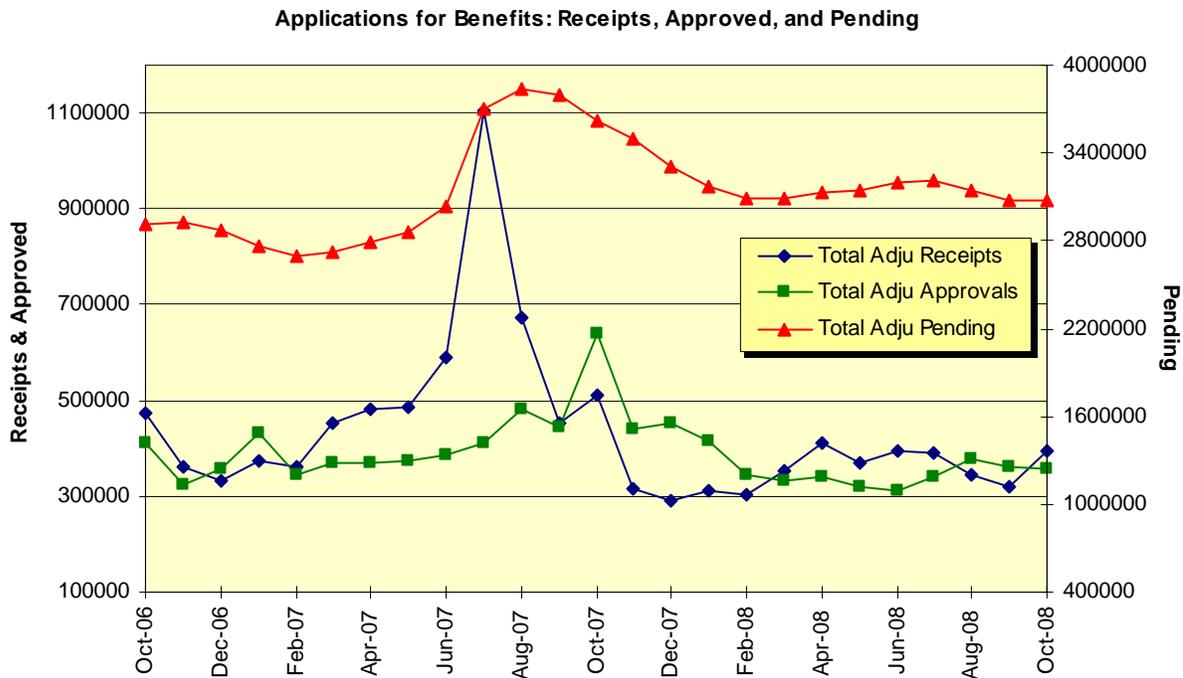


APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in October 2008 decreased 23 percent compared to the number received in October 2007. October 2008 approvals decreased by 44 percent, denials decreased by 16 percent, and pending decreased by 15 percent compared to October 2007.

	<i>Month</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>			<i>Total FY 2008</i>
	<i>October 2008</i>	<i>October 2007</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2009 to Date</i>	<i>FY 2008 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
Initial Receipts	393,908	510,806	-23%	393,908	510,806	-23%	4,319,134
Approved	357,361	639,483	-44%	357,361	639,483	-44%	4,684,090
Denied	42,302	50,458	-16%	42,302	50,458	-16%	507,604
Pending	3,076,406	3,619,410	-15%	3,076,406	3,619,410	-15%	3,073,235

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in October 2008 include: 128,841 I-765 employment authorizations; 54,304 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 44,120 I-485 applications to adjust status; 39,677 I-131 reentry permit/advance parole; 28,134 I-90 green card renewals/replacements; 22,357 I-129 forms filed..
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of October 2008 include: 1,443,593 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 673,694 I-485 applications to adjust status; 196,777 I-765 employment authorizations; 175,214 I-90 green card renewals/replacements; 150,025 I-751 remove conditions spouse jointly/waiver; 100,048 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.”