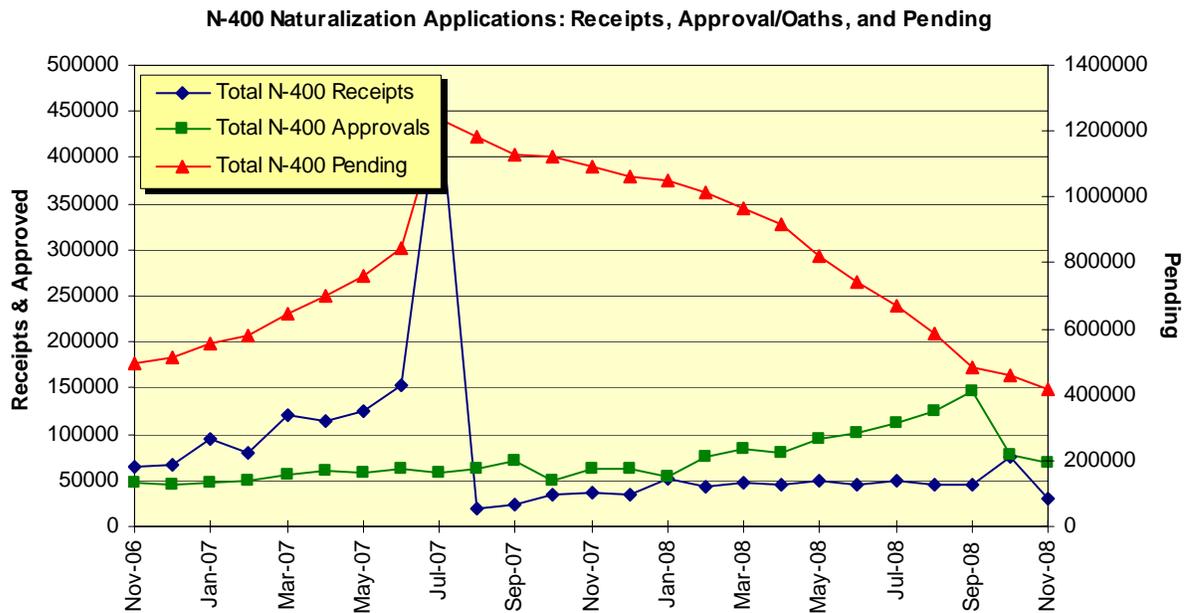


N-400 NATURALIZATION BENEFITS

Naturalization receipts in November 2008 decreased 14 percent when compared to November 2007, while approvals/oaths increased by 11 percent and denials increased 58 percent.

| | <i>Month</i> | | | <i>Fiscal Year</i> | | | <i>Total FY 2008</i> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | <i>November 2008</i> | <i>November 2007</i> | <i>% Change</i> | <i>FY 2009 to Date</i> | <i>FY 2008 to Date</i> | <i>% Change</i> | |
| Initial Receipts | 30,864 | 35,810 | -14% | 105,719 | 69,807 | 51% | 525,786 |
| Approvals/Oaths | 68,821 | 61,969 | 11% | 145,910 | 110,612 | 32% | 1,050,131 |
| Denied | 10,916 | 6,906 | 58% | 24,784 | 14,898 | 66% | 121,283 |
| Pending | 419,148 | 1,090,264 | -62% | 419,148 | 1,090,264 | -62% | 480,171 |

Data source: PAS G-22.3



- The number of pending N-400 cases reached 419,148 in November 2008, a decrease of 62 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."