

58% of 2021 New Freshmen Identify with at least one Mission Characteristic

In fall 2021, 58% of new freshmen identified with at least one mission characteristic, compared with 60% in 2020.

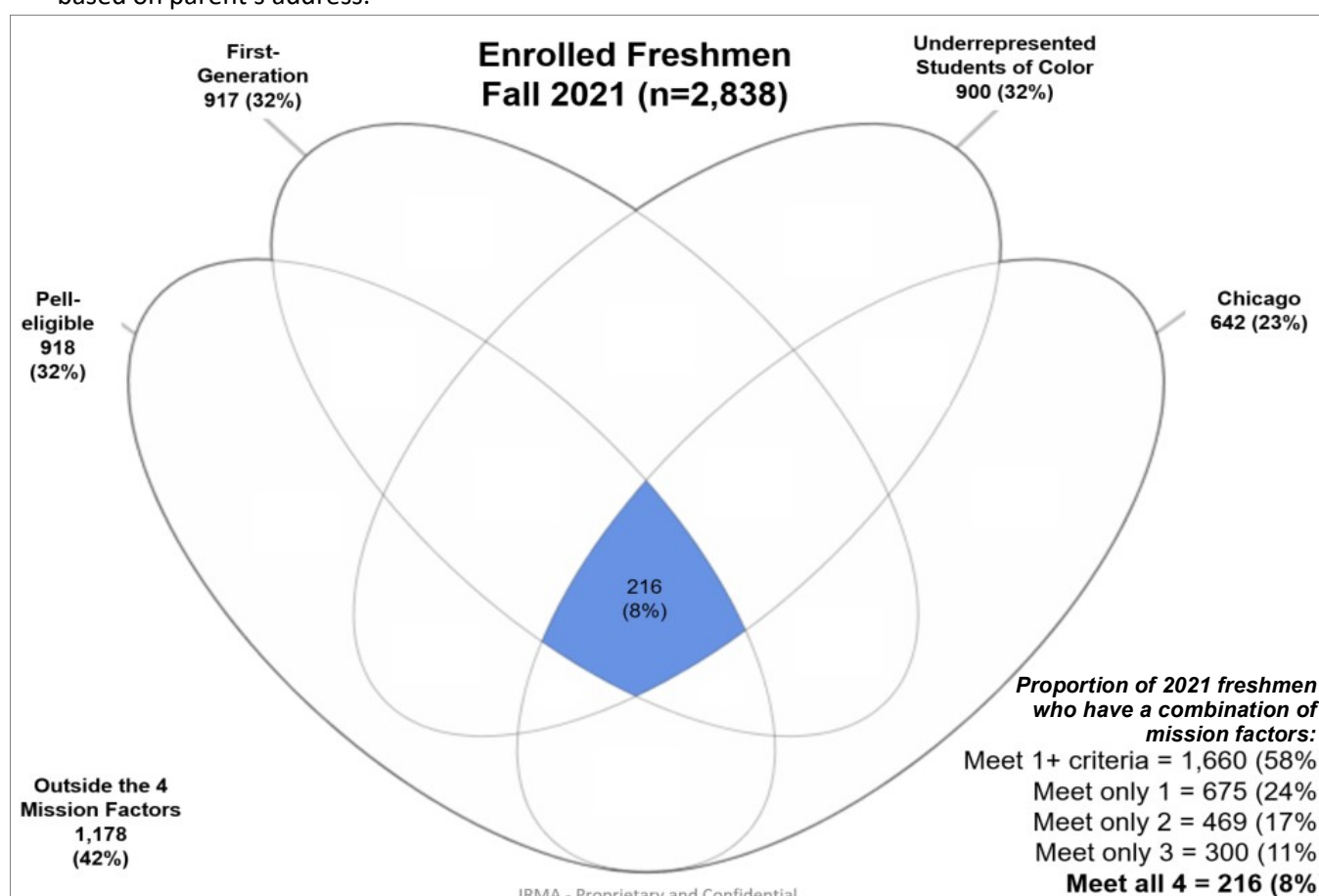
There are four traits that are used to identify DePaul's mission characteristics:

- **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 includes American Indian/Alaskan Native, African American, Hispanic/Latinx, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.
- **Chicago Resident:** Lives within the Chicago city limits (does not include Chicago suburbs), and is based on parent's address.

This fall, 8% of freshmen met all four mission characteristics, which is consistent with fall 2020. 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 64 students over last year. In addition to this record year, the proportion of freshmen in each mission category has remained consistent as the size of DePaul's entering freshman classes continue to grow.

For more information on freshmen with mission characteristics, see the [Fall 2021 Mission Characteristics \(Mission Tulips\)](#) report posted on IRMA's website.



Source: IRMA Enrollment Files

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Additional research related to new students can be found on the Student Market Matrix [here](#).