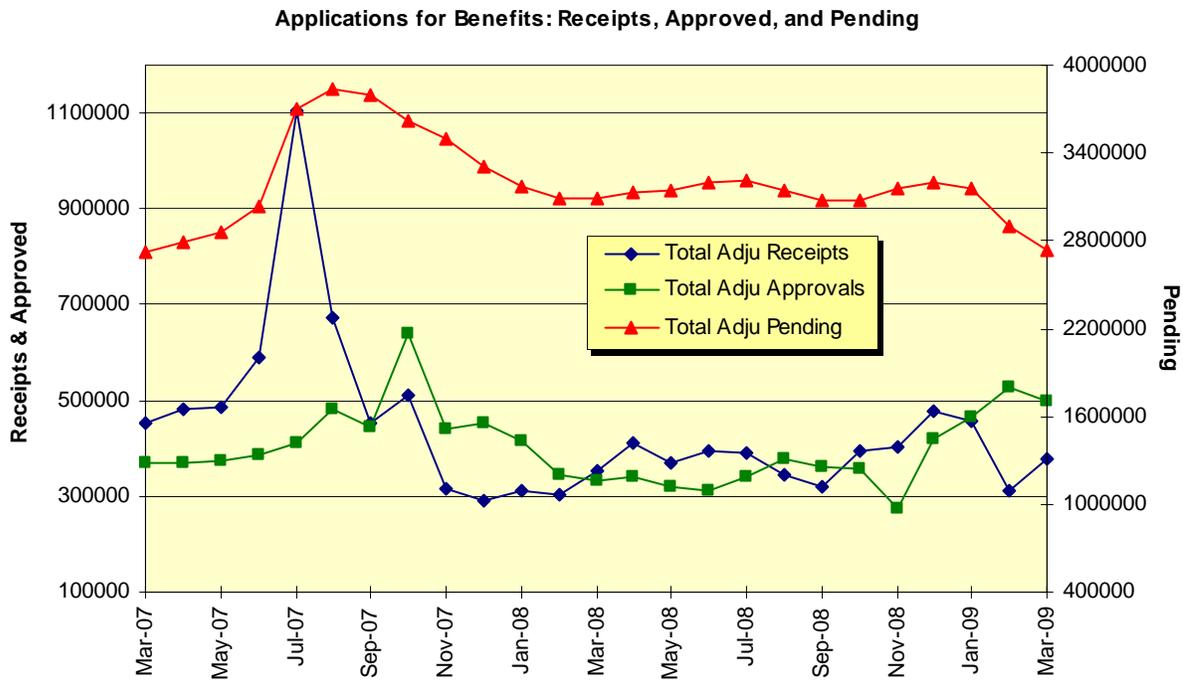


APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in March 2009 increased 7 percent compared to the number received in March 2008. March 2009 approvals increased by 49 percent, denials increased by 105 percent, and pending decreased less than 11% compared to March 2008.

	<i>Month</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>			<i>Total FY 2008</i>
	<i>March 2009</i>	<i>March 2008</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2009 to Date</i>	<i>FY 2008 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
Initial Receipts	376,739	352,395	7%	2,416,691	2,085,658	16%	4,319,134
Approved	496,468	332,914	49%	2,538,319	2,627,608	-3%	4,684,090
Denied	78,927	38,569	105%	304,774	260,875	17%	507,606
Pending	2,736,707	3,086,894	-11%	2,736,707	3,086,894	-11%	3,073,291

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in March 2009 include: 94,374 I-765 employment authorizations; 66,632 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 49,215 green card renewals/replacements; 48,652 I-485 applications to adjust status.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of March 2009 include: 1,352,926 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 575,417 I-485 applications to adjust status; 173,798 I-765 employment authorizations; 164,243 I-90 green card renewals/replacements; 135,622 I-751 remove conditions spouse jointly/waive; 52,992 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."