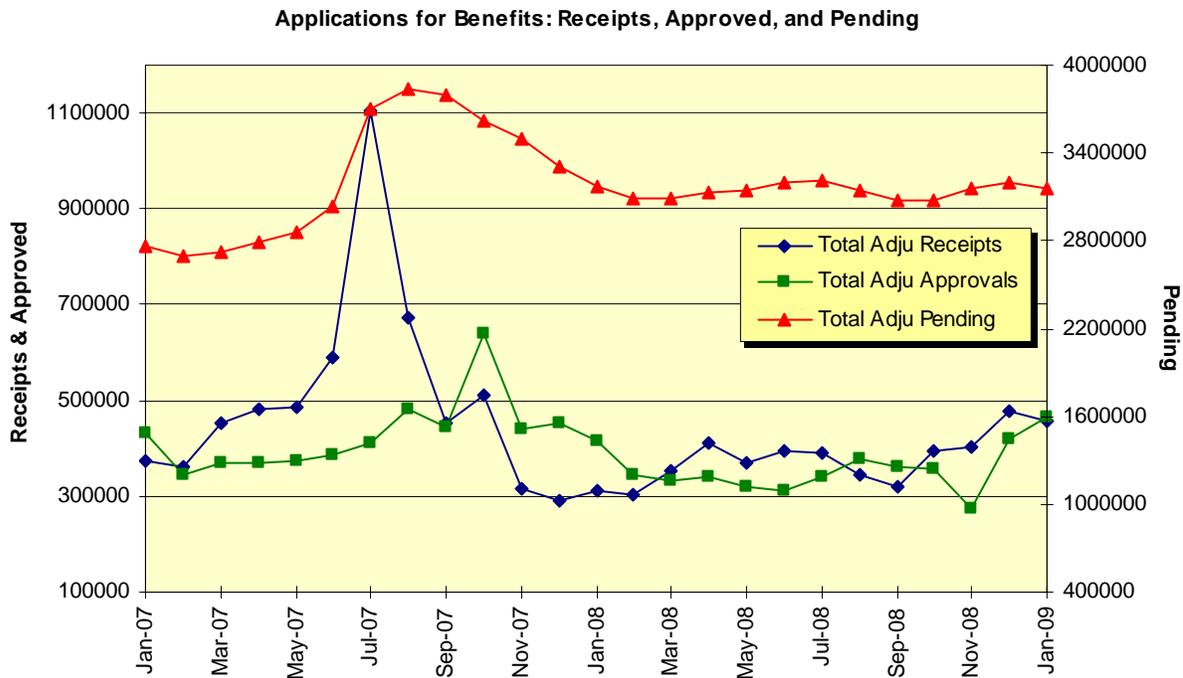


APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in January 2009 increased 46 percent compared to the number received in January 2008. January 2009 approvals increased by 12 percent, denials decreased by 2 percent, and pending decreased less than 1% compared to January 2008.

	<i>Month</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>			<i>Total FY 2008</i>
	<i>January 2009</i>	<i>January 2008</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2009 to Date</i>	<i>FY 2008 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
Initial Receipts	455,965	313,032	46%	1,729,932	1,429,913	21%	4,319,134
Approved	466,217	414,885	12%	1,515,609	1,948,120	-22%	4,684,090
Denied	49,588	50,484	-2%	168,644	177,111	-5%	507,606
Pending	3,160,081	3,171,070	0%	3,160,081	3,171,070	0%	3,073,291

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in January 2009 include: 158,577 I-765 employment authorizations; 97,765 I-821 temporary protected status; 40,588 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 37,417 I-90 green card renewals/replacements; 31,719 I-485 applications to adjust status.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of January 2009 include: 1,417,978 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 620,249 I-485 applications to adjust status; 286,701 I-765 employment authorizations; 190,238 I-90 green card renewals/replacements; 163,015 I-821 temporary protected status; 147,951 I-751 remove conditions spouse jointly/waiver.

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.”