

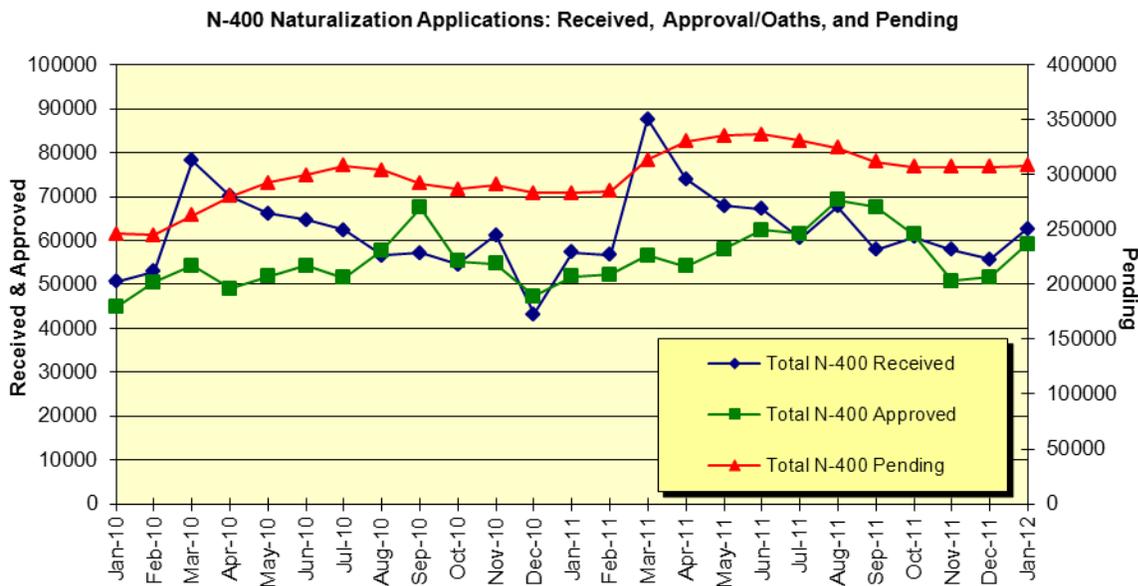
**CHART NAME: NATURALIZATION BENEFITS**

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

**WHAT IT SHOWS:** Naturalization receipts in January 2012 increased 9 percent when compared to January 2011, while approvals/oaths increased by 14 percent and denials increased 23percent.

Naturalization Applications	Month			Fiscal Year			Total FY 2011
	January 2012	January 2011	% Change	FY 2012 to Date	FY 2011 to Date	% Change	
Received	62,671	57,329	9%	237,020	216,308	10%	756,008
Approved/Oaths	59,161	51,817	14%	222,962	209,161	7%	690,705
Denied	5,073	4,127	23%	19,430	17,154	13%	57,065
Pending	308,512	283,333	9%	308,512	283,333	9%	311,894

Data source: PRT G-22.3<sup>1</sup>



The number of pending N-400 cases reached 308,512 in January 2012, an increase of 9 percent compared to the same month in fiscal year 2011.

<sup>1</sup> 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.