

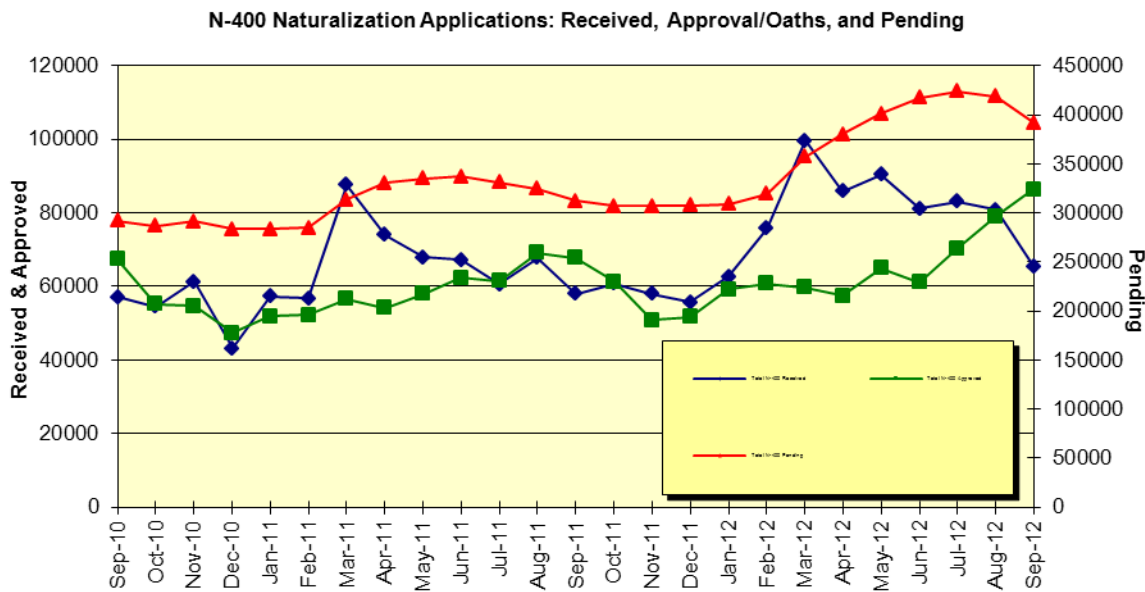
CHART NAME: NATURALIZATION BENEFITS

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

WHAT IT SHOWS: Naturalization receipts in September 2012 increased 13 percent when compared to September 2011, while approvals/oath increased by 28 percent and denials increased 19 percent.

Naturalization Applications	Month			Fiscal Year			Total FY 2011
	September 2012	September 2011	% Change	FY 2012 to Date	FY 2011 to Date	% Change	
Received	65,523	57,906	13%	899,162	756,008	19%	756,008
Approved/Oaths	86,346	67,673	28%	762,742	690,705	10%	690,705
Denied	6,677	5,616	19%	65,874	57,065	15%	57,065
Pending	391,803	311,894	26%	391,803	311,894	26%	311,894

Data source: PRT G-22.3¹



The number of pending N-400 cases reached 391,803 in September 2012, an increase of 26 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.