

Freshman Admission Summary 2022



Division of Enrollment Management

Dear colleagues,

The fall 2022 recruitment cycle in many ways felt like a year of ‘back to normal’—students visited campuses in-person instead of on zoom, staff attended college fairs and high school visits instead of hosting webinars, and tour guides could be seen showing off both the Lincoln Park and Loop campuses. Beneath this sense of normalcy however, higher education and admissions specifically continued to evolve at a fast pace. Despite these challenges, this fall DePaul welcomed yet another record-breaking freshman cohort, enrolling 2,968 students.

Applications and admits stayed relatively steady between Fall 2021 and Fall 2022 levels, but a greater percentage of admitted students enrolled this year, an enrollment management feat that is rare as the high school graduate demographic cliff looms over us. 37% of enrolling freshman came from out-of-state, and 57% of the freshman class applied test-optional, with overall academic profile exceeding that of previous years.

In line with DePaul’s mission to make a college education accessible to all qualified students, this freshman class represents students from a diverse set of backgrounds. This fall, 47% of freshmen are students of color, 35% are first-generation, 35% are Pell-eligible and 21% are from the City of Chicago.

Although many of the recruitment activities that made up the Fall 2022 cycle felt familiar, the needs of students and parents have changed, competition between institutions for a smaller group of high school graduates intensified, and the perceived value of a higher education was questioned more than ever before. The freshman admissions team as well as numerous campus partners have shown incredible innovation and flexibility in the face of this quickly evolving landscape. This summary is a testament to the hard work and dedication of so many members of the DePaul community that resulted in another record-setting freshman class.

Sincerely,

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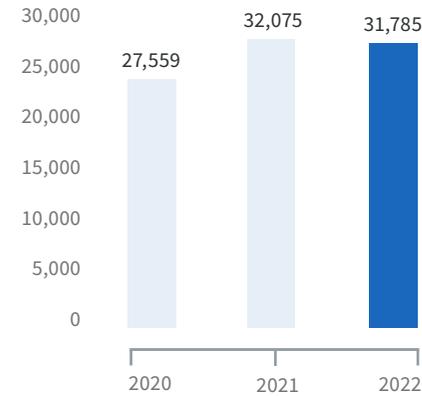
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Freshman Admission Trends

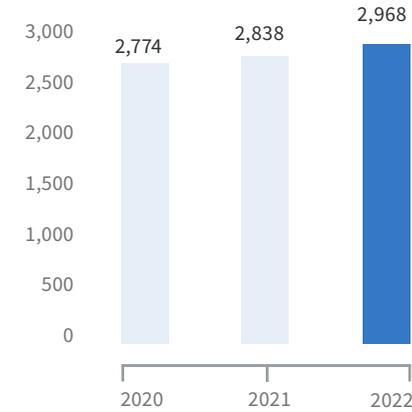
DePaul has seen six consecutive years of growth in the freshman class and welcomed the largest freshman class in university history in 2022. This fall, DePaul enrolled 2,968 freshmen, an increase of 130 students from last fall.

