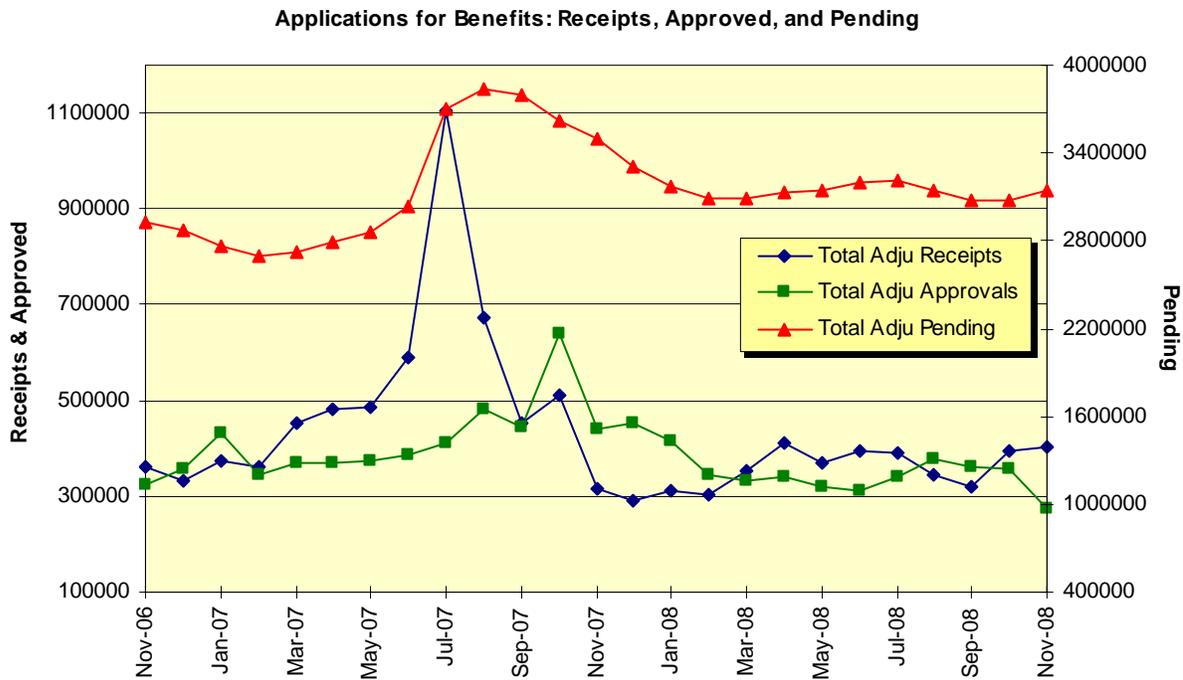


## APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in November 2008 increased 28 percent compared to the number received in November 2007. November 2008 approvals decreased by 38 percent, denials decreased by 14 percent, and pending decreased by 10 percent compared to November 2007.

	<i>Month</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>			<i>Total FY 2008</i>
	<i>November 2008</i>	<i>November 2007</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2009 to Date</i>	<i>FY 2008 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
<b>Initial Receipts</b>	401,826	314,630	28%	795,734	825,436	-4%	4,319,134
<b>Approved</b>	272,796	439,526	-38%	630,157	1,079,009	-42%	4,684,090
<b>Denied</b>	35,996	41,808	-14%	78,298	92,266	-15%	507,604
<b>Pending</b>	3,143,040	3,501,526	-10%	3,143,040	3,501,526	-10%	3,073,290

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in November 2008 include: 138,470 I-765 employment authorizations; 66,211 I-821 temporary protected status; 44,059 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 34,869 I-485 applications to adjust status; 27,333 I-131 reentry permit/advance parole.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of November 2008 include: 1,444,453 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 658,680 I-485 applications to adjust status; 235,406 I-765 employment authorizations; 183,975 I-90 green card renewals/replacements; 153,302 I-751 remove conditions spouse jointly/waiver; 95,601 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.”