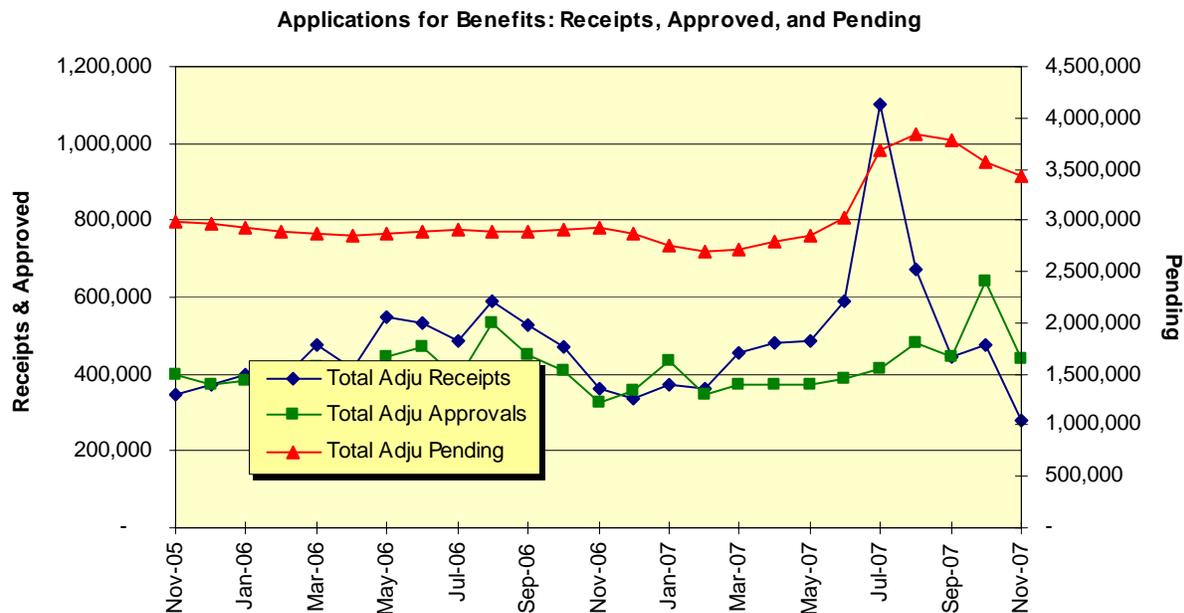


APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in November 2007 decreased 23 percent compared to the number received in November 2006. November 2007 approvals increased by 35 percent, denials decreased by 10 percent, and pending increased by 17 percent compared to November 2006.

	<i>Month</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>			<i>Total FY 2007</i>
	<i>November 2007</i>	<i>November 2006</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2008 to Date</i>	<i>FY 2007 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
Initial Receipts	279,751	361,063	-23%	753,679	832,990	-10%	6,133,808
Approved	439,313	324,963	35%	1,078,853	735,571	47%	4,710,984
Denied	41,677	46,400	-10%	92,162	94,078	-2%	581,511
Pending	3,425,746	2,926,556	17%	3,425,746	2,926,556	17%	3,774,291

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in November 2007 include: 70,131 I-765 employment authorizations; 51,773 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements; 43,271 I-485 applications to adjust status; 19,458 I-129 forms filed petitions.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of November 2007 include: 1,324,911 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 845,691 I-485 applications to adjust status; 291,457 I-765 employment authorizations; 180,591 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements; 165,623 I-131 reentry permit/advance parole.

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."