

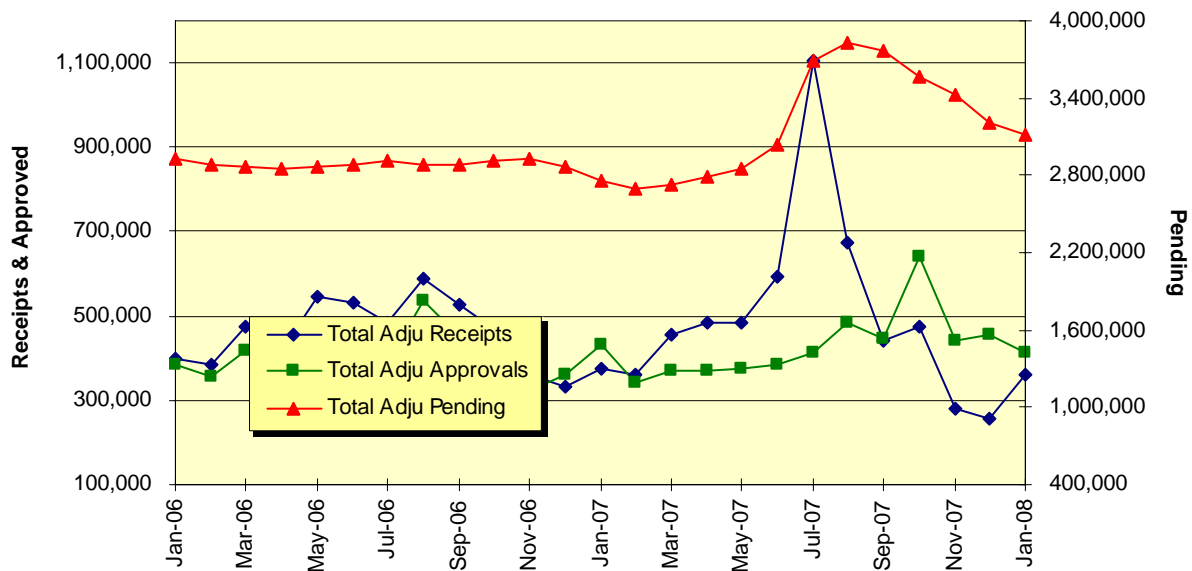
APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in January 2008 decreased 4 percent compared to the number received in January 2007. January 2008 approvals decreased by 4 percent, denials decreased by 6 percent, and pending increased by 13 percent compared to January 2007.

	<i>January 2008</i>	<i>Month January 2007</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2008 to Date</i>	<i>Fiscal Year FY 2007 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>Total FY 2007</i>
Initial Receipts	358,447	374,072	-4%	1,369,060	1,541,080	-11%	6,134,139
Approved	414,968	432,851	-4%	1,948,592	1,527,142	28%	4,710,984
Denied	50,481	53,889	-6%	177,095	198,715	-11%	581,511
Pending	3,114,368	2,757,528	13%	3,114,368	2,757,528	13%	3,774,622

Data source: PAS G-22.2

Applications for Benefits: Receipts, Approved, and Pending



- Major receipt volumes in January 2008 include: 92,149 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 64,880 I-765 employment authorizations; 46,23 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements; 35,771 I-485 applications to adjust status; 26,056 I-131 reentry permit/advance parole.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of January 2008 include: 1,331,114 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 813,238 I-485 applications to adjust status; 169,350 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements; 165,596 I-765 employment authorizations; 150,292 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."