

60 percent of 2020 New Freshmen Identify with at least one Mission Characteristic

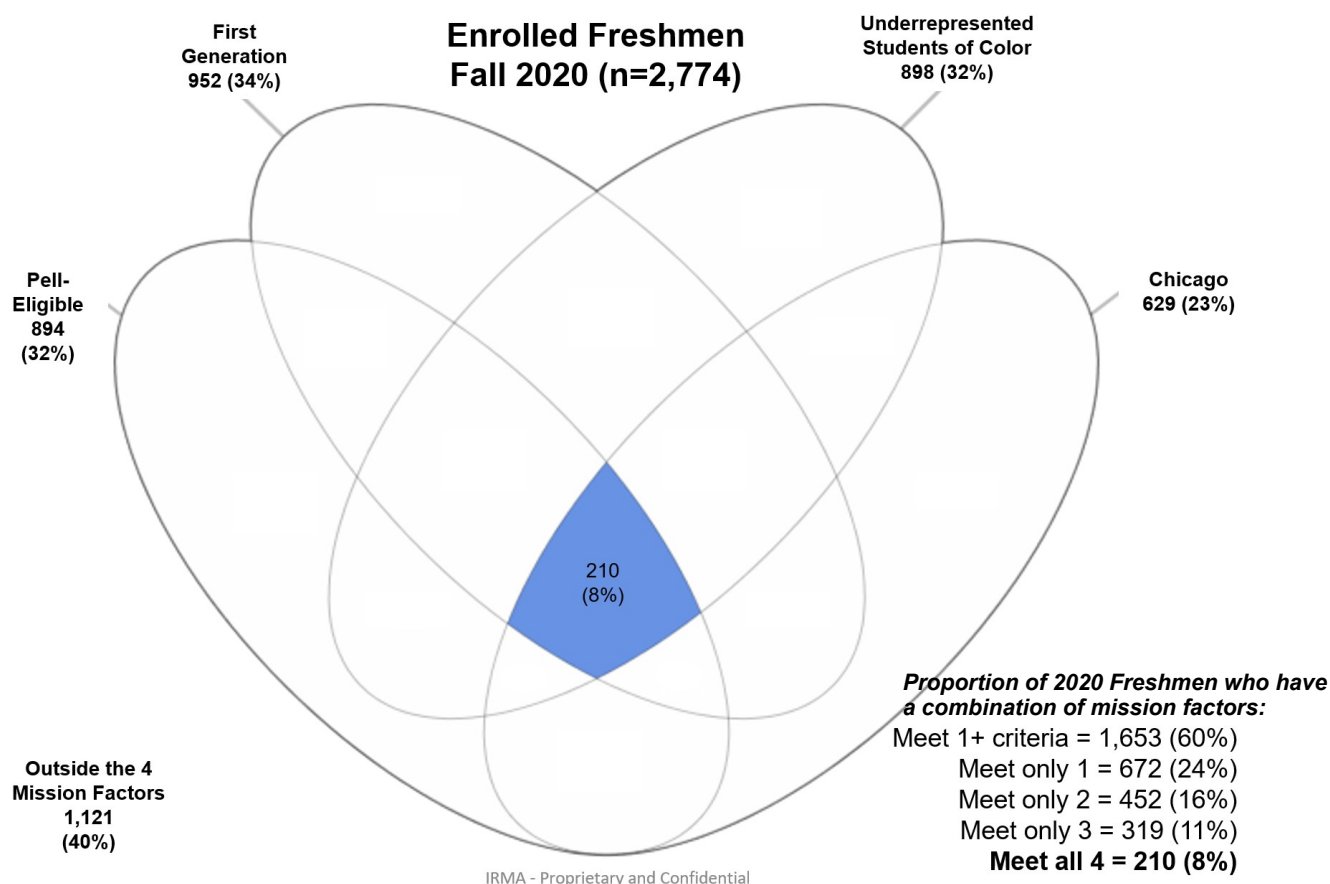
In fall 2020, 60 percent of new freshmen identified with at least one mission characteristic, compared with 57 percent in 2019.

There are four traits that are 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 Student of Color:** Race/ethnicity is African-American, Hispanic/Latinx, or American Indian/Alaskan Native.
- **Chicago Resident:** Lives within the Chicago city limits (does not include Chicago suburbs), and based on parent's address.

This fall, eight percent of freshmen met all four mission characteristics, compared with six percent in 2019. Over the past five years, more than half of all freshmen have consistently met at least one mission characteristic.

This fall's incoming freshman class was the largest in university history, with an increase of 147 students over last year. In addition to this record year, the proportion of freshmen in each mission category has also increased compared to fall 2019: Chicago freshmen increased 5 percentage points, underrepresented students of color increased 3 percentage points, low income freshmen increased 2 percentage points, and first generation freshmen increased 1 percentage point.



Source: IRMA Enrollment Files

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