

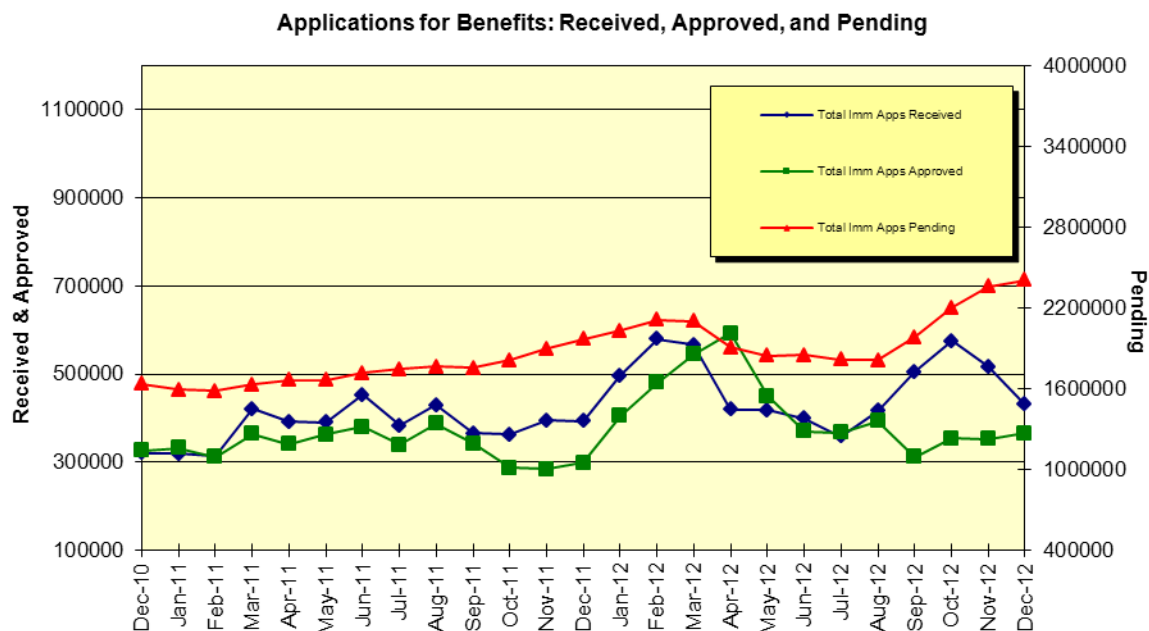
**CHART NAME: APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS**

**WHAT IT DISPLAYS:** The below chart provides data on applications and petitions received by USCIS for immigration benefits in December 2012. This chart excludes all data associated with the citizenship related applications.

**WHAT IT SHOWS:** Immigration application receipts increased by 10 percent compared to the number received in December 2011. December 2012 approvals increased by 23 percent, denials decreased by 19 percent, and pending increased by 22% compared to December 2011.

Immigration Applications	Month			Fiscal Year			Total FY 2012
	December 2012	December 2011	% Change	FY 2013 to Date	FY 2012 to Date	% Change	
<b>Received</b>	431,430	393,189	10%	1,524,451	1,151,196	32%	5,310,171
<b>Approved</b>	365,423	297,977	23%	1,071,888	868,864	23%	4,785,295
<b>Denied</b>	24,296	29,936	-19%	78,255	87,360	-10%	369,390
<b>Pending</b>	2,409,618	1,968,907	22%	2,409,618	1,968,907	22%	1,985,629

Data source: PRT G-22.2<sup>1</sup>



- Major receipt volumes in December 2012 include: 95,234 I-765 employment authorizations; 54,733 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 40,401 I-485 applications to adjust status; 32,836 I-131 travel document/advance parole; 28,645 I-90 green card renewals/replacements; 19,882 I-129 forms filed; 14,089 I-821 temporary protection status.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of December 2012 include: 724,827 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 364,548 I-485 applications to adjust status; 183,997 I-765 employment authorizations; 139,062 I-90 green card renewals/replacements; 124,736 I-751 remove conditions spouse jointly/waive; 55,471 I-131 travel document/advance parole; 48,941 I-129 forms filed.

<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-22.2 is the PRT data entry worksheet used to collect monthly Immigration Application statistics.