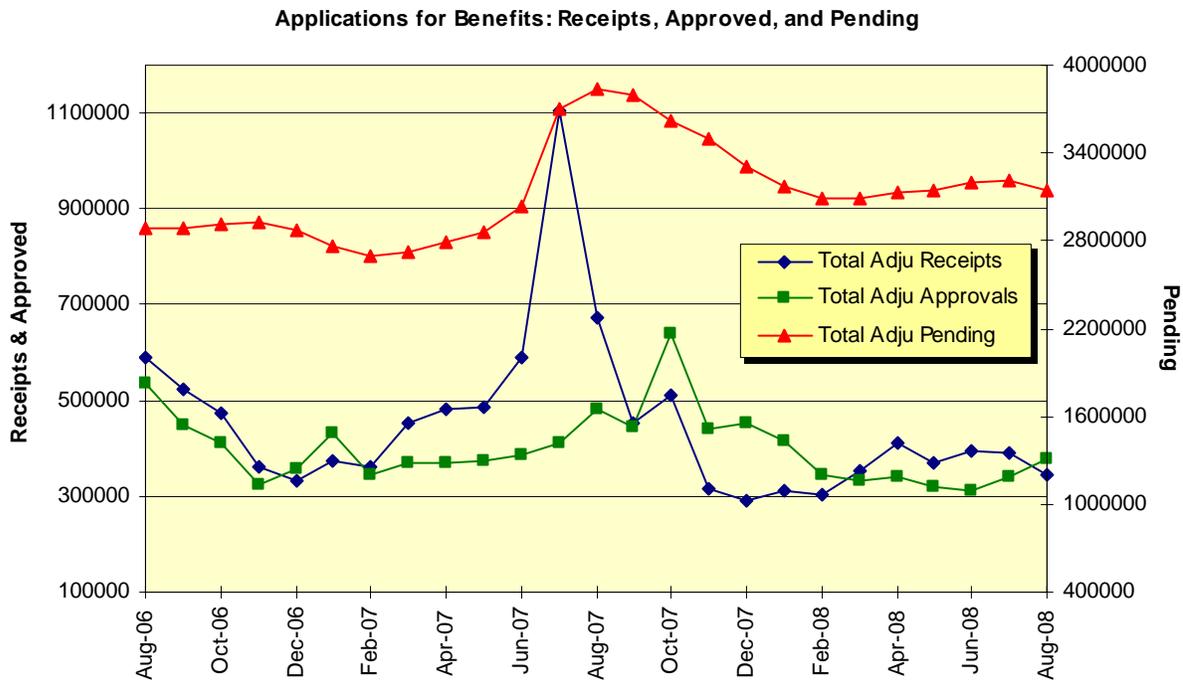


APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in August 2008 decreased 49 percent compared to the number received in August 2007. August 2008 approvals decreased by 21 percent, denials decreased by 28 percent, and pending decreased by 18 percent compared to August 2007.

	<i>August 2008</i>	<i>Month August 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	344,810	674,671	-49%	3,998,776	5,694,853	-30%	6,149,711
Approved	379,682	482,224	-21%	4,322,025	4,267,124	1%	4,710,984
Denied	40,013	55,785	-28%	461,735	532,683	-13%	581,511
Pending	3,149,619	3,836,452	-18%	3,149,619	3,836,452	-18%	3,790,194

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in August 2008 include: 102,437 I-765 employment authorizations; 50,851 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 44,603 I-131 reentry permit/advance parole; 39,953 I-485 applications to adjust status; 26,191 I-129 forms filed; 25,466 I-90 green card renewals/replacements.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of August 2008 include: 1,437,105 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 711,193 I-485 applications to adjust status; 220,302 I-765 employment authorizations; 165,542 I-90 green card renewals/replacements; 142,932 I-751 remove conditions spouse jointly/waiver; 114,514 I-140 immigrant worker; 108,904 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."