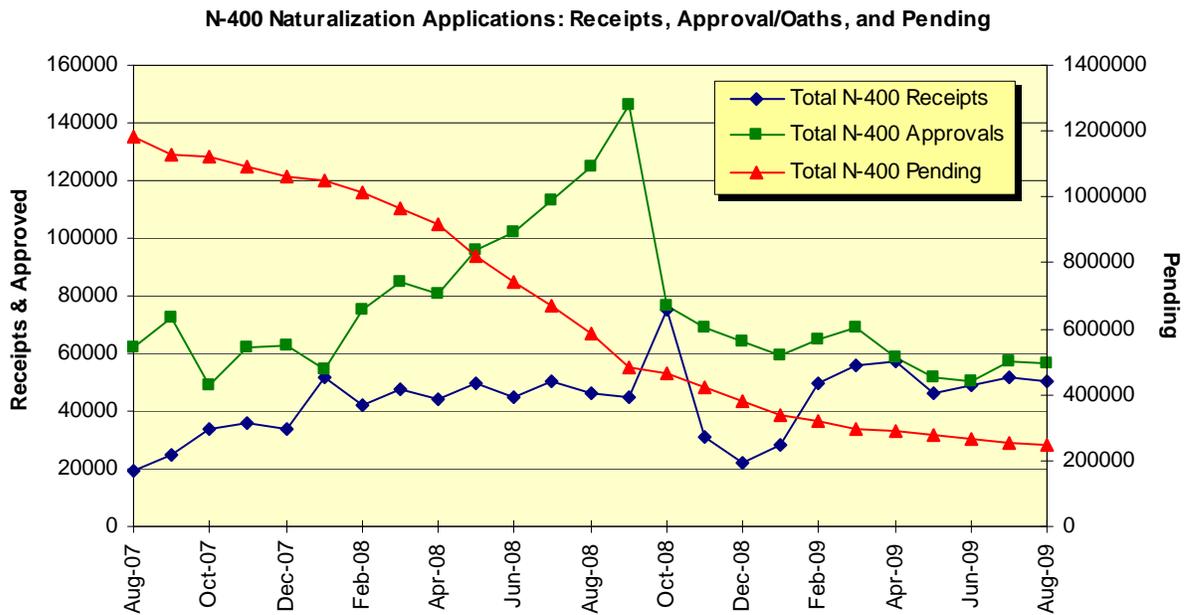


N-400 NATURALIZATION BENEFITS

Naturalization receipts in August 2009 increased 9 percent when compared to August 2008, while approvals/oaths decreased by 55 percent and denials decreased 54 percent.

	<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	50,246	46,061	9%	517,065	481,210	7%	525,786
Approvals/Oaths	56,780	124,911	-55%	677,118	904,206	-25%	1,050,399
Denied	6,829	14,987	-54%	102,360	106,623	-4%	121,283
Pending	248,873	587,151	-58%	248,873	587,151	-58%	480,786

Data source: PAS G-22.3



The number of pending N-400 cases reached 248,873 in August 2009, a decrease of 58 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."