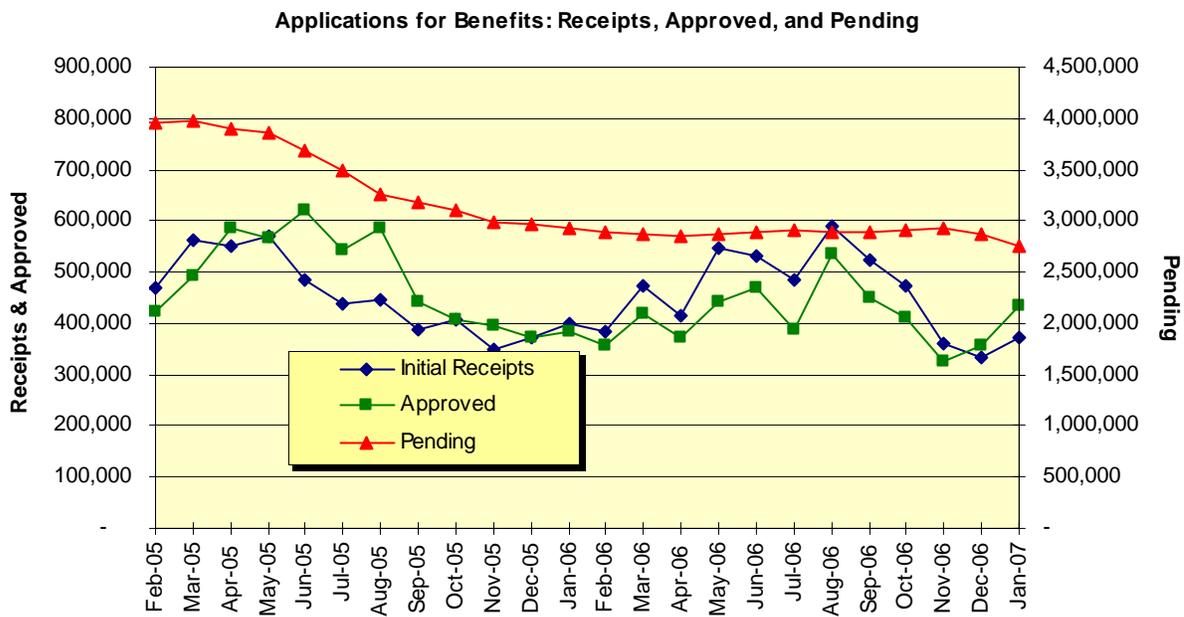


## APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in January 2007 decreased 6 percent compared to the number received in January 2006. January approvals increased by 13 percent, denials decreased by 15 percent, and pending decreased by 6 percent when compared to January 2006.

	Month			Fiscal Year			Total FY 2007
	Jan-2007	Jan-2006	% Change	FY 2007 to Date	FY 2006 to Date	% Change	
<b>Initial Receipts</b>	374,054	400,029	-6%	1,541,059	1,528,743	1%	5,477,492
<b>Approved</b>	432,931	384,621	13%	1,527,215	1,557,948	-2%	4,994,755
<b>Denied</b>	53,913	63,724	-15%	198,738	239,443	-17%	804,972
<b>Pending</b>	2,757,446	2,923,344	-6%	2,757,446	2,923,344	-6%	2,888,598

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in January 2007 include: 81,852 I-765 employment authorizations; 58,196 I-130 spouse/relative petitions; 52,082 I-485 applications to adjust status; 52,199 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of January 2007 include: 1,205,358 I-130 spouse/relative petitions; 583,682 applications to adjust status; 222,701 I-765 employment authorizations; 218,248 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements; 103,475 I-821 TPS applications.