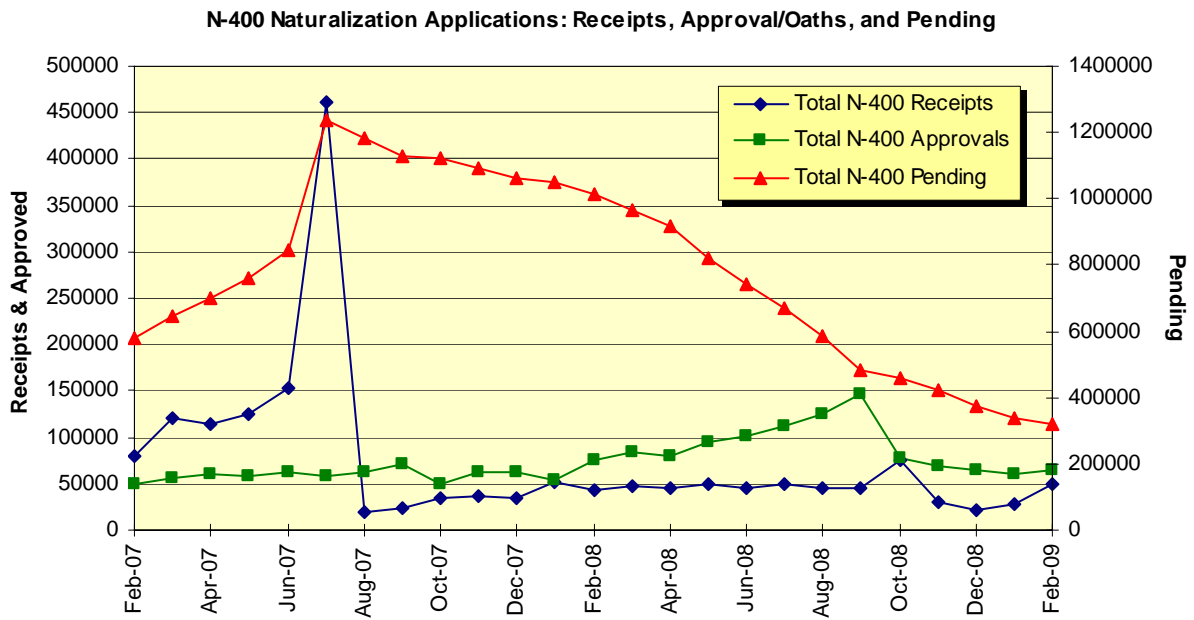


N-400 NATURALIZATION BENEFITS

Naturalization receipts in February 2009 increased 17 percent when compared to February 2008, while approvals/oaths decreased by 14 percent and denials increased 8 percent.

	Month			Fiscal Year			Total FY 2008
	February 2009	February 2008	% Change	FY 2009 to Date	FY 2008 to Date	% Change	
Initial Receipts	49,389	42,384	17%	206,010	197,712	4%	525,786
Approvals/Oaths	64,645	74,914	-14%	333,716	302,820	10%	1,050,399
Denied	8,674	8,022	8%	52,774	37,384	41%	121,283
Pending	317,255	1,010,892	-69%	317,255	1,010,892	-69%	480,159

Data source: PAS G-22.3



The number of pending N-400 cases reached 317,255 in February 2009, a decrease of 69 percent compared to the same month in fiscal year 2008.

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."