Freshman Applicants, Enrollment and Admission Rates

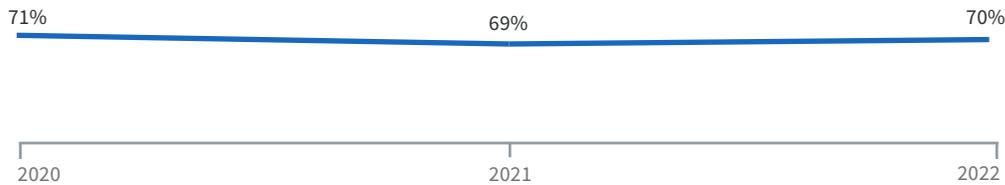
Applicants



Enrollment

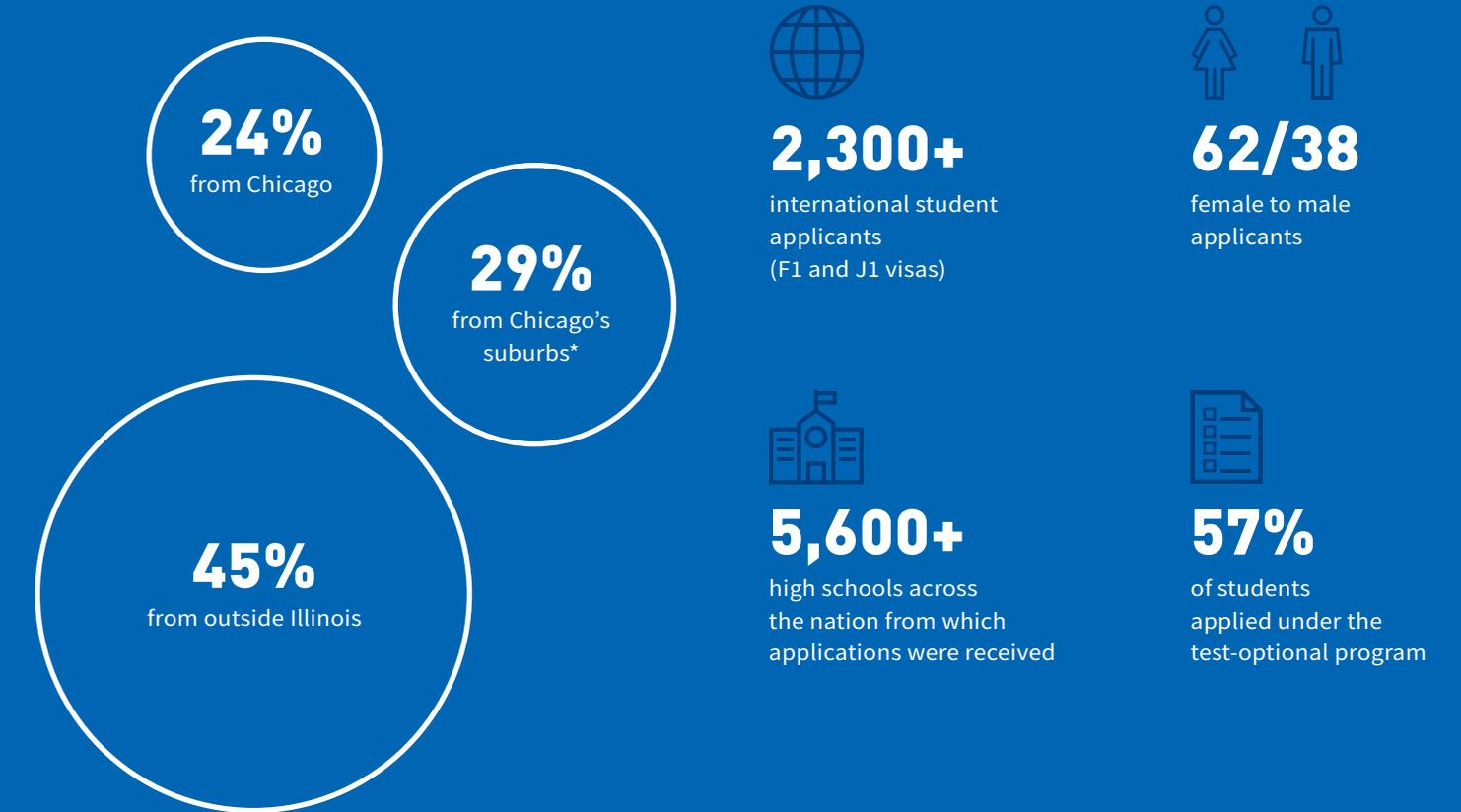


Admission Rates



In 2022, 31,785 students applied to DePaul for freshman admission.

Applicants



* 2% are from other parts of Illinois.

New Freshman Academic Profile

Measures of high school preparation are among the strongest in university history. Enrollment grew in almost all colleges, and the most popular 10 majors enrolled nearly half of new freshmen.

High School Academic Profile



3.82

average high school GPA



1188

average SAT composite*

1,623 students enrolled through the Test-Optional Program

New Freshmen by College

College	Students Enrolled
Jarvis College of Computing and Digital Media	
2020	697
2021	770
2022	817
Driehaus College of Business	
2020	606
2021	642
2022	699
College of Science and Health	
2020	568
2021	539
2022	579

*Average SAT composite includes scores for students who applied through the test-optional program and submitted scores post-admission for research purposes. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, standardized tests were widely unavailable for students, resulting in many institutions adopting a test-optional or test-blind policy. DePaul has been test-optional since 2012.

