

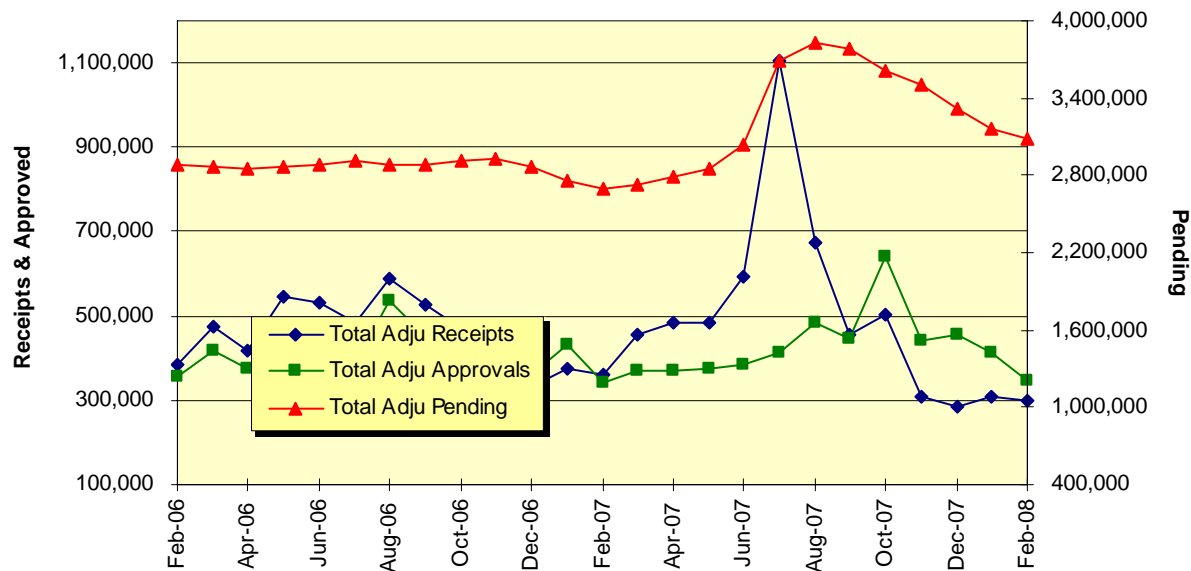
APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in February 2008 decreased 18 percent compared to the number received in February 2007. February 2008 approvals increased by 1 percent, denials decreased by 16 percent, and pending increased by 14 percent compared to February 2007.

	<i>Month</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>			<i>Total FY 2007</i>
	<i>February 2008</i>	<i>February 2007</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2008 to Date</i>	<i>FY 2007 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
Initial Receipts	297,561	360,740	-18%	1,700,663	1,901,820	-11%	6,149,711
Approved	346,454	344,043	1%	2,295,080	1,871,185	23%	4,710,984
Denied	45,177	54,031	-16%	222,279	252,746	-12%	581,511
Pending	3,079,454	2,698,465	14%	3,079,454	2,698,465	14%	3,790,194

Data source: PAS G-22.2

Applications for Benefits: Receipts, Approved, and Pending



- Major receipt volumes in February 2008 include: 71,507 I-765 employment authorizations; 42,703 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements; 38,210 I-485 applications to adjust status; 32,611 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 25,658 I-131 reentry permit/advance parole.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of February 2008 include: 1,367,289 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 787,516 I-485 applications to adjust status; 164,614 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements; 150,028 I-765 employment authorizations; 147,913 I-140 immigrant worker.

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."