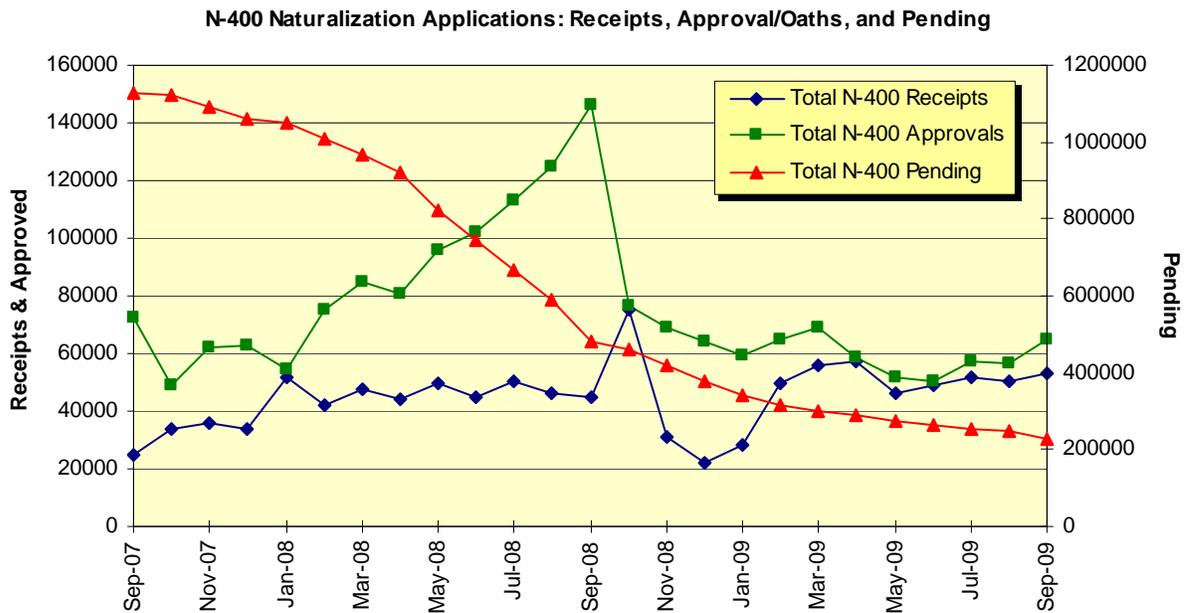


## N-400 NATURALIZATION BENEFITS

Naturalization receipts in September 2009 increased 20 percent when compared to September 2008, while approvals/oaths decreased by 56 percent and denials decreased 49 percent.

|                         | <i>Month</i>          |                       |                 | <i>Fiscal Year</i>     |                        |                 | <i>Total FY 2008</i> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
|                         | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>September 2008</i> | <i>% Change</i> | <i>FY 2009 to Date</i> | <i>FY 2008 to Date</i> | <i>% Change</i> |                      |
| <b>Initial Receipts</b> | 53,335                | 44,576                | 20%             | 570,442                | 525,786                | 8%              | 525,786              |
| <b>Approvals/Oaths</b>  | 64,832                | 146,193               | -56%            | 741,982                | 1,050,399              | -29%            | 1,050,399            |
| <b>Denied</b>           | 7,453                 | 14,660                | -49%            | 109,813                | 121,283                | -9%             | 121,283              |
| <b>Pending</b>          | 229,656               | 480,786               | -52%            | 229,656                | 480,786                | -52%            | 480,786              |

Data source: PAS G-22.3



The number of pending N-400 cases reached 229,656 in September 2009, a decrease of 52 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."