

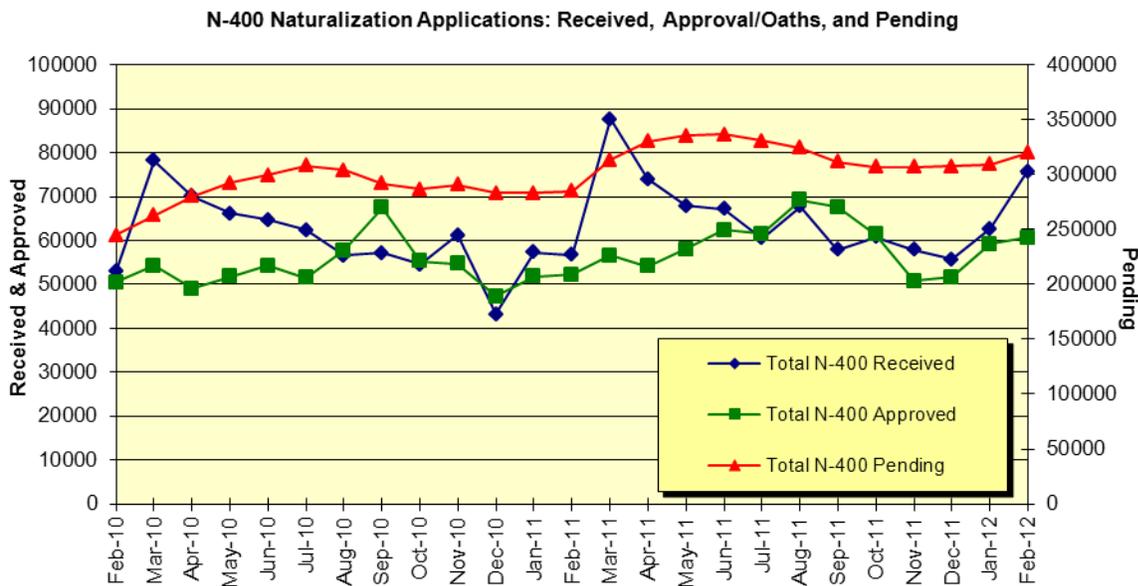
CHART NAME: NATURALIZATION BENEFITS

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

WHAT IT SHOWS: Naturalization receipts in February 2012 increased 34 percent when compared to February 2011, while approvals/oaths increased by 16 percent and denials increased 20percent.

Naturalization Applications	Month			Fiscal Year			Total FY 2011
	February 2012	February 2011	% Change	FY 2012 to Date	FY 2011 to Date	% Change	
Received	75,788	56,687	34%	312,808	272,995	15%	756,008
Approved/Oaths	60,714	52,225	16%	283,675	261,386	9%	690,705
Denied	5,301	4,433	20%	24,735	21,587	15%	57,065
Pending	319,604	284,770	12%	319,604	284,770	12%	311,894

Data source: PRT G-22.3¹



The number of pending N-400 cases reached 319,604 in February 2012, an increase of 12 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.