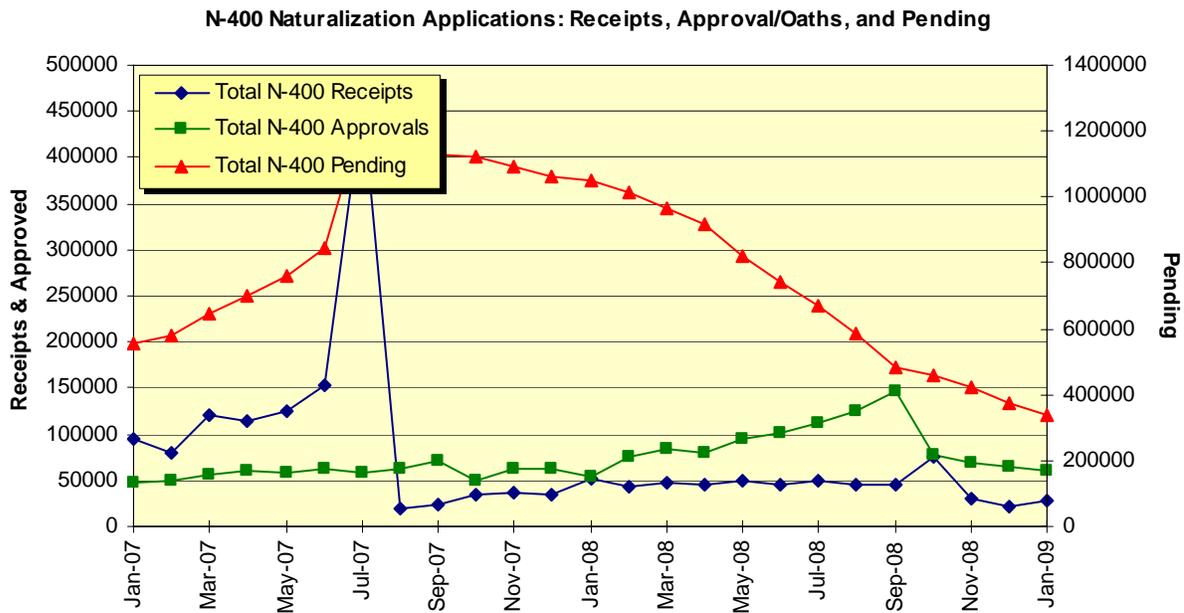


N-400 NATURALIZATION BENEFITS

Naturalization receipts in January 2009 decreased 45 percent when compared to January 2008, while approvals/oaths increased by 10 percent and denials increased 14 percent.

	Month			Fiscal Year			Total FY 2008
	January 2009	January 2008	% Change	FY 2009 to Date	FY 2008 to Date	% Change	
Initial Receipts	28,590	51,985	-45%	156,629	155,328	1%	525,786
Approvals/Oaths	59,651	54,338	10%	269,177	227,906	18%	1,050,399
Denied	9,649	8,501	14%	43,915	29,362	50%	121,283
Pending	336,490	1,051,141	-68%	336,490	1,051,141	-68%	480,159

Data source: PAS G-22.3



The number of pending N-400 cases reached 336,490 in January 2009, a decrease of 68 percent compared to the same month in fiscal year 2008.

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."