

IR ABSTRACT

INSIGHTS AND OUTCOMES FROM INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH AT DEPAUL UNIVERSITY

Fifty-eight percent of 2018 Freshmen Exhibit Mission Characteristics

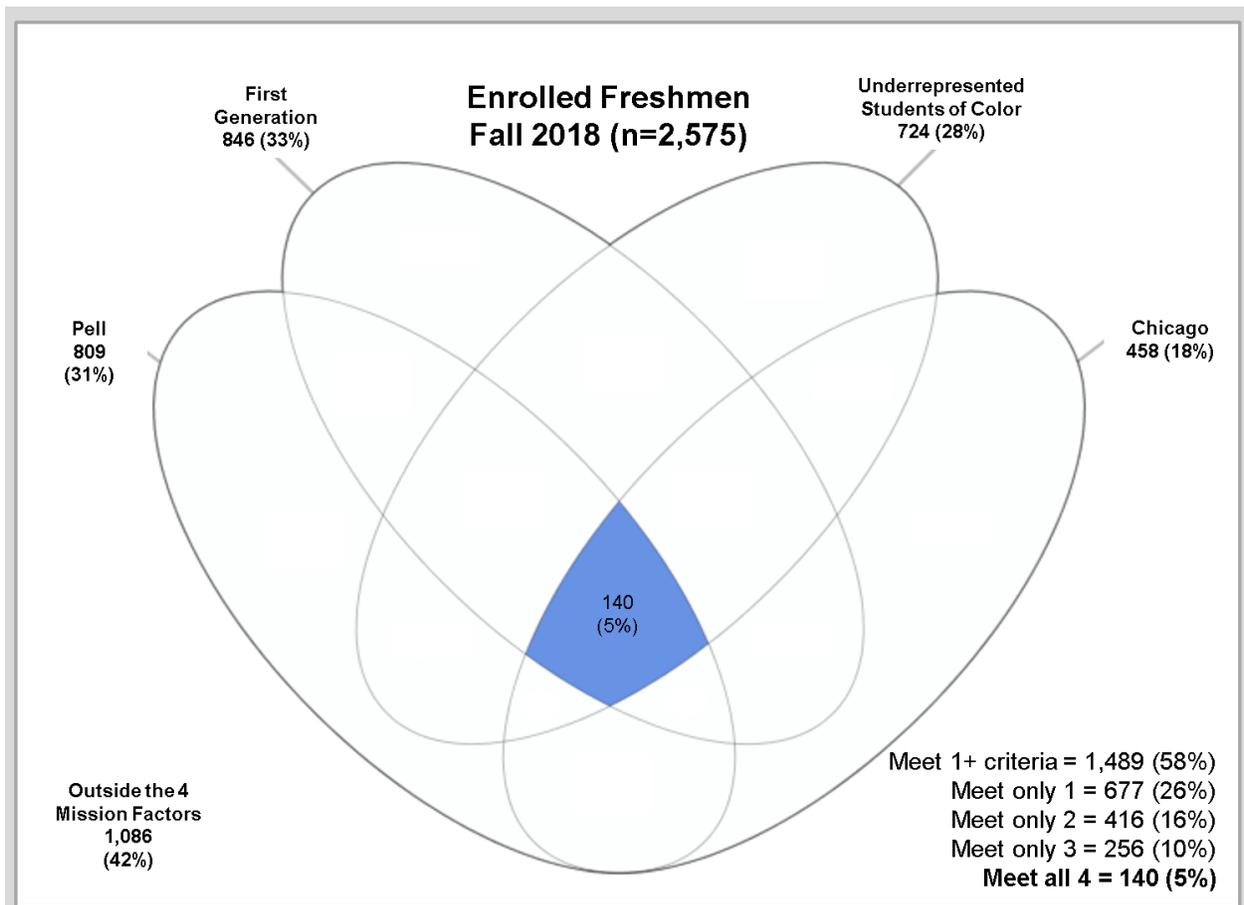
In fall 2018, 58 percent of new freshmen identified with at least one mission characteristic, compared with 61 percent in 2017.

There are four criteria used to identify DePaul’s mission characteristics:

- **Low Income:** Eligible for the Federal Pell Grant.
- **First generation:** Neither parent has a college degree (bachelor’s or higher).
- **Underrepresented students of color:** Race/ethnicity is African-American, Hispanic/Latino, or American Indian.
- **Chicago resident:** Lives within the Chicago city limits (does not include Chicago suburbs).

Five percent of freshmen meet all four characteristics (compared with 6 percent in 2017). Over the past five years, over half of all freshmen have met at least one mission characteristic.

While this fall’s incoming freshman class was the second-largest in university history, with an increase of 33 students over last year, the proportion of freshmen in each mission category remains consistent with last fall: low-income freshmen decreased 3 percentage points, first-generation students did not change, underrepresented students of color decreased 1 percentage point, and Chicago students decreased 1 percentage point.



Source: IRMA Enrollment Files

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Additional research related to new students can be found on the Student Market Matrix here:

<https://irma.depaul.edu/Research/studentmatrix2.asp?cell=13>.