

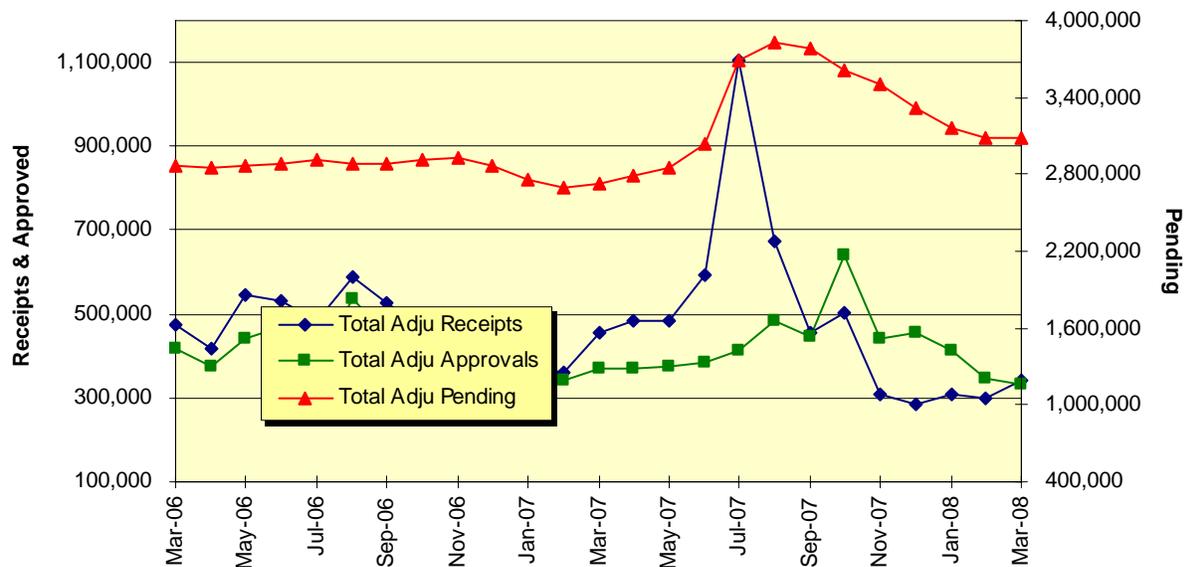
## APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in March 2008 decreased 24 percent compared to the number received in March 2007. March 2008 approvals decreased by 10 percent, denials decreased by 25 percent, and pending increased by 13 percent compared to March 2007.

	<i>March 2008</i>	<i>Month March 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>
<b>Initial Receipts</b>	343,047	454,295	-24%	2,043,838	2,356,115	-13%	6,149,711
<b>Approved</b>	332,907	371,167	-10%	2,628,111	2,242,352	17%	4,710,984
<b>Denied</b>	38,564	51,700	-25%	260,851	304,446	-14%	581,511
<b>Pending</b>	3,080,134	2,724,133	13%	3,080,134	2,724,133	13%	3,790,194

Data source: PAS G-22.2

**Applications for Benefits: Receipts, Approved, and Pending**



- Major receipt volumes in March 2008 include: 82,156 I-765 employment authorizations; 58,878 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 43,548 I-485 applications to adjust status; 42,145 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements; 23,920 I-131 reentry permit/advance parole.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of March 2008 include: 1,387,045 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 762,938 I-485 applications to adjust status; 161,823 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements; 158,565 I-765 employment authorizations; 146,092 I-140 immigrant worker.

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."