August 2006.

	<i>August 2007</i>	<i>Month August 2006</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2007 to Date</i>	<i>Fiscal Year FY 2006 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>Total FY 2006</i>
Initial Receipts	598,344	588,775	2%	4,966,834	4,952,243	0%	5,477,493
Approved	482,267	534,107	-10%	4,267,310	4,544,254	-6%	4,994,755
Denied	55,795	69,434	-20%	532,693	734,553	-27%	804,972
Pending	3,108,712	2,886,984	8%	3,108,712	2,886,984	8%	2,888,549

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in August 2007 include: 147,178 I-765 employment authorizations; 116,177 I-485 applications to adjust status; 104,019 I-130 spouse/relative petitions; 59,716 I-131 reentry permit/advance parole.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of August 2007 include: 1,388,591 I-130 spouse/relative petitions; 551,281 applications to adjust status; 263,180 I-765 employment authorizations; 174,452 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements; 134,823 I-131 reentry permit/advance parole.