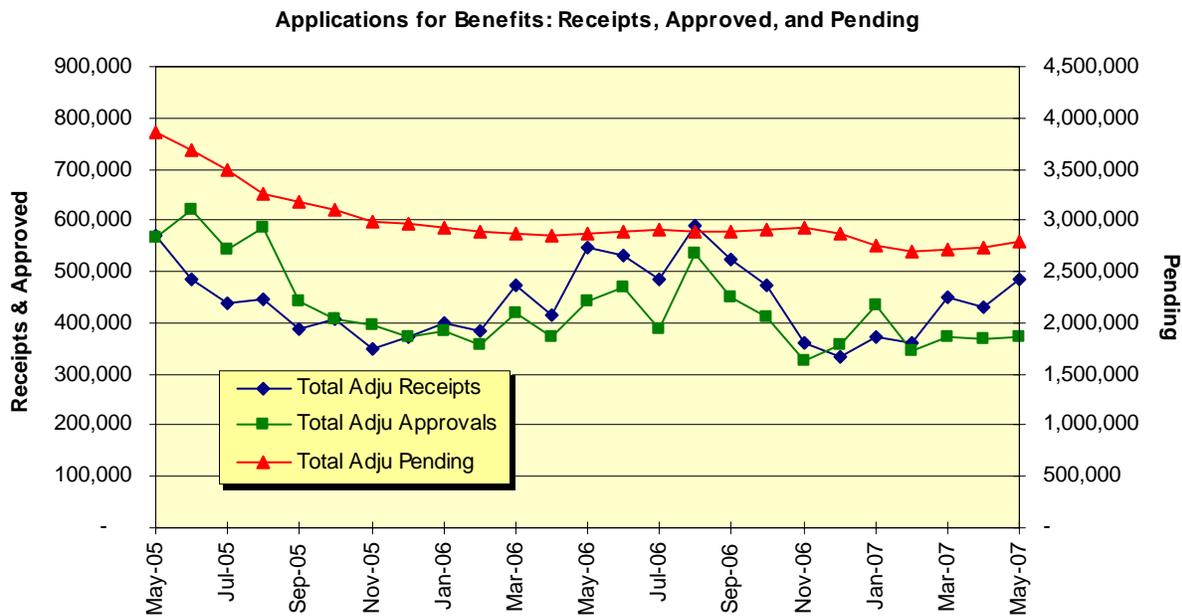


APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in May 2007 decreased 11 percent compared to the number received in May 2006. May approvals decreased by 16 percent, denials decreased by 44 percent, and pending decreased by 2 percent when compared to May 2006.

	Month			Fiscal Year			Total FY 2007
	May-2007	May-2006	% Change	FY 2007 to Date	FY 2006 to Date	% Change	
Initial Receipts	484,787	545,975	-11%	3,267,623	3,347,224	-2%	5,477,493
Approved	373,031	442,934	-16%	2,985,736	3,151,853	-5%	4,994,755
Denied	43,885	77,871	-44%	391,378	537,444	-27%	804,972
Pending	2,799,667	2,867,076	-2%	2,799,667	2,867,076	-2%	2,888,549

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in May 2007 include: 104,686 I-765 employment authorizations; 74,045 I-130 spouse/relative petitions; 68,265 I-485 applications to adjust status; 50,731 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of May 2007 include: 1,245,371 I-130 spouse/relative petitions; 594,706 applications to adjust status; 223,436 I-765 employment authorizations; 197,486 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements; 101,590 I-140 immigrant worker petitions.