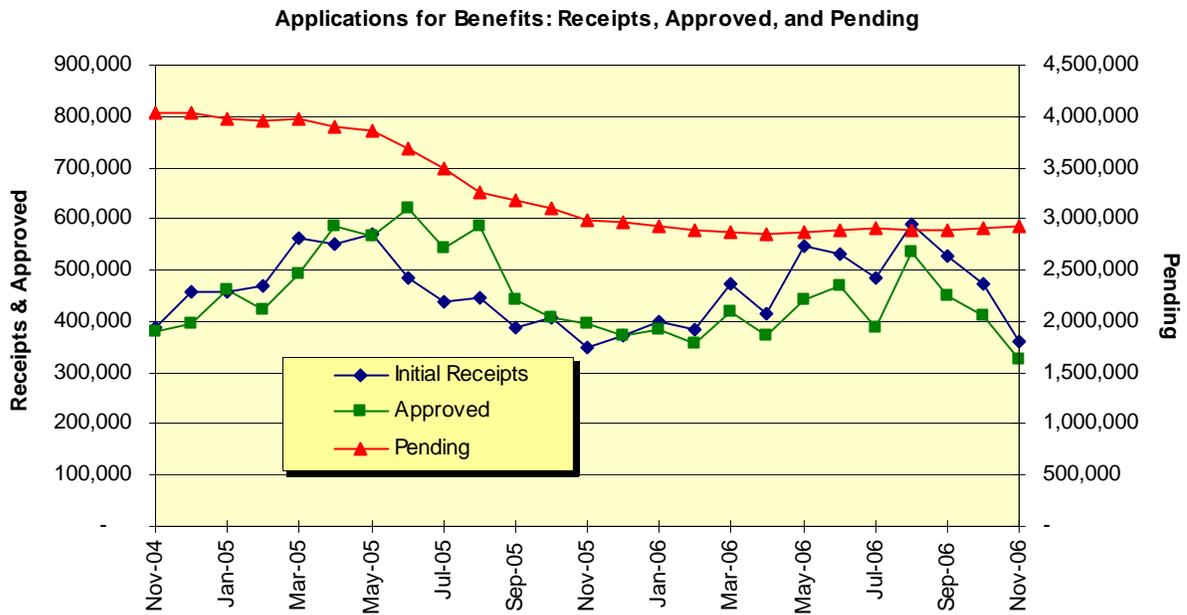


APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in November 2006 increased 4 percent compared to the number received in November 2005. November approvals decreased by 18 percent, denials decreased by 19 percent, and pending decreased by 2 percent when compared to November 2005.

	<i>Month</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>			<i>Total FY 2006</i>
	<i>Nov-2006</i>	<i>Nov-2005</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2007 to Date</i>	<i>FY 2006 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
Initial Receipts	361,347	347,369	4%	833,805	756,442	10%	5,478,686
Approved	325,051	397,397	-18%	735,842	802,816	-8%	4,995,462
Denied	46,401	57,123	-19%	94,080	116,918	-20%	804,972
Pending	2,928,184	2,988,156	-2%	2,928,184	2,988,156	-2%	2,890,210

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in November 2006 include: 85,531 I-765 employment authorizations; 58,714 I-130 spouse/relative petitions; 53,016 I-485 applications to adjust status; 42,453 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of November 2006 include: 1,172,079 I-130 spouse/relative petitions; 578,805 applications to adjust status; 335,526 I-765 employment authorizations; 229,579 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements; 195,918 I-821 TPS applications.