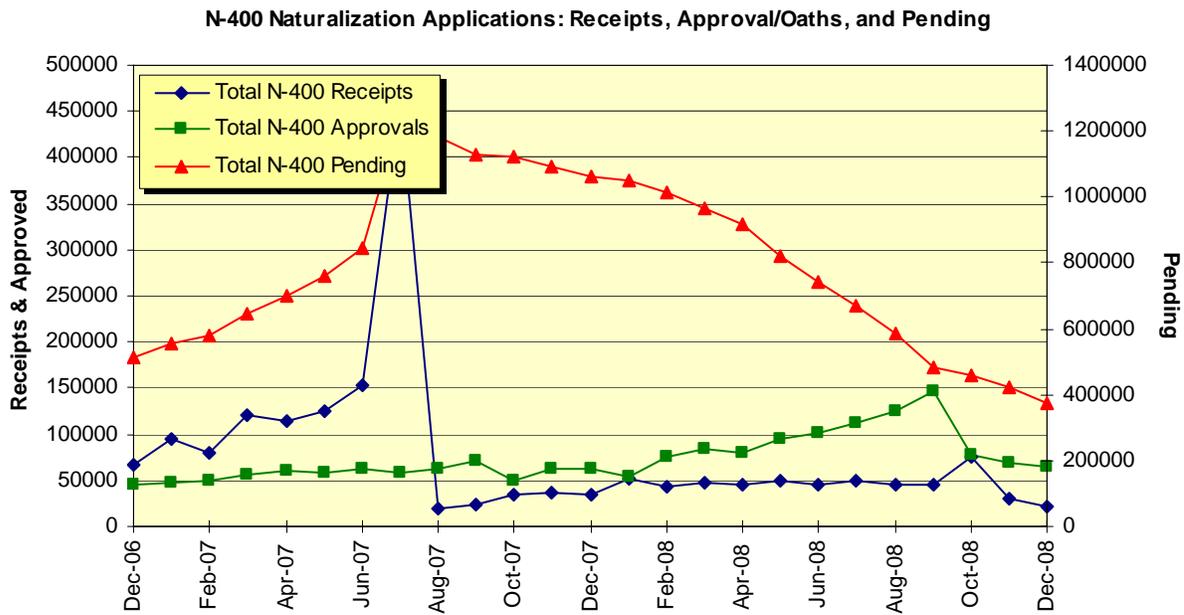


N-400 NATURALIZATION BENEFITS

Naturalization receipts in December 2008 decreased 33 percent when compared to December 2007, while approvals/oaths increased by 2 percent and denials increased 48 percent.

	<i>Month</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>			<i>Total FY 2008</i>
	<i>December 2008</i>	<i>December 2007</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2009 to Date</i>	<i>FY 2008 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
Initial Receipts	22,320	33,536	-33%	128,039	103,343	24%	525,786
Approvals/Oaths	64,006	62,956	2%	209,916	173,568	21%	1,050,399
Denied	8,807	5,963	48%	33,591	20,861	61%	121,283
Pending	379,211	1,060,991	-64%	379,211	1,060,991	-64%	480,171

Data source: PAS G-22.3



The number of pending N-400 cases reached 379,211 in December 2008, a decrease of 64 percent compared to the same month in fiscal year 2008. Detroit pending was manually entered in this report.

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."