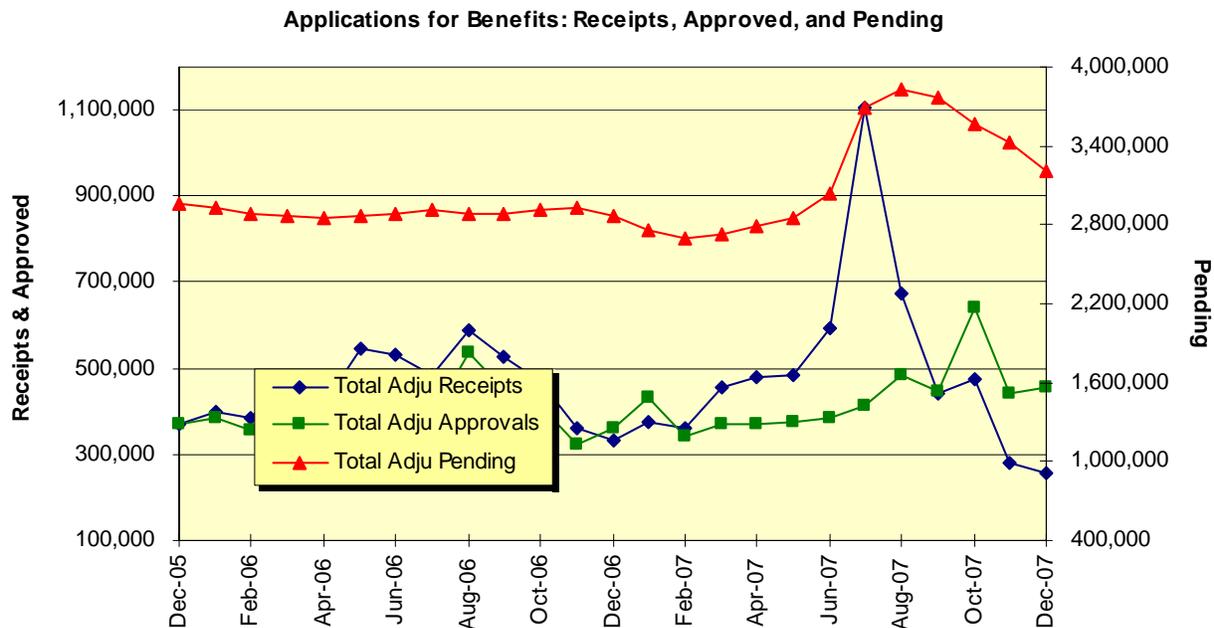


APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in December 2007 decreased 23 percent compared to the number received in December 2006. December 2007 approvals increased by 27 percent, denials decreased by 32 percent, and pending increased by 12 percent compared to December 2006.

	<i>Month</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>			<i>Total FY 2007</i>
	<i>December 2007</i>	<i>December 2006</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2008 to Date</i>	<i>FY 2007 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
Initial Receipts	256,785	334,018	-23%	1,010,464	1,167,008	-13%	6,133,808
Approved	454,322	358,720	27%	1,533,175	1,094,291	40%	4,710,984
Denied	34,361	50,748	-32%	126,523	144,826	-13%	581,511
Pending	3,210,402	2,874,549	12%	3,210,402	2,874,549	12%	3,278,853

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in December 2007 include: 59,704 I-765 employment authorizations; 45,221 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements; 35,020 I-485 applications to adjust status; 23,322 I-129 forms filed petitions.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of December 2007 include: 1,291,100 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 833,141 I-485 applications to adjust status; 220,679 I-765 employment authorizations; 171,916 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements; 147,923 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.”