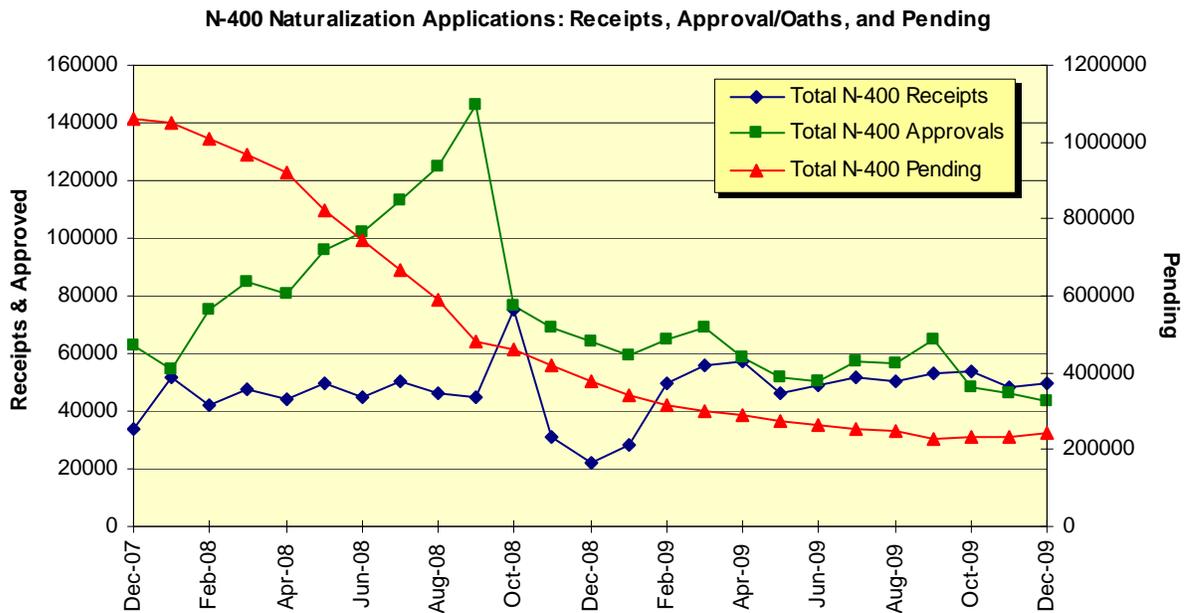


N-400 NATURALIZATION BENEFITS

Naturalization receipts in December 2009 increased 124 percent when compared to December 2008, while approvals/oaths decreased by 32 percent and denials decreased 48 percent.

	<i>Month</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>			<i>Total FY 2009</i>
	<i>December 2009</i>	<i>December 2008</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2010 to Date</i>	<i>FY 2009 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
Initial Receipts	49,999	22,320	124%	151,789	128,031	19%	570,442
Approvals/Oaths	43,278	63,955	-32%	137,599	209,817	-34%	741,982
Denied	4,890	9,475	-48%	14,195	34,447	-59%	109,832
Pending	245,064	377,610	-35%	245,064	420,311	-42%	230,120

Data source: PAS G-22.3



The number of pending N-400 cases reached 245,064 in December 2009, a decrease of 35 percent compared to the same month in fiscal year 2009.

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."