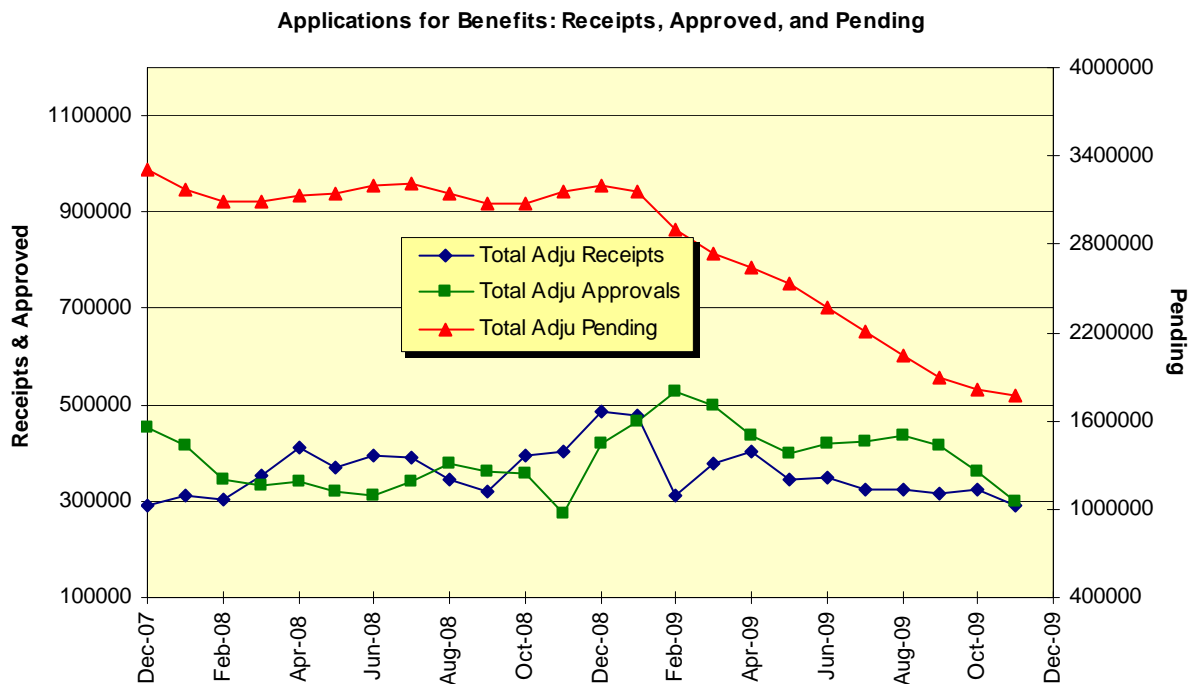


APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in December 2009 decreased 41 percent compared to the number received in December 2008. December 2009 approvals decreased by 24 percent, denials increased by 24 percent, and pending decreased less than 47% compared to December 2008.

	<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	286,345	484,881	-41%	898,757	1,281,289	-30%	4,510,694
Approved	318,198	419,226	-24%	977,805	1,049,687	-7%	5,069,166
Denied	50,684	40,770	24%	159,410	119,122	34%	751,251
Pending	1,701,421	3,192,595	-47%	1,701,421	3,162,606	-46%	1,890,357

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in December 2009 include: 62,905 I-765 employment authorizations; 53,094 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 38,409 I-485 applications to adjust status; 35,216 green card renewals/replacements; 25,711 I-129 forms filed; 21,056 I-131 reentry permit/refugee travel document and advance parole.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of December 2009 include: 578,395 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 424,410 I-485 applications to adjust status; 124,625 I-90 green card renewals/replacements; 100,107 I-765 employment authorizations; 68,930 I-751 remove conditions spouse jointly/waive; 37,906 I-131 reentry permit/refugee travel document and advance parole.

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."