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences	Students Enrolled
2020	480
2021	456
2022	490

College of Communication	Students Enrolled
2020	159
2021	160
2022	164

The Theatre School	Students Enrolled
2020	110
2021	109
2022	96

College of Education	Students Enrolled
2020	96
2021	95
2022	72

School of Music	Students Enrolled
2020	58
2021	67
2022	51

Most Popular Majors for New Freshmen

Major	Students Enrolled
Film and television	364
Computer science	174
Psychology	173
Accounting	135
Finance	121
Health sciences	117
Marketing	101
Political science	100
Business administration	90
Biological sciences	89

In addition, 348 students are undeclared.

Seventy-nine new freshmen began their first quarter at DePaul with enough AP, IB or dual-enrollment credits to earn sophomore or junior status.

New Freshman Diversity

DePaul continues a long-standing tradition of being among the most diverse selective institutions in the country. When measuring a combination of selectivity and diversity—including ethnic, geographic and socioeconomic diversity, as well as parental educational attainment—only a few institutions compare favorably to DePaul.

New Freshmen by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Year	Students Enrolled
Caucasian	2020	1,358
	2021	1,381
	2022	1,430
Hispanic/Latinx	2020	703
	2021	692
	2022	727
Asian/Pacific Islander	2020	311
	2021	309
	2022	350
African American	2020	192
	2021	207
	2022	202

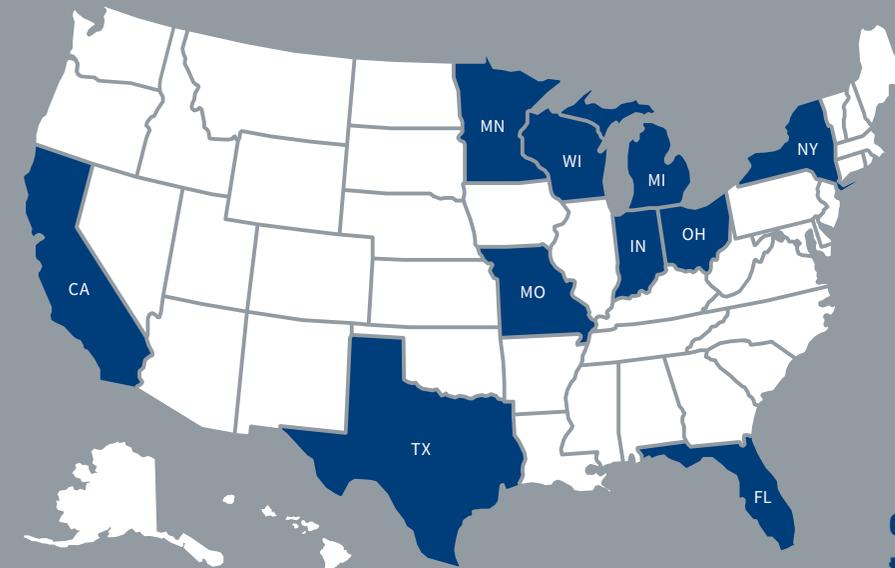
Multiracial/Non-Hispanic	Students Enrolled
2020	146
2021	119
2022	129
Other/Unreported	
2020	26
2021	39
2022	44
International*	
2020	38
2021	91
2022	85

To comply with federal standards on reporting of race and ethnicity, students must identify their ethnicity and their race. For ethnicity, students must select either Hispanic or non-Hispanic. Race is then reported only for students who are non-Hispanic. A student may indicate a single race (e.g., Asian, African American, etc.) or "two or more races" (i.e., multiracial).

*Includes students with all visa types.

47% of the freshman class are students of color.

Top Feeder States Outside Illinois



Top 10 Feeder States	2020	2021	2022
California	106	128	150
Michigan	71	92	84
Minnesota	70	65	82
Wisconsin	60	74	77
Indiana	47	50	70
Ohio	59	75	68
Texas	53	68	63
Missouri	42	49	48
Florida	28	28	32
New York	29	36	28

California, Michigan and Minnesota were the top home states for out-of-state freshmen. Combined, these three states made up 30% of freshmen from out of state.

