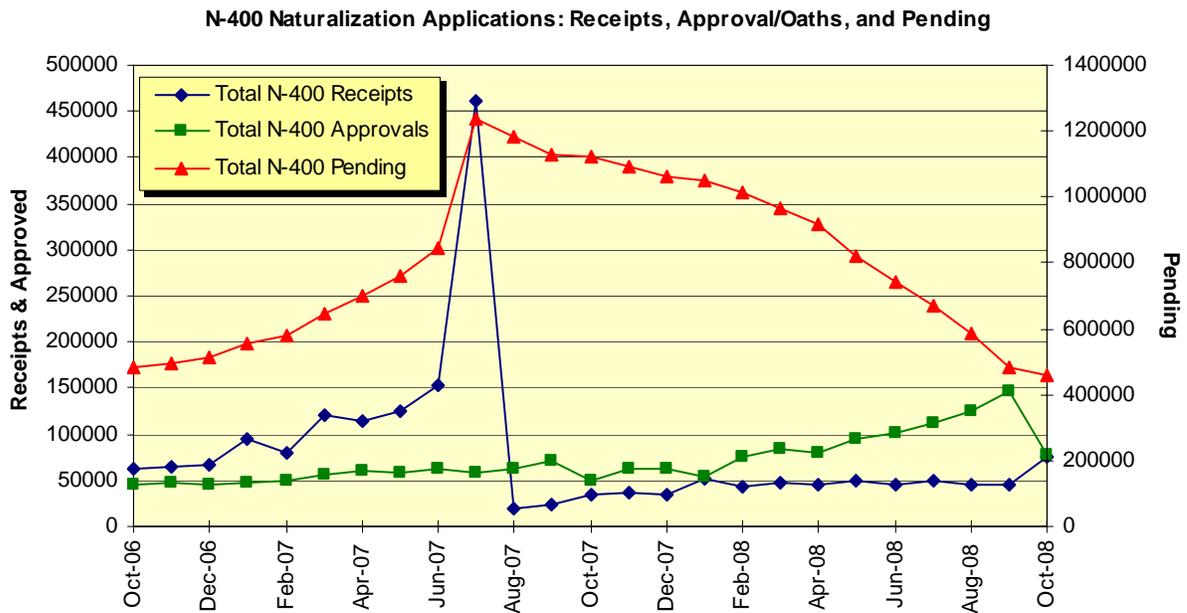


## N-400 NATURALIZATION BENEFITS

Naturalization receipts in October 2008 increased 120 percent when compared to October 2007, while approvals/oaths increased by 59 percent and denials increased 72 percent.

	Month			Fiscal Year			Total FY 2008
	October 2008	October 2007	% Change	FY 2009 to Date	FY 2008 to Date	% Change	
<b>Initial Receipts</b>	74,855	33,997	120%	74,855	33,997	120%	525,786
<b>Approvals/Oaths</b>	77,253	48,643	59%	77,253	48,643	59%	1,050,131
<b>Denied</b>	13,755	7,992	72%	13,755	7,992	72%	121,283
<b>Pending</b>	459,337	1,122,041	-59%	459,337	1,122,041	-59%	480,241

Data source: PAS G-22.3



- The number of pending N-400 cases reached 459,337 in October 2008, a decrease of 59 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."