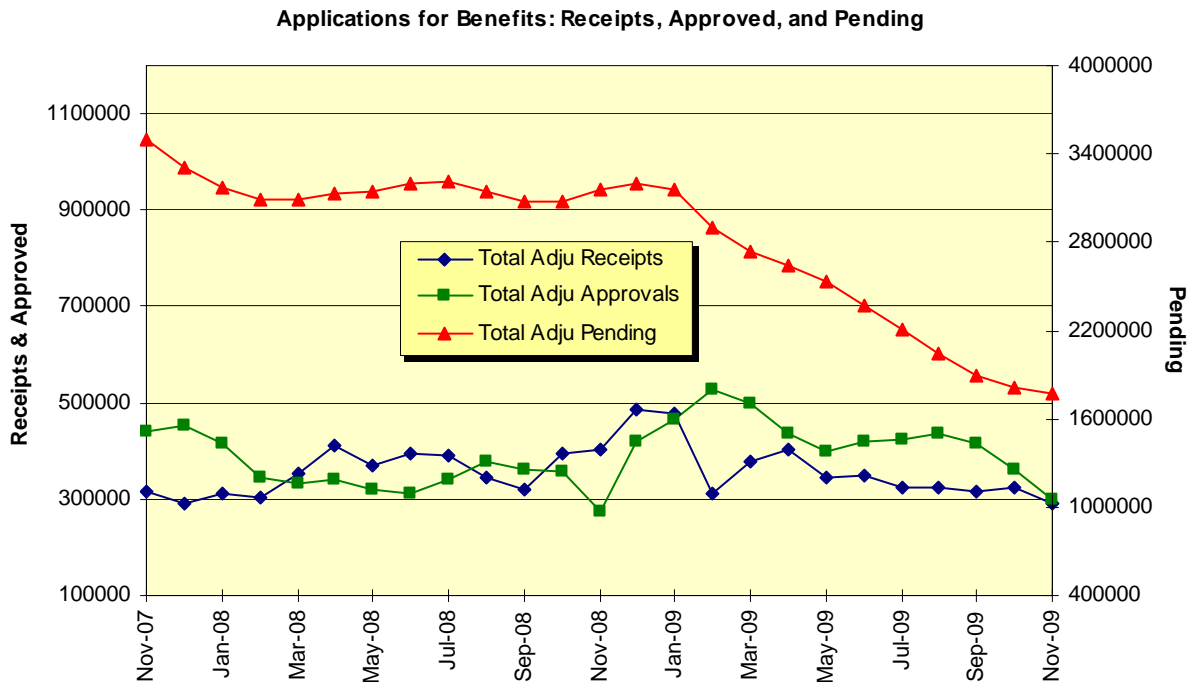


APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in November 2009 decreased 28 percent compared to the number received in November 2008. November 2009 approvals increased by 9 percent, denials increased by 46 percent, and pending decreased less than 44% compared to November 2008.

	Month			Fiscal Year			Total FY 2009
	November 2009	November 2008	% Change	FY 2010 to Date	FY 2009 to Date	% Change	
Initial Receipts	289,330	403,493	-28%	612,513	796,408	-23%	4,510,694
Approved	297,777	272,964	9%	659,607	630,461	5%	5,069,166
Denied	52,453	36,020	46%	108,721	78,352	39%	751,251
Pending	1,765,472	3,162,606	-44%	1,765,472	3,162,606	-44%	1,890,356

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in November 2009 include: 66,308 I-765 employment authorizations; 50,838 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 39,682 I-485 applications to adjust status; 37,511 green card renewals/replacements; 24,668 I-131 reentry permit/refugee travel document and advance parole; 22,738 I-129 forms filed.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of November 2009 include: 821,995 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 427,732 I-485 applications to adjust status; 126,445 I-90 green card renewals/replacements; 101,556 I-765 employment authorizations; 71,250 I-751 remove conditions spouse jointly/waive; 44,102 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.”