New Freshmen by Geographic Diversity

37%

of freshmen came from out-of-state

60+

freshmen came from each of these states: California, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and Texas

25+

freshmen from each of these Illinois high schools: Lane Tech, Taft, Niles West, Glenbrook South, Maine South, New Trier, Oak Park/River Forest and Niles North

85

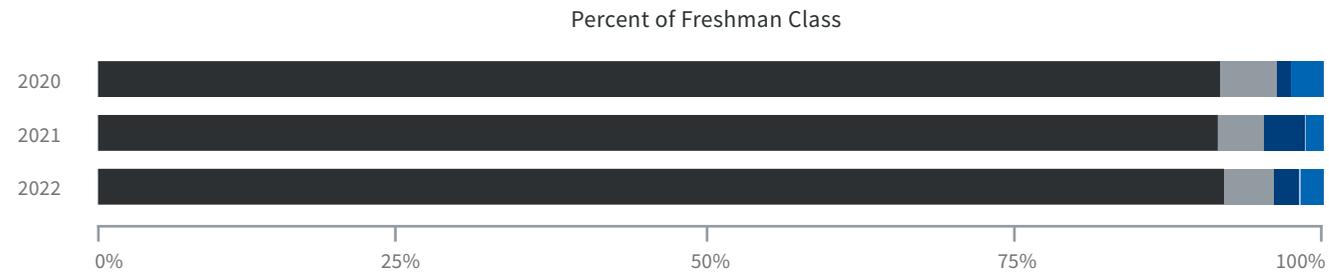
international freshmen (on F1/J1 visas). Top countries include: India, China, Vietnam, Brazil and Mexico

New Freshman Financial Aid Profile

DePaul awards its institutional aid in a manner consistent with mission-based principles of making a high-quality education available to promising students, including those who are otherwise unable to afford attending a selective, private institution.

Institutional Aid Distribution by Amount

DePaul has intentionally responded to the increasing affordability challenges of parents and students.



Institutional Award Amount

More than \$15,000
 \$10,000 to \$15,000
 \$5,000 to \$10,000
 Up to \$5,000
 No DePaul Aid



81%

of enrolling students received more than \$20,000 in financial aid from DePaul University sources in 2022

35%

of freshmen from Illinois received a Pell grant and/or an Illinois MAP award

Financial Aid Profile

DePaul prides itself on making a high-quality educational experience accessible to students of all socioeconomic backgrounds.



\$72M+

amount DePaul awarded in institutional grants and scholarships to enrolling freshmen

5,400+

applicants for the Chicago Promise and State Scholar Plus scholarships

500+

freshmen received the Chicago Promise and State Scholar Plus scholarships

New Freshmen by Socioeconomic Diversity and Parental Attainment



31%

of class eligible for the federal Pell Grant for low-income students



91%

of freshmen filed for financial aid (completed the FAFSA)



35%

of freshmen are from families in which neither parent has a bachelor's degree (first-generation)

University Honors Program

DePaul enrolled 383 freshmen in the University Honors Program this fall. The program brings students together in an interdisciplinary curriculum that integrates a well-designed liberal arts education with the cultural resources of the global city of Chicago. Working in small seminars under the direction of dedicated faculty, honors students join a scholarly community engaging in transformative experiences.

Academic Highlights for Honors Program Freshmen



4.2

average high school GPA of entering freshmen in the Honors Program



1268 points

average SAT score for freshmen in the Honors Program

75% of Honors freshmen graduate within four years, 20 percentage points higher than freshmen overall.

High School Academic Profile

383 matriculants total**

High School GPA

4.0 and higher	273
3.5–3.99	93
under 3.5	8



272

number of high schools from which freshmen in the Honors Program come



31

number of different states from which freshmen in the Honors Program come

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** Figures will not sum to 383 because students can have missing data.

Pathways Program in Health Sciences

In October 2012, DePaul announced an agreement with Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science that included opportunities for DePaul students interested in pursuing a career in one of the rapidly growing professions in health sciences. The Pathways Program was developed specifically for entering freshmen to take advantage of this exciting partnership. These students bring drive, focus and extraordinary academic credentials.



4.25

average high school GPA



37%

first-generation college students



63%

students of color



28%

from out of state



22%

are male



17%

from Chicago Public Schools

DePaul enrolled 145 new freshmen in the program, or about 5% of the entering class.

64% of freshmen in the Pathways Program in Health Sciences graduate within four years, 10 percentage points higher than freshmen overall.

