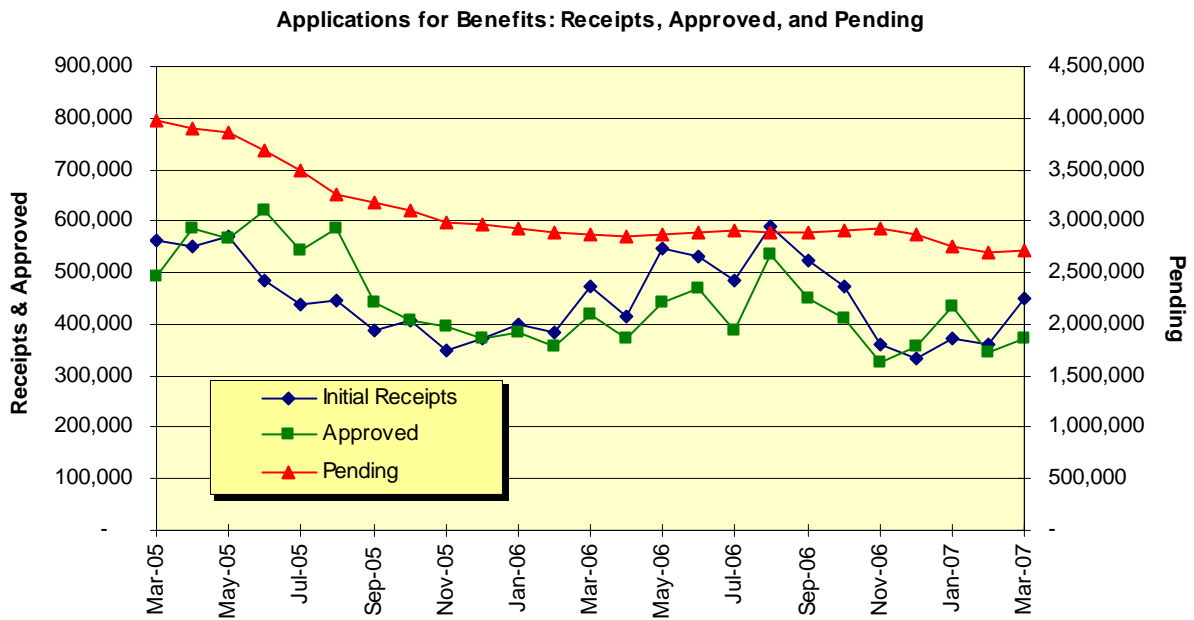


APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in March 2007 decreased 5 percent compared to the number received in March 2006. March approvals decreased by 11 percent, denials decreased by 37 percent, and pending decreased by 5 percent when compared to March 2006.

	Month			Fiscal Year			Total FY 2007
	Mar-2007	Mar-2006	% Change	FY 2007 to Date	FY 2006 to Date	% Change	
Initial Receipts	450,086	473,706	-5%	2,351,705	2,385,512	-1%	5,477,493
Approved	371,136	419,162	-11%	2,242,278	2,334,821	-4%	4,994,755
Denied	51,698	82,170	-37%	304,444	394,189	-23%	804,972
Pending	2,720,120	2,862,104	-5%	2,720,120	2,862,104	-5%	2,888,549

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in March 2007 include: 104,460 I-765 employment authorizations; 73,775 I-130 spouse/relative petitions; 62,020 I-485 applications to adjust status; 64,561 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of March 2007 include: 1,244,166 I-130 spouse/relative petitions; 572,779 applications to adjust status; 220,291 I-765 employment authorizations; 213,987 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements; 41,248 I-821 TPS applications.