

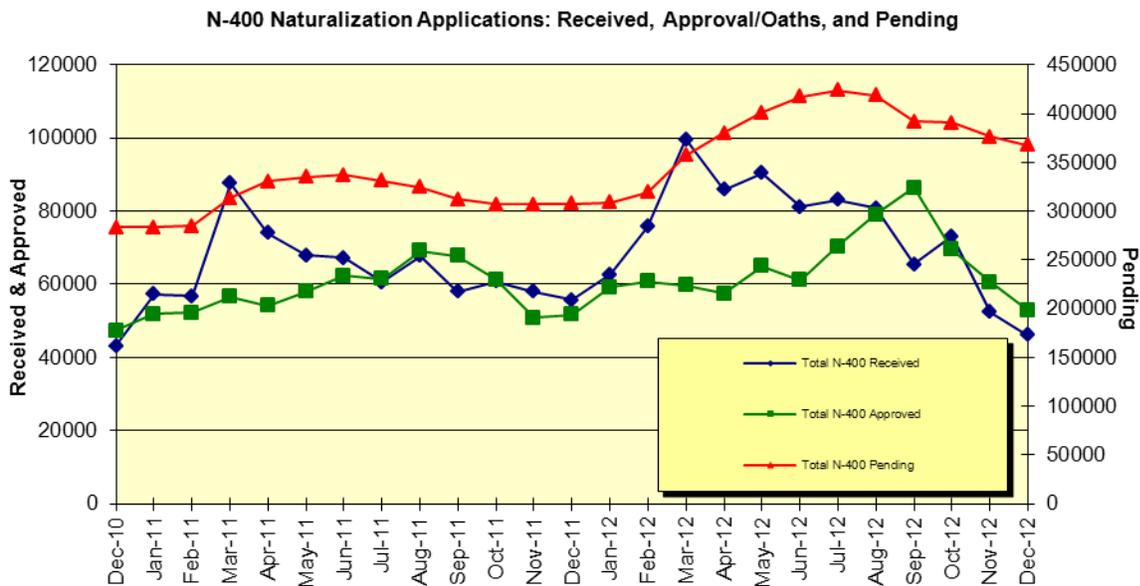
CHART NAME: NATURALIZATION BENEFITS

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

WHAT IT SHOWS: Naturalization receipts in December 2012 decreased 17 percent when compared to December 2011, while approvals/oath increased by 2 percent and denials increased 16 percent.

<i>Naturalization Applications</i>	<i>Month</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>			<i>Total FY 2012</i>
	<i>December 2012</i>	<i>December 2011</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2013 to Date</i>	<i>FY 2012 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
Received	46,065	55,653	-17%	171,494	174,349	-2%	899,162
Approved/Oaths	52,914	51,752	2%	183,082	163,874	12%	762,742
Denied	5,661	4,899	16%	17,542	14,357	22%	65,874
Pending	367,792	307,501	20%	367,792	307,501	20%	391,803

Data source: PRT G-22.3¹



The number of pending N-400 cases reached 367,792 in December 2012, an increase of 20 percent compared to the same month in fiscal year 2012.

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.