Select Admission Initiatives

Test-Optional Admission

This fall, 57% of the freshman class, or 1,683 students, enrolled through the test-optional program. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, standardized test were widely unavailable for students, resulting in many institutions adopting a test-optional or test-blind policy this admission cycle. DePaul has been test-optional since 2012.

Our research shows that the single best predictor of college success—by an overwhelming margin—is high school performance in a rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum.

The enrolling freshmen who did not submit test scores have a comparable high school GPA with freshmen who applied with test scores—3.78 compared with 3.82.

New Test-Optional Freshmen by Ethnicity

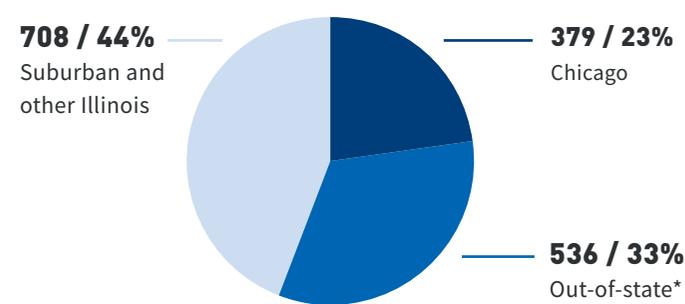
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Caucasian	695
Hispanic/Latinx	498
Asian/Pacific Islander	191
Black	142
Multiracial/Non-Hispanic	69
Other/Unreported	28

Other includes American Indian/Alaskan Native, Nonresident Alien and unknown.

New Test-Optional Freshmen by Geography

1,623 test-optional matriculants



*out-of-state includes 4 out-of-country students

DePaul Grads Are Ready to Succeed

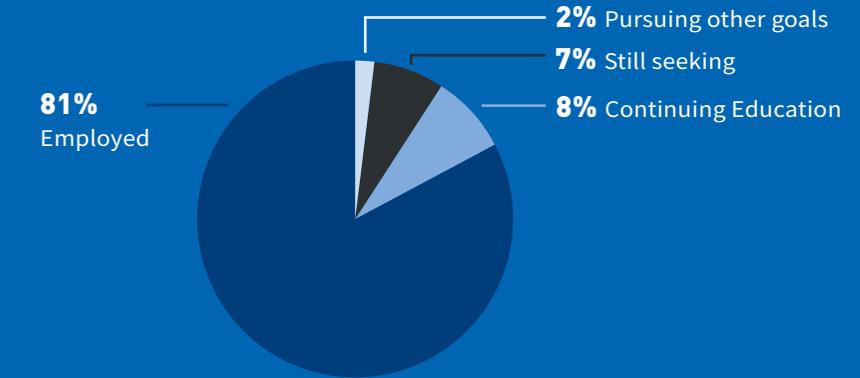
DePaul offers you countless opportunities to do extraordinary things that make you stand out from the rest. Whether it's landing your ideal job or getting into your top grad school choice, we'll help make it happen. The information is based on data gathered from 6,884 out of 9,262 graduates.

Career Success Rate (Bachelor Degree Recipients)

92%

employed, continuing education or pursuing other goals within six months of graduation

Career Outcomes



35%

of graduates did an internship during their time at DePaul



17,000+

internships posted in Handshake annually

For more information on resources and outcomes:
go.depaul.edu/careersuccess

*Totals may not sum to 100% due to rounding

DePaul at a Glance

The DePaul story is so much more than numbers and rankings—it's the product of the unique way we see the world and how and where our students learn. As long as we keep that in mind, we can use relevant data to sharpen our message and strengthen our story. Here are a few, current statistical highlights.

Students and Programs

20,917

number of students enrolled at DePaul in fall 2022

325+

number of undergraduate and graduate programs of study offered on two campuses in Chicago

Graduation Rate and Post-Graduation Outcomes

69%

six-year graduation rate

92%

of bachelor recipients employed, continuing education or pursuing other goals within six months of graduation

Faculty

860

full-time faculty members in 10 colleges and schools at DePaul

83%

percentage of faculty members who hold a PhD or the highest degree in their fields

Alumni

206,000+

number of DePaul alumni living in over 90 countries

124,500+

number of DePaul alumni living and working in metropolitan Chicago

Retention Rate and Degrees

84%

DePaul's first-year retention rate in 2022, exceeding the national average for private universities

5,900+

number of undergraduate and graduate degrees DePaul awards annually

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