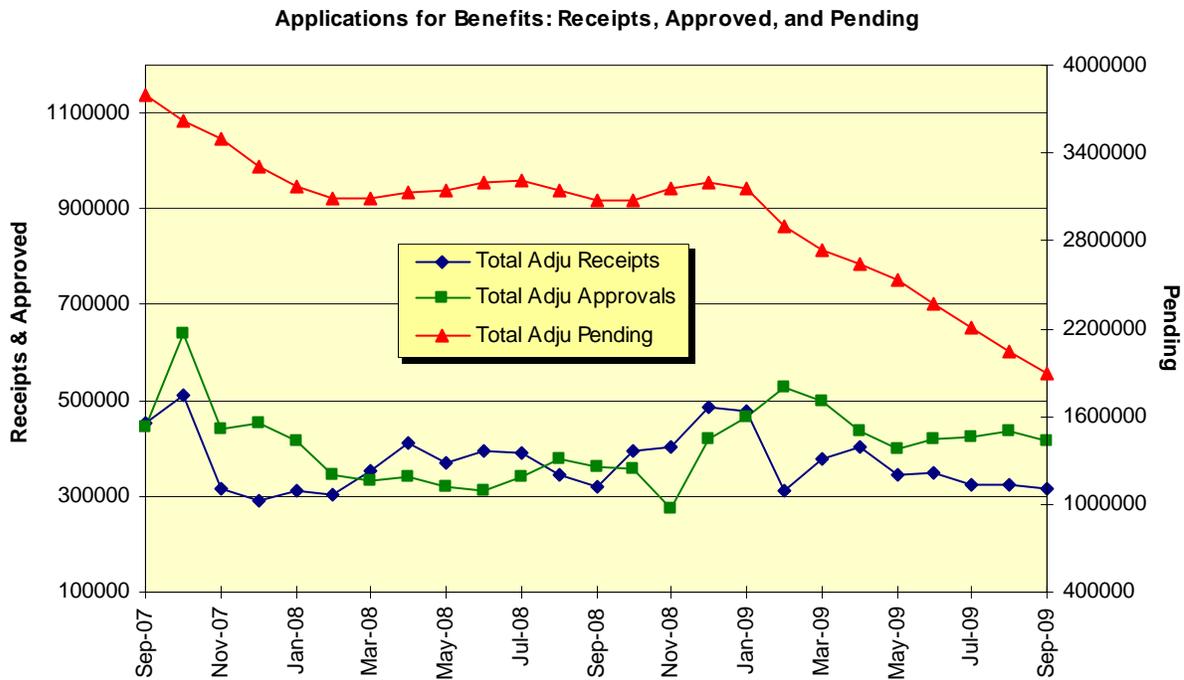


## APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in September 2009 decreased 1 percent compared to the number received in September 2008. September 2009 approvals increased by 15 percent, denials increased by 58 percent, and pending decreased less than 39% compared to September 2008.

	Month			Fiscal Year			Total FY 2008
	September 2009	September 2008	% Change	FY 2009 to Date	FY 2008 to Date	% Change	
<b>Initial Receipts</b>	315,581	320,026	-1%	4,510,345	4,319,134	4%	4,319,134
<b>Approved</b>	414,135	361,636	15%	5,069,032	4,684,090	8%	4,684,090
<b>Denied</b>	72,021	45,596	58%	751,248	507,606	48%	507,606
<b>Pending</b>	1,889,794	3,073,194	-39%	1,889,794	3,073,194	-39%	3,073,194

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in September 2009 include: 66,296 I-765 employment authorizations; 52,019 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 42,477 green card renewals/replacements; 42,272 I-485 applications to adjust status; 31,318 I-131 reentry permit/refugee travel document and advance parole; 26,507 I-129 forms filed.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of September 2009 include: 929,164 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 446,889 I-485 applications to adjust status; 115,050 I-90 green card renewals/replacements; 93,486 I-765 employment authorizations; 78,478 I-751 remove conditions spouse jointly/waive; 41,162 I-129 forms filed.

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."