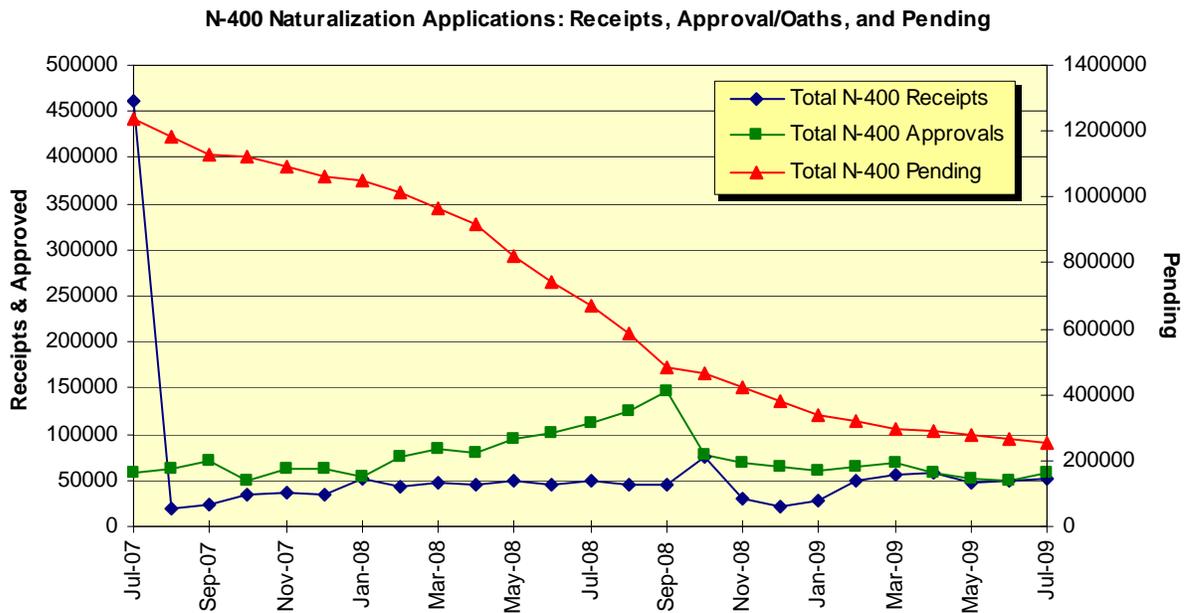


### N-400 NATURALIZATION BENEFITS

Naturalization receipts in July 2009 increased 2 percent when compared to July 2008, while approvals/oaths decreased by 49 percent and denials decreased 43 percent.

	Month			Fiscal Year			Total FY 2008
	July 2009	July 2008	% Change	FY 2009 to Date	FY 2008 to Date	% Change	
<b>Initial Receipts</b>	51,811	50,609	2%	466,819	435,149	7%	525,786
<b>Approvals/Oaths</b>	57,139	113,106	-49%	620,338	779,295	-20%	1,050,399
<b>Denied</b>	7,576	13,213	-43%	95,531	91,636	4%	121,283
<b>Pending</b>	252,603	668,532	-62%	252,603	668,532	-62%	480,786

Data source: PAS G-22.3



The number of pending N-400 cases reached 252,603 in July 2009, a decrease of 62 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."