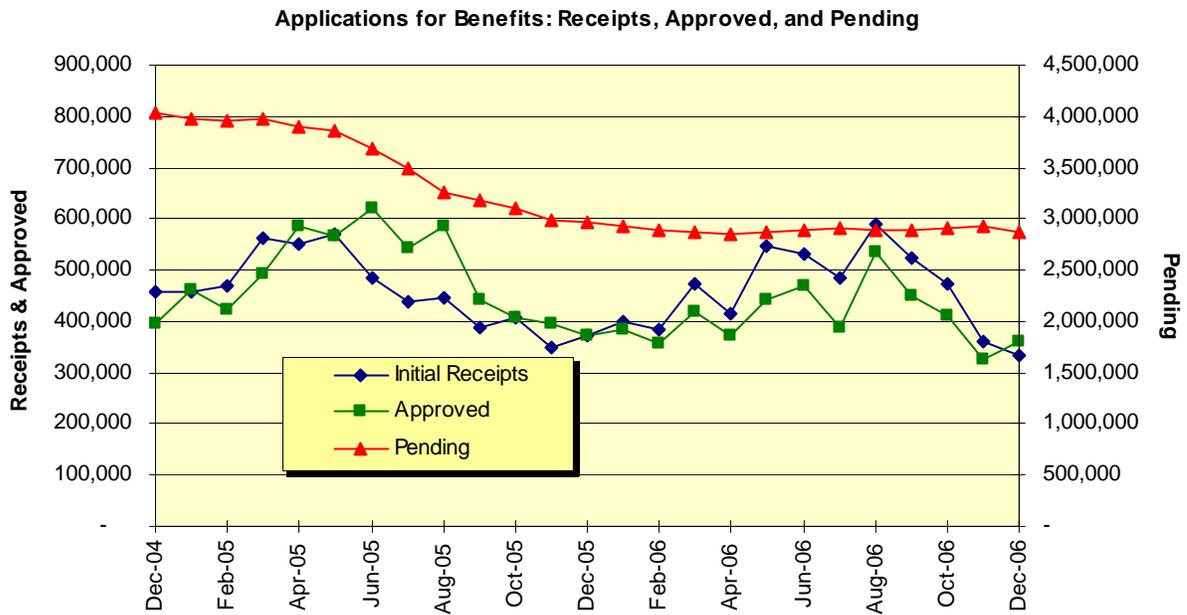


APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in December 2006 decreased 10 percent compared to the number received in December 2005. December approvals decreased by 3 percent, denials decreased by 14 percent, and pending decreased by 3 percent when compared to December 2005.

	<i>Month</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>			<i>Total FY 2006</i>
	<i>Dec-2006</i>	<i>Dec-2005</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2007 to Date</i>	<i>FY 2006 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
Initial Receipts	334,018	372,272	-10%	1,167,220	1,128,714	3%	5,477,521
Approved	358,913	370,511	-3%	1,094,431	1,173,327	-7%	4,994,755
Denied	50,744	58,801	-14%	144,824	175,719	-18%	804,972
Pending	2,875,365	2,960,539	-3%	2,875,365	2,960,539	-3%	2,888,710

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in December 2006 include: 77,982 I-765 employment authorizations; 53,579 I-130 spouse/relative petitions; 50,411 I-485 applications to adjust status; 37,140 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of December 2006 include: 1,191,974 I-130 spouse/relative petitions; 588,039 applications to adjust status; 286,643 I-765 employment authorizations; 216,674 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements; 164,041 I-821 TPS applications.