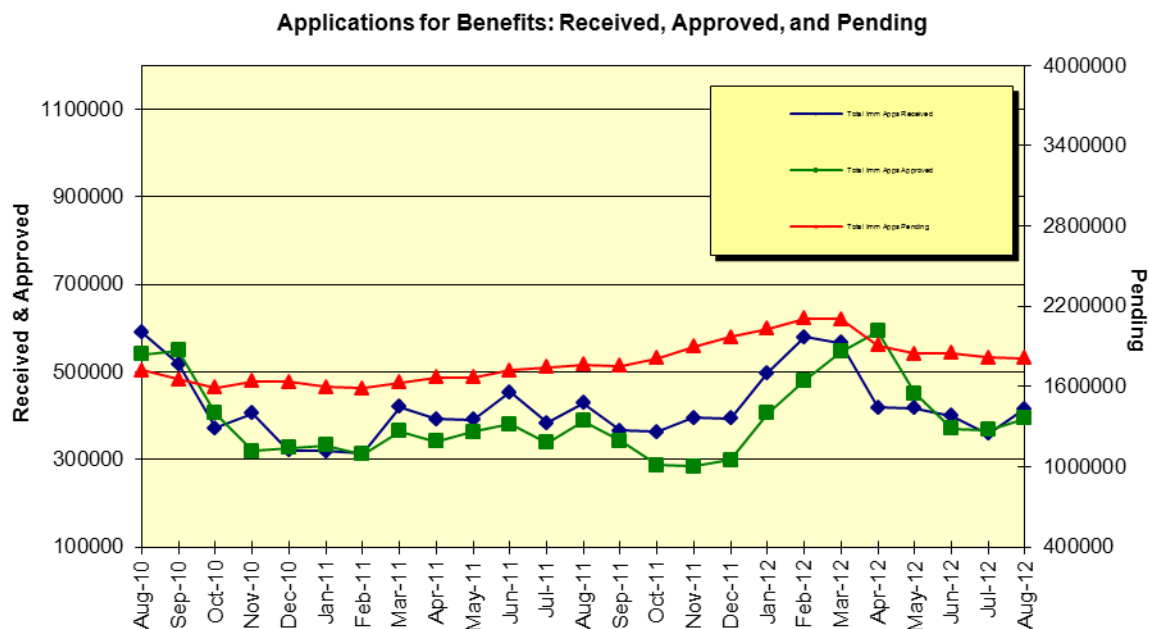**CHART NAME: APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS**

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

WHAT IT SHOWS: Immigration application receipts decreased 3 percent compared to the number received in August 2011. August 2012 approvals increased by 1 percent, denials decreased by 14 percent, and pending increased by 3% compared to August 2011.

Immigration Applications	Month			Fiscal Year			Total FY 2011
	August 2012	August 2011	% Change	FY 2012 to Date	FY 2011 to Date	% Change	
Received	415,998	429,239	-3%	4,805,296	4,198,301	14%	4,564,198
Approved	393,341	387,540	1%	4,473,886	3,868,330	16%	4,211,170
Denied	34,205	39,971	-14%	343,363	410,219	-16%	449,271
Pending	1,812,639	1,764,711	3%	1,812,639	1,764,711	3%	1,756,213

Data source: PRT G-22.2[1]

Applications for Benefits: Received, Approved, and Pending

- Major receipt volumes in August 2012 include: 72,719 I-765 employment authorizations; 59,131 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 46,822 I-90 green card renewals/replacements; 41,085 I-485 applications to adjust status; 28,664 I-129 forms filed ; 26,276 I-131 travel document/advance parole.

- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of August 2012 include: 641,343 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 347,112 I-485 applications to adjust status; 142,771 I-90 green card renewals/replacements; 127,864 I-751 remove conditions spouse jointly/waive; 114,731 I-765 employment authorizations; 106,336 I-129 forms filed; 47,667 I-131 travel document/advance parole.

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