DePaul African-American Enrollment Grows at the Graduate Level

From 2004 to 2012*, total enrollment of African-American students at DePaul increased by 6 percent. This overall trend results from the significant 39 percent increase in the number of African-American graduate students while undergraduate enrollment declined by 6 percent during this time. As a result, graduate students accounted for 37 percent of African-American enrollment in 2012 compared to 28 percent in 2004.

DePaul’s trend mirrors the overall enrollment trend at not-for-profit private institutions in Illinois. From 2004 to 2012, the 41 percent increase in African-American graduate students at not-for-profit institutions statewide resulted in graduate students accounting for a third of all African-American enrollment in 2012, compared to a quarter in 2004 (33 and 24 percent, respectively). The 6 percent decline in undergraduates at DePaul is notably less than the 9 percent decline at Illinois not-for-profit private institutions over this period.

In 2012, DePaul enrolled 11 percent of all African-American students enrolling at not-for-profit private institutions across Illinois, including 11 percent of all undergraduates and 12 percent of graduate students.