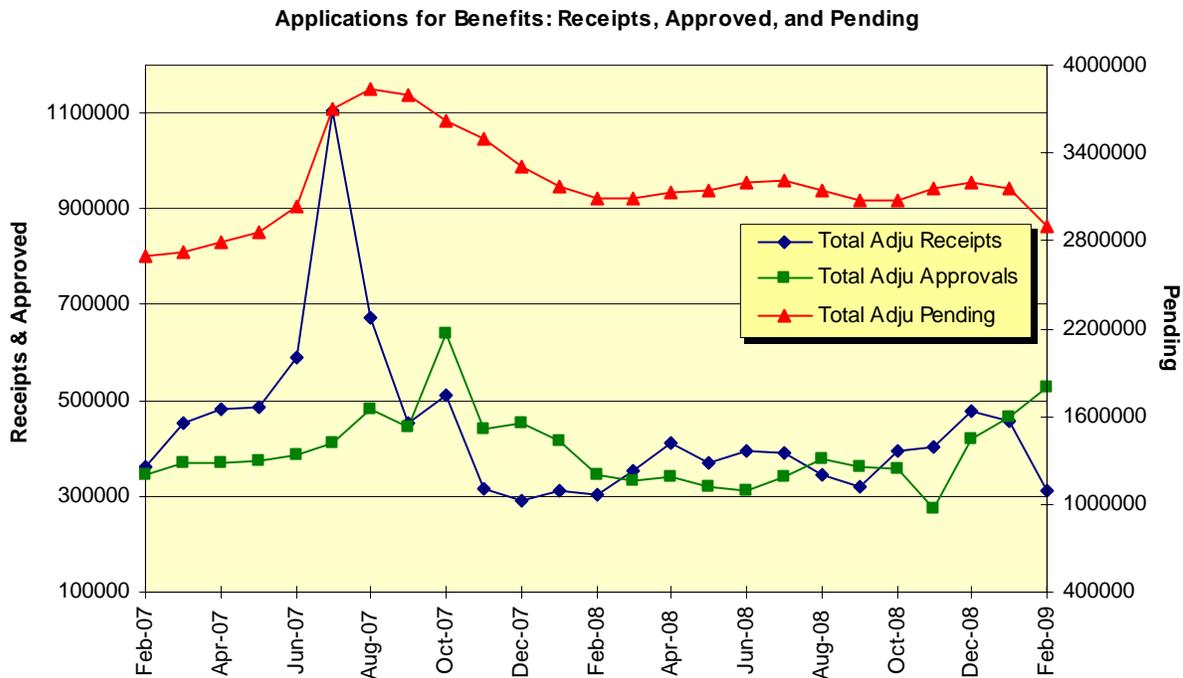


APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in February 2009 increased 2 percent compared to the number received in February 2008. February 2009 approvals increased by 52 percent, denials increased by 26 percent, and pending decreased less than 6% compared to February 2008.

	<i>Month</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>			<i>Total FY 2008</i>
	<i>February 2009</i>	<i>February 2008</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2009 to Date</i>	<i>FY 2008 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
Initial Receipts	310,506	303,350	2%	2,040,157	1,733,263	18%	4,319,134
Approved	525,968	346,574	52%	2,041,875	2,294,694	-11%	4,684,090
Denied	57,151	45,195	26%	225,847	222,306	2%	507,606
Pending	2,900,273	3,087,576	-6%	2,900,273	3,087,576	-6%	3,073,291

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in February 2009 include: 78,789 I-765 employment authorizations; 49,532 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 41,331 green card renewals/replacements; 38,663 I-485 applications to adjust status.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of February 2009 include: 1,382,277 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 593,937 I-485 applications to adjust status; 204,995 I-765 employment authorizations; 182,717 I-90 green card renewals/replacements; 143,363 I-751 remove conditions spouse jointly/waive; 87,438 I-821 temporary protected status;

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.”