

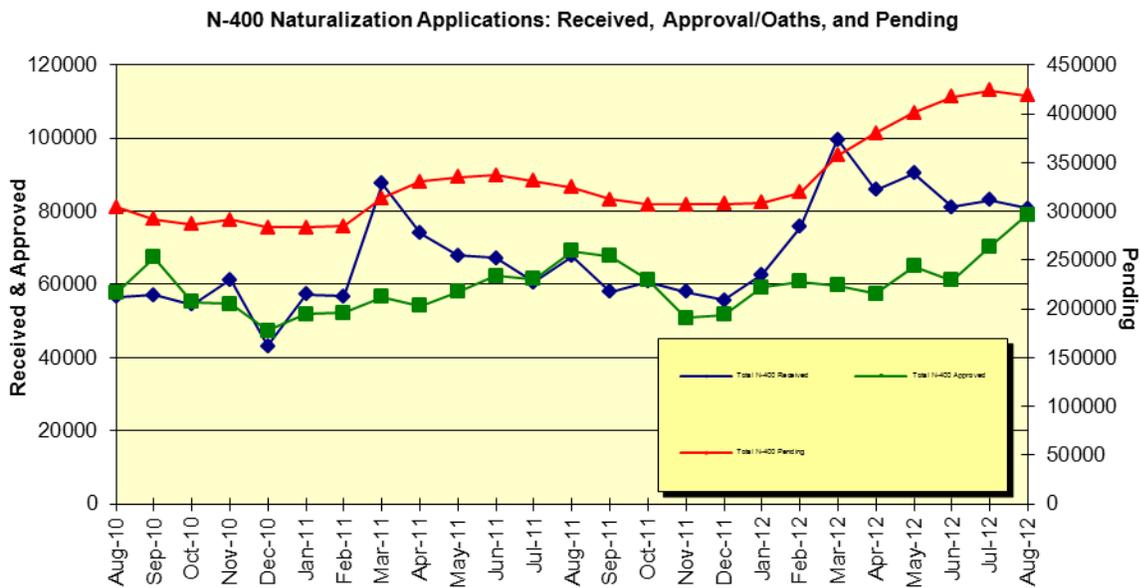
CHART NAME: NATURALIZATION BENEFITS

WHAT IT DISPLAYS: The below chart provides data on the Applications for Naturalization (Form N-400) received by USCIS for the month of August 2012.

WHAT IT SHOWS: Naturalization receipts in August 2012 increased 19 percent when compared to August 2011, while approvals/oath increased by 14 percent and denials increased 24 percent.

Naturalization Applications	Month			Fiscal Year			Total FY 2011
	August 2012	August 2011	% Change	FY 2012 to Date	FY 2011 to Date	% Change	
Received	80,749	67,761	19%	833,639	698,102	19%	756,008
Approved/Oaths	79,127	69,149	14%	676,396	623,032	9%	690,705
Denied	7,138	5,745	24%	59,195	51,449	15%	57,065
Pending	418,855	324,796	29%	418,855	324,796	29%	311,894

Data source: PRT G-22.3¹



The number of pending N-400 cases reached 418,855 in August 2012, an increase of 29 percent compared to the same month in fiscal year 2011.

¹ The Performance Reporting Tool (PRT) is the USCIS System of Record for capturing and reporting field office and service center performance data. The G-22.3 is the PRT data entry worksheet used to collect the monthly Naturalization statistics.