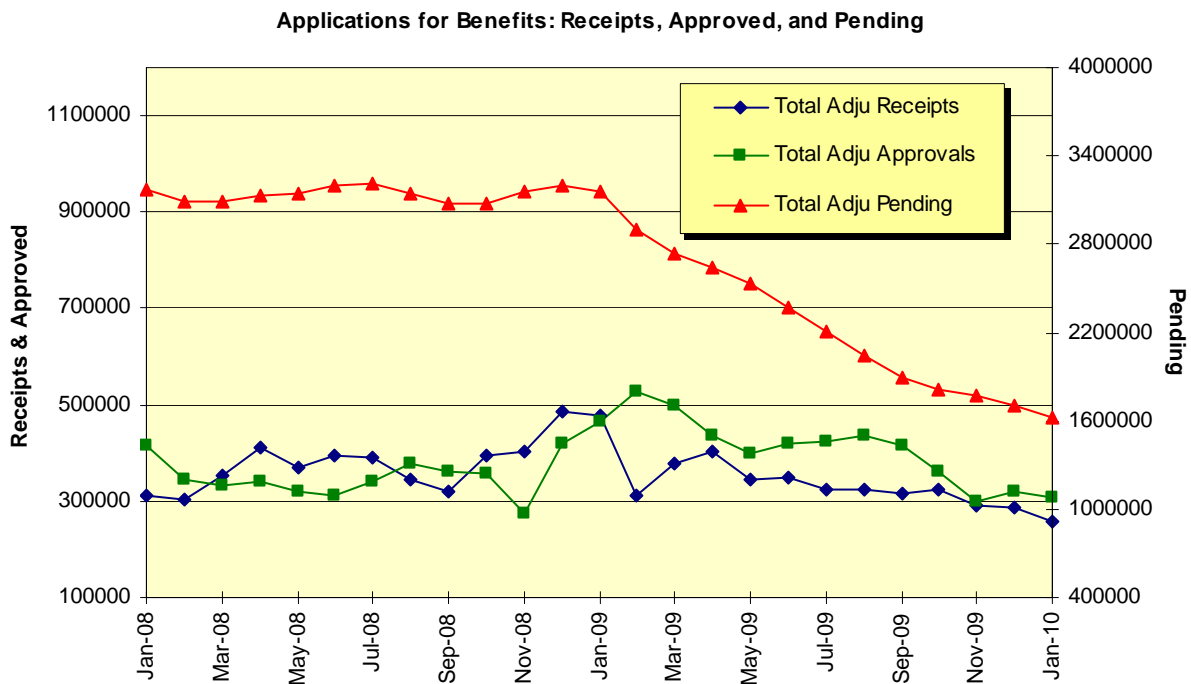


APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in January 2010 decreased 46 percent compared to the number received in January 2009. January 2010 approvals decreased by 34 percent, denials decreased by 2 percent, and pending decreased less than 49% compared to January 2010.

	<i>Month</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>			<i>Total FY 2009</i>
	<i>January 2010</i>	<i>January 2009</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2010 to Date</i>	<i>FY 2009 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
Initial Receipts	259,044	478,122	-46%	1,158,187	1,759,411	-34%	4,510,694
Approved	308,699	466,429	-34%	1,286,515	1,516,116	-15%	5,069,166
Denied	48,423	49,594	-2%	207,834	168,716	23%	751,251
Pending	1,616,966	3,159,923	-49%	1,616,966	3,159,923	-49%	1,890,358

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in January 2010 include: 51,079 I-765 employment authorizations; 45,559 green card renewals/replacements; 44,143 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 33,279 I-485 applications to adjust status; 22,446 I-131 reentry permit/refugee travel document and advance parole.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of January 2010 include: 724,596 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 406,449 I-485 applications to adjust status; 150,635 I-751 remove conditions spouse jointly/waive; 132,413 I-90 green card renewals/replacements; 93,899 I-765 employment authorizations; 36,506 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.”