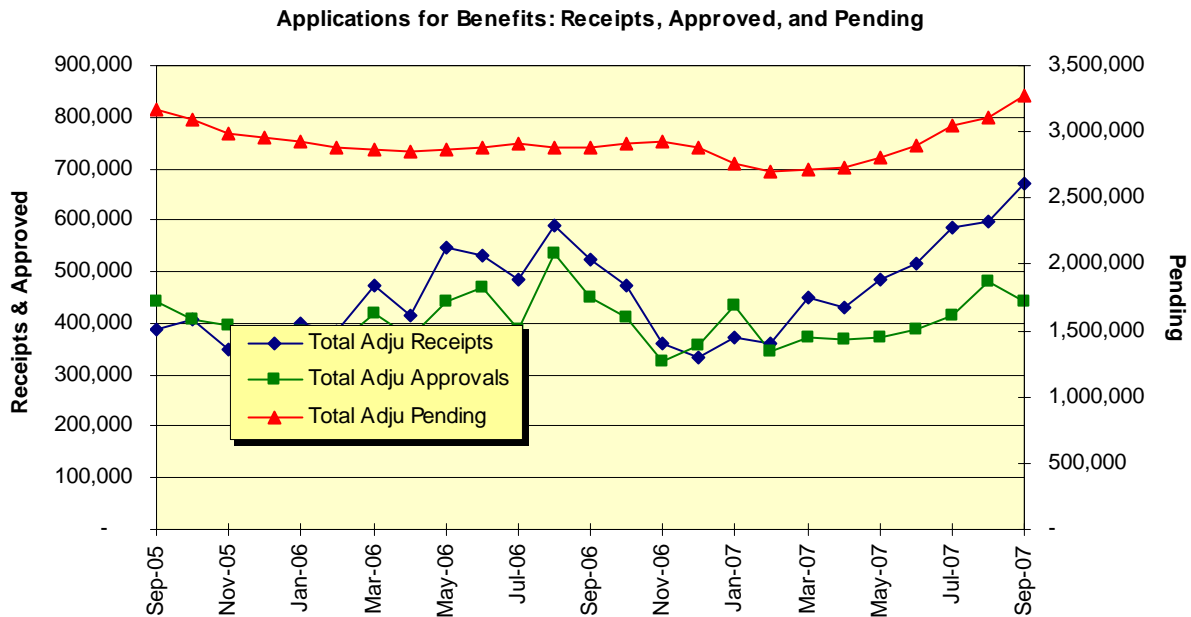


APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in September 2007 increased 28 percent compared to the number received in September 2006. September approvals decreased by 1 percent, denials decreased by 31 percent, and pending increased by 14 percent compared to September 2006.

	<i>Month</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>			<i>Total FY 2006</i>
	<i>September 2007</i>	<i>September 2006</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2007 to Date</i>	<i>FY 2006 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
Initial Receipts	671,648	525,250	28%	5,638,620	5,477,493	3%	5,477,493
Approved	443,860	450,501	-1%	4,711,171	4,994,755	-6%	4,994,755
Denied	48,832	70,419	-31%	581,525	804,972	-28%	804,972
Pending	3,278,907	2,888,549	14%	3,278,907	2,888,549	14%	2,888,549

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in September 2007 include: 197,170 I-765 employment authorizations; 157,062 I-485 applications to adjust status; 95,012 I-131 reentry permit/advance parole; 56,975 I-130 spouse/relative petitions.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of September 2007 include: 1,383,975 I-130 spouse/relative petitions; 654,864 applications to adjust status; 281,122 I-765 employment authorizations; 188,559 I-131 reentry permit/advance parole; 63,083 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements.