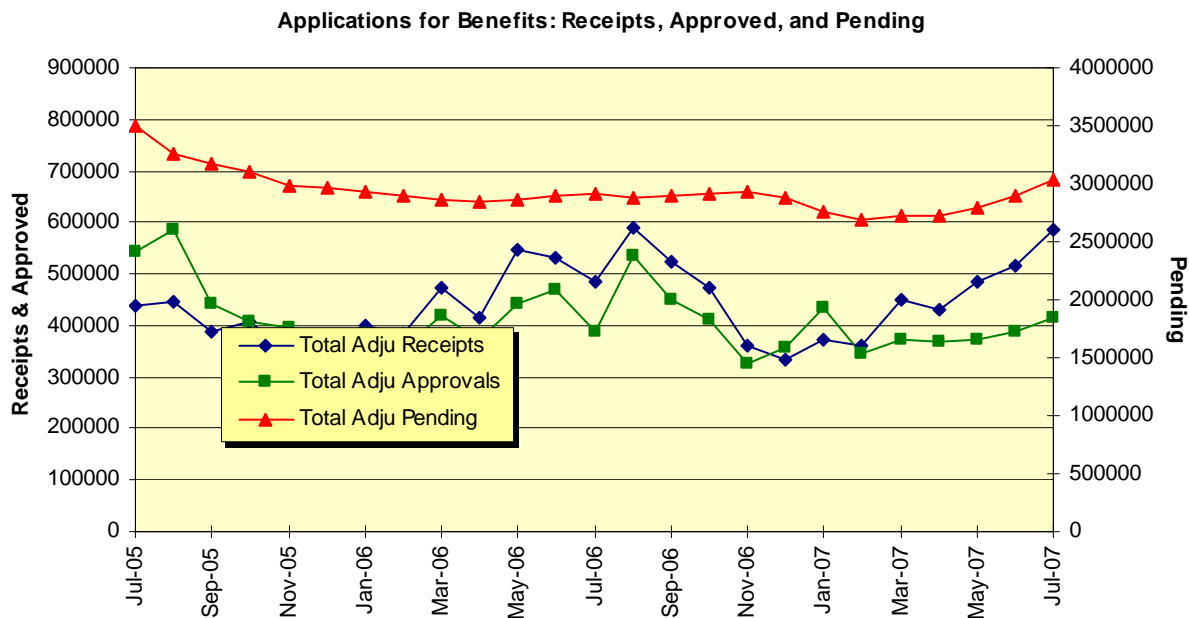


APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in July 2007 increased 21 percent compared to the number received in July 2006. July approvals increased by 6 percent, denials decreased by 22 percent, and pending increased by 4 percent compared to July 2006.

	Month			Fiscal Year			Total FY 2007
	July-2007	July-2006	% Change	FY 2007 to Date	FY 2006 to Date	% Change	
Initial Receipts	586,737	485,070	21%	4,368,451	4,363,468	0%	5,477,493
Approved	413,268	389,625	6%	3,785,024	4,010,147	-6%	4,994,755
Denied	45,588	58,224	-22%	476,893	665,119	-28%	804,972
Pending	3,042,328	2,918,856	4%	3,042,328	2,918,856	4%	2,888,549

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in July 2007 include: 147,212 I-765 employment authorizations; 98,754 I-130 spouse/relative petitions; 68,498 I-485 applications to adjust status; 64,050 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of July 2007 include: 1,349,784 I-130 spouse/relative petitions; 493,356 applications to adjust status; 279,606 I-765 employment authorizations; 199,198 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements; 120,955 I-140 immigrant worker petitions.