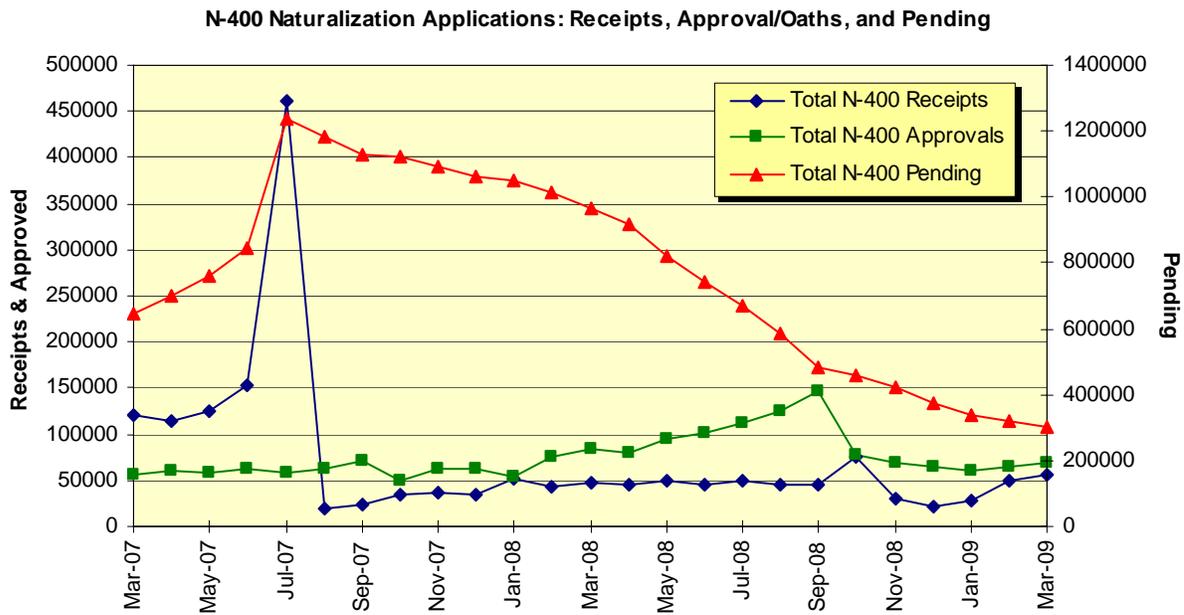


### N-400 NATURALIZATION BENEFITS

Naturalization receipts in March 2009 increased 17 percent when compared to March 2008, while approvals/oaths decreased by 19 percent and denials increased 4 percent.

	<i>Month</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>			<i>Total FY 2008</i>
	<i>March 2009</i>	<i>March 2008</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2009 to Date</i>	<i>FY 2008 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
<b>Initial Receipts</b>	55,991	47,824	17%	261,951	245,536	7%	525,786
<b>Approvals/Oaths</b>	69,042	84,943	-19%	402,525	387,763	4%	1,050,399
<b>Denied</b>	8,996	8,690	4%	61,770	46,074	34%	121,283
<b>Pending</b>	299,109	965,914	-69%	299,109	965,914	-69%	480,181

Data source: PAS G-22.3



The number of pending N-400 cases reached 299,109 in March 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."