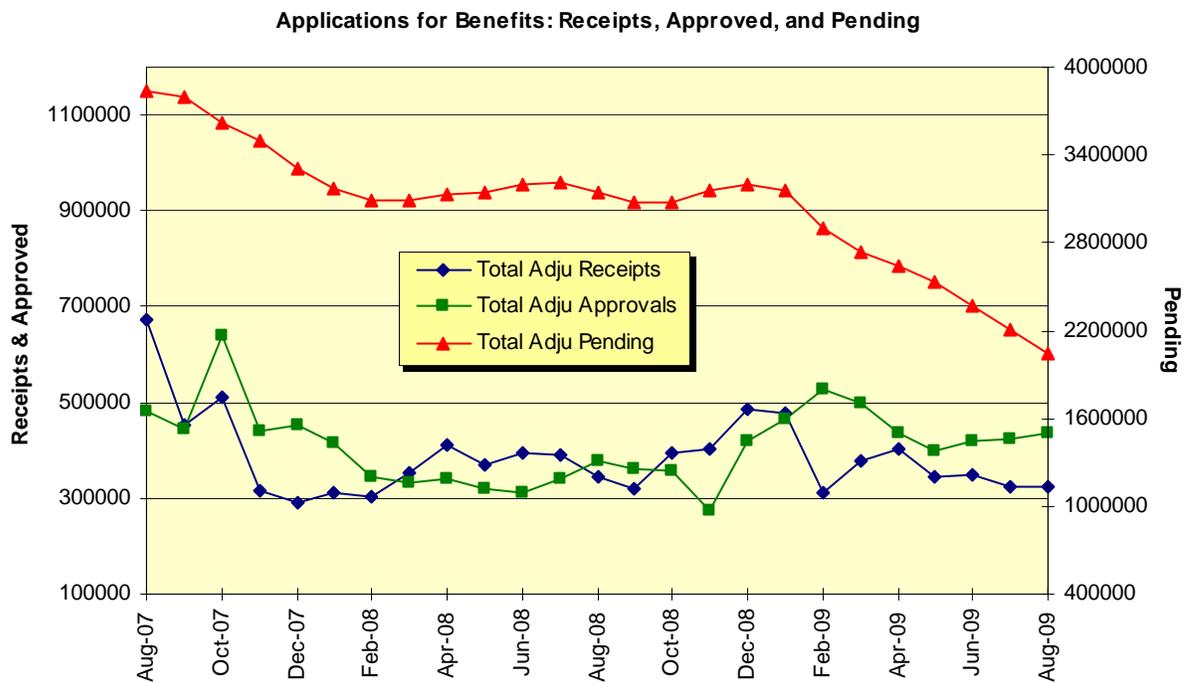


APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in August 2009 decreased 6 percent compared to the number received in August 2008. August 2009 approvals increased by 15 percent, denials increased by 73 percent, and pending decreased less than 35% compared to August 2008.

	<i>Month</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>			<i>Total FY 2008</i>
	<i>August 2009</i>	<i>August 2008</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2009 to Date</i>	<i>FY 2008 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
Initial Receipts	324,228	345,010	-6%	4,194,740	3,999,108	5%	4,319,134
Approved	436,519	379,861	15%	4,654,443	4,322,454	8%	4,684,090
Denied	69,255	40,054	73%	679,073	462,010	47%	507,606
Pending	2,041,988	3,149,182	-35%	2,041,988	3,149,182	-35%	3,073,195

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in August 2009 include: 67,160 I-765 employment authorizations; 53,250 green card renewals/replacements; 50,327 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 42,308 I-485 applications to adjust status; 34,717 I-131 reentry permit/refugee travel document and advance parole; 23,252 I-129 forms filed.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of August 2009 include: 1,025,870 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 471,222 I-485 applications to adjust status; 110,984 I-90 green card renewals/replacements; 102,989 I-765 employment authorizations 82,847 I-751 remove conditions spouse jointly/waive; 48,168 I-129 forms filed.

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."