

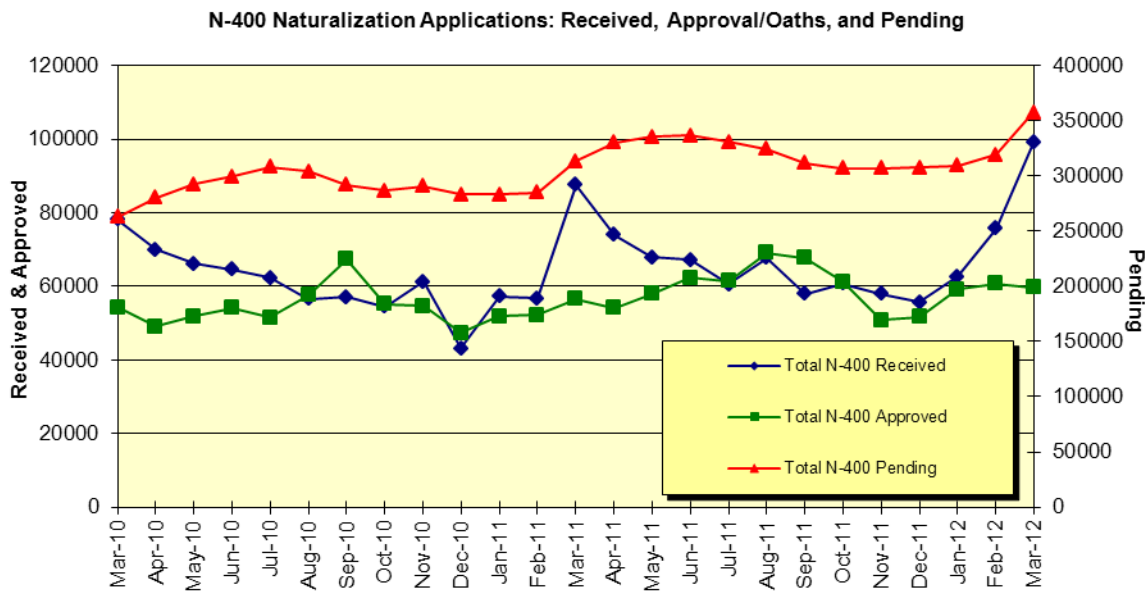
**CHART NAME: NATURALIZATION BENEFITS**

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

**WHAT IT SHOWS:** Naturalization receipts in March 2012 increased 13 percent when compared to March 2011, while approvals/oaths increased by 6 percent and denials increased 3 percent.

<i>Naturalization Applications</i>	<i>Month</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>			<i>Total FY 2011</i>
	<i>March 2012</i>	<i>March 2011</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2012 to Date</i>	<i>FY 2011 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
<b>Received</b>	99,068	87,624	13%	411,876	360,619	14%	756,008
<b>Approved/Oaths</b>	59,666	56,513	6%	343,341	317,899	8%	690,705
<b>Denied</b>	5,156	5,027	3%	29,892	26,614	12%	57,065
<b>Pending</b>	357,846	313,225	14%	357,846	313,225	14%	311,894

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



The number of pending N-400 cases reached 357,846 in March 2012, an increase of 14 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.