## Fraternity \& Sorority Life | Historical Membership Trends (2010-2021)

Over the course of the past 11 years at Bentley, membership in Fraternity \& Sorority Life (FSL or Greek Life) doubled, increasing steadily and consistently each year. The share of undergraduate students affiliated with a fraternity or sorority chapter increased from $\mathbf{9 \%}$ to $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ during that time and has hovered between $19 \%$ and $20 \%$ over the last three years.


The average spring fraternity new member class size has been about 12 students each year; however, from 2011 to 2018, the average sorority new member class size more than doubled, increasing from 18 to 38 and now sits at 31 .

The share of fraternity versus sorority members within the larger FSL community previously reached parity in 2018 for the first time since prior to 2011. This parity has changed since 2018, with sorority members holding the majority share of membership in the FSL community in 2019, 2020, and 2021. Since 2018, women have had more opportunities to affiliate with Greek Life (the establishment of Kappa Delta), and the increasing sorority share of FSL membership displays this positive trend. This positive trend is especially encouraging given the gender makeup of the campus in general and the need to do more to support the experiences of women on campus.


| Academic Year | $2010-$ <br> 2011 | $2011-$ <br> 2012 | $2012-$ <br> 2013 | $2013-$ <br> 2014 | $2014-$ <br> 2015 | $2015-$ <br> 2016 | $2016-$ <br> 2017 | $2017-$ <br> 2018 | $2018-$ <br> 2019 | $2019-$ <br> 2020 | $2020-$ <br> 2021 |
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| Pndergraduate <br> Students in FSL | $9 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Undergraduate <br> Students in FSL | 401 | 443 | 520 | 560 | 526 | 617 | 657 | 765 | 819 | 832 | 805 |
| Fraternity <br> Members | 211 | 231 | 308 | 308 | 304 | 332 | 352 | 381 | 373 | 363 | 346 |
| Sorority <br> Members | 190 | 212 | 212 | 252 | 222 | 285 | 305 | 384 | 446 | 469 | 459 |
| Fraternity Share <br> of Members | $53 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| Sorority Share of <br> Members | $47 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $57 \%$ |
| Total New <br> Members* | 179 | 145 | 144 | 214 | 223 | 256 | 291 | 267 | $288 * * *$ | 225 | 240 |
| Spring Fraternity <br> New Members** | 15 | 7 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 28 |
| Spring Sorority <br> New Members* | 18 | 14 | 15 | 18 | 26 | 28 | 35 | 38 | 23 | 28 | 31 |

*There are two years in which membership did not increase due to the suspension/removal of chapters.
**Average Spring New Member Class size is the best indicator of student interest in joining the community, as the Spring semester is Bentley's primary recruitment season and first semester in which first-year students can join a chapter. However, Total New Members includes both Fall and Spring new members.
*** 2018-2019 saw an atypically high increase in membership due to the establishment of a new chapter.

