

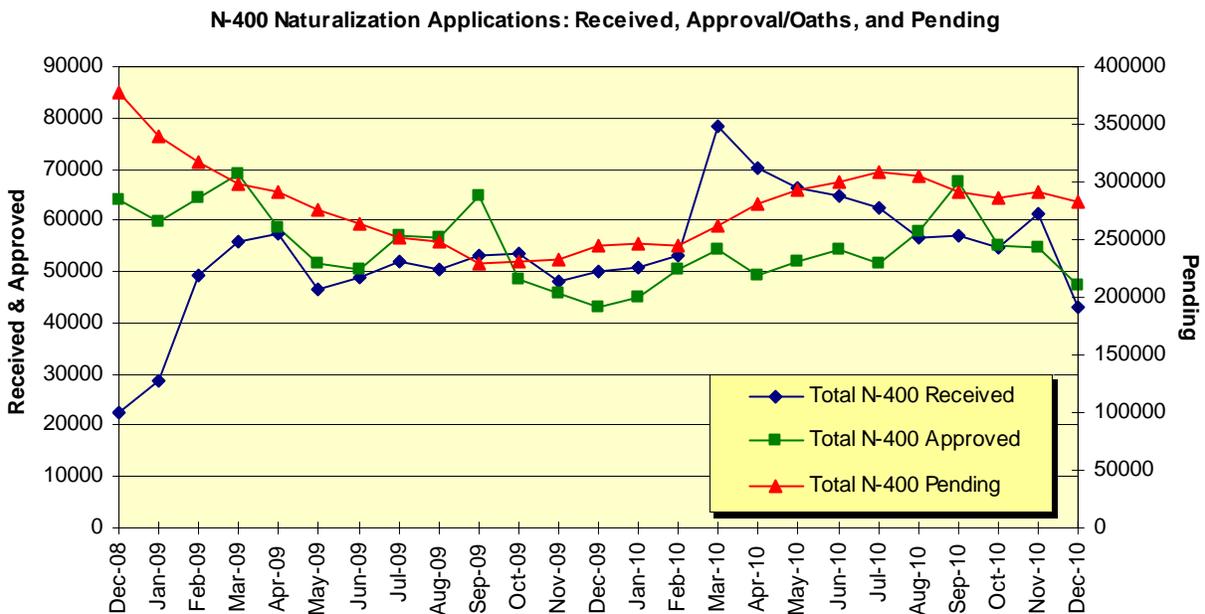
CHART NAME: NATURALIZATION BENEFITS

WHAT IT DISPLAYS: The below chart provides data on the Applications for Naturalization (Form N-400) received by USCIS for the month of December 2010.

WHAT IT SHOWS: Naturalization receipts in December 2010 decreased 14 percent when compared to December 2009, while approvals/oaths increased by 10 percent and denials decreased 9 percent.

Naturalization Applications	Month			Fiscal Year			Total FY 2010
	December 2010	December 2009	% Change	FY 2011 to Date	FY 2010 to Date	% Change	
Received	43,188	49,999	-14%	158,979	151,789	5%	710,544
Approved/Oaths	47,382	43,225	10%	157,373	137,539	14%	619,065
Denied	4,426	4,890	-9%	13,028	14,203	-8%	56,990
Pending	282,733	245,014	15%	282,733	245,014	15%	291,833

Data source: PAS G-22.3¹



The number of pending N-400 cases reached 282,733 in December 2010, an increase of 15 percent compared to the same month in fiscal year 2010.

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