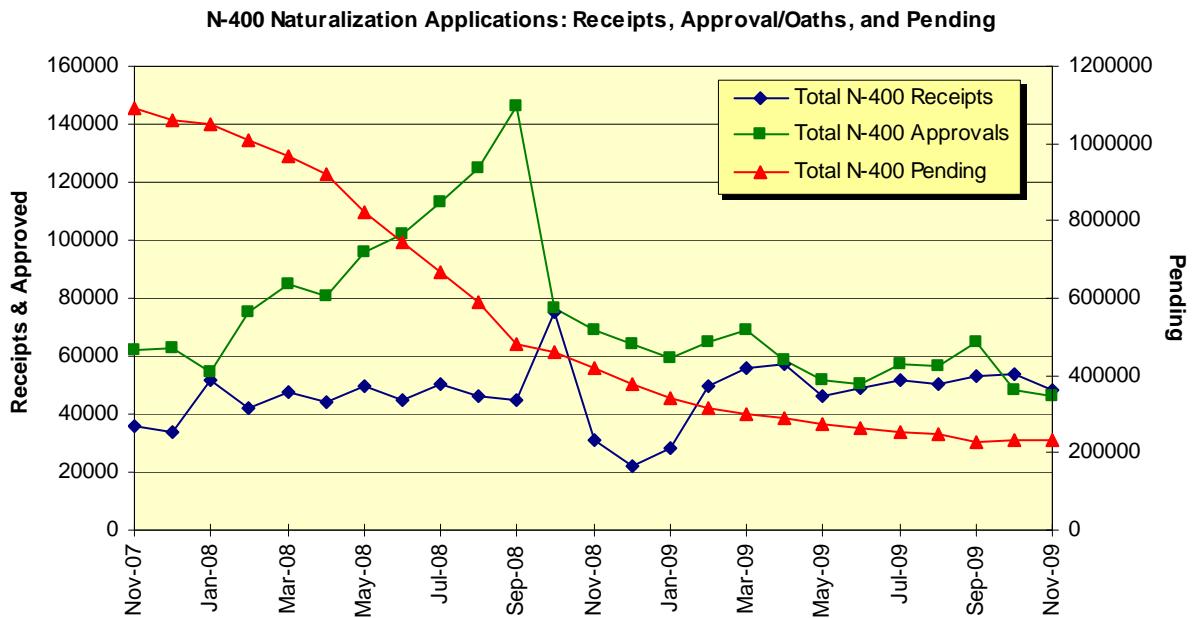


N-400 NATURALIZATION BENEFITS

Naturalization receipts in November 2009 increased 56 percent when compared to November 2008, while approvals/oaths decreased by 34 percent and denials decreased 59 percent.

	<i>Month</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>			<i>Total FY 2009</i>
	<i>November 2009</i>	<i>November 2008</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2010 to Date</i>	<i>FY 2009 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
Initial Receipts	48,168	30,862	56%	101,790	105,711	-4%	570,442
Approvals/Oaths	45,969	69,149	-34%	94,310	145,862	-35%	741,982
Denied	4,562	11,145	-59%	9,298	24,972	-63%	109,832
Pending	233,168	420,311	-45%	233,168	420,311	-45%	230,120

Data source: PAS G-22.3



The number of pending N-400 cases reached 233,168 in November 2009, a decrease of 450 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."