

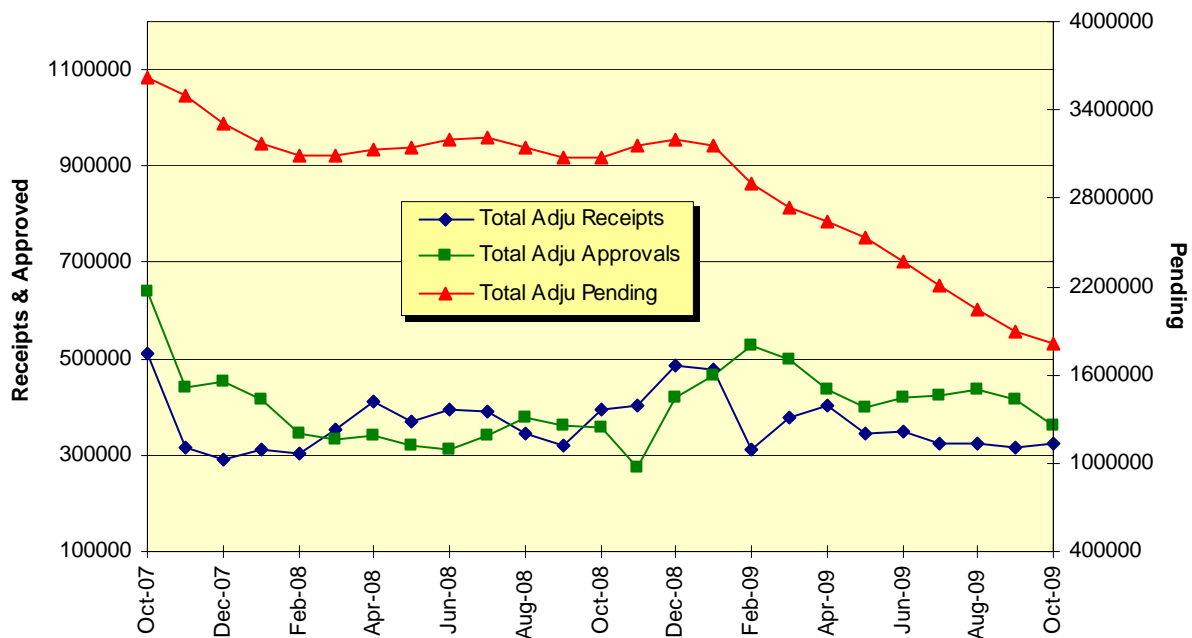
APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in October 2009 decreased 18 percent compared to the number received in October 2008. October 2009 approvals increased by 1 percent, denials increased by 33 percent, and pending decreased less than 41% compared to October 2008.

	<i>Month</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>			<i>Total FY 2009</i>
	<i>October 2009</i>	<i>October 2008</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2010 to Date</i>	<i>FY 2009 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
Initial Receipts	323,183	392,898	-18%	323,183	392,898	-18%	4,510,578
Approved	361,830	357,480	1%	361,830	357,480	1%	5,069,052
Denied	56,268	42,332	33%	56,268	42,332	33%	751,251
Pending	1,815,533	3,077,007	-41%	1,815,533	3,077,007	-41%	1,890,338

Data source: PAS G-22.2

Applications for Benefits: Receipts, Approved, and Pending



- Major receipt volumes in October 2009 include: 70,957 I-765 employment authorizations; 55,084 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 46,010 green card renewals/replacements; 44,028 I-485 applications to adjust status; 30,299 I-131 reentry permit/refugee travel document and advance parole; 23,620 I-129 forms filed.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of October 2009 include: 868,207 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 432,147 I-485 applications to adjust status; 127,459 I-90 green card renewals/replacements; 96,198 I-765 employment authorizations; 73,619 I-751 remove conditions spouse jointly/waive; 42,003 I-131 reentry permit/refugee travel document and advance parole.

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.”