NSSE 2013
Selected Comparison Groups

University of South Carolina Columbia

Customized Comparison Groups

The NSSE *Institutional Report* displays core survey results for your students alongside those of three comparison groups. In June, your institution was invited to customize these groups via the "Report Form" on the Institution Interface. This report summarizes how your comparison groups were selected and lists the institutions within them.

NSSE comparison groups may be customized by (a) identifying specific institutions from the list of all current-year participants, (b) composing the group by selecting institutional characteristics, or (c) a combination of these. Institutions that choose not to customize receive default groups[a] that provide relevant comparisons for most institutions.

Institutions that appended additional question sets in the form of topical modules or through consortium participation were also invited to customize comparison groups for the corresponding reports by choosing from the institutions where the question sets were administered. The default for these groups is all other institutions where the questions were included. Please note: Comparison groups for additional question sets (topical modules and consortium questions) are documented within those reports.

Report Comparisons

Comparison groups are located in the institutional reports as illustrated in the mock report at right. The three groups are "Public Research Univ," "Large Public," and "NSSE 2013."

Your Students' Responses — **Comparison Group 1** — **Comparison Group 2** — **Comparison Group 3**

First-Year Students

Frequency Distributions[a]

Item wording or description	Variable name [c]	Values [d]	Response options	NSSEville State Count	%	Public Research Univ Count	%	Large Public Count	%	NSSE 2013 Count	%
1. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?											
a. Asked questions or contributed to course discussions in other ways	askquest	1	Never	13	3	234	2	1,029	3	3,632	3
		2	Sometimes	151	33	4,325	30	1,8 8	33	41,152	34
		3	Often	150	36	5,7	5	3,705	35	41,523	34
		4	Very often	120	28	4,855	33	11,448	29	34,678	29
			Total	434	100	14,551	100	39,080	100	120,985	100

SAMPLE

Reading This Report

This report consists of three sections that provide details for each of your comparison groups, illustrated at right.

Comparison Group Name
The name assigned to the comparison group is listed here.

How Group was Selected
Indicates whether your group was drawn from a list, built based on criteria, or is the default group. If institutional characteristics were used to build your comparison group, they are listed here.

Institution List
The names, cities and states or provinces of the comparison institutions are listed for your reference.

Comparison Group 1: Public Research Univ

This section summarizes how this group was identified, including selection criteria and whether the default group was used. This is followed by the resulting list of institutions in this group.

Date submitted	7/2/13
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this group by selecting institutional characteristics as follows: Sector (Pub); Basic Classification (RU/VH, RU/H)
Group description	No description provided

SAMPLE

'Public Research Univ' institutions (N=57)

Auburn University (Auburn University, AL)	University of Montana (Missoula, MT)
Bowling Green State University (Bowling Green, OH)	University of Nebraska at Lincoln (Lincoln, NE)
Clemson University (Clemson, SC)	University of Nevada, Reno (Reno, NV)
College of William & Mary (Williamsburg, VA)	University of New Hampshire (Durham, NH)
Colorado School of Mines (Golden, CO)	University of North Dakota (Grand Forks, ND)
Florida Atlantic University (Boca Raton, FL)	University of North Texas (Denton, TX)
Iowa State University (Ames, IA)	University of Oklahoma (Norman, OK)
Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS)	University of Rhode Island (Kingston, RI)

a. The default groups are:

Comparison Group 1 - For institutions not in a NSSE consortium, this group contains current-year institutions in the same geographic region and sector (public/private). For consortium institutions, it contains results for the other consortium members.

Comparison Group 2 - All other current-year U.S. NSSE institutions sharing your institution's Basic Carnegie Classification. (Canadian institutions are not classified by the Carnegie Foundation, and must identify a comparison group.)

Comparison Group 3 - All other current-year U.S. NSSE institutions (Canadian participants are also included in this group for Canadian institutions).

Comparison Group 1: Southeast Public

This section summarizes how this group was identified, including selection criteria and whether the default group was used. This is followed by the resulting list of institutions in this group.

Date submitted	Not applicable; comparison group not customized.
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution did not customize this comparison group; the default group (region and sector) was used. Your default group is: Region (SE); Sector (Pub)
Group description	Default comparison group

'Southeast Public' institutions (N=47)

Alabama State University (Montgomery, AL)

Armstrong Atlantic State University (Savannah, GA)

Auburn University (Auburn University, AL)

Auburn University at Montgomery (Montgomery, AL)

Austin Peay State University (Clarksville, TN)

Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, The (Charleston, SC)

Clayton State University (Morrow, GA)

Clemson University (Clemson, SC)

Coastal Carolina University (Conway, SC)

College of Charleston (Charleston, SC)

College of William & Mary (Williamsburg, VA)

Concord University (Athens, WV)

Dalton State College (Dalton, GA)

Eastern Kentucky University (Richmond, KY)

Fayetteville State University (Fayetteville, NC)

Florida Atlantic University (Boca Raton, FL)

Florida Gulf Coast University (Fort Myers, FL)

Francis Marion University (Florence, SC)

Georgia Gwinnett College (Lawrenceville, GA)

Lander University (Greenwood, SC)

Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (Baton Rouge, LA)

Marshall University (Huntington, WV)

Mississippi State University (Mississippi State, MS)

Mississippi University for Women (Columbus, MS)

New College of Florida (Sarasota, FL)

Norfolk State University (Norfolk, VA)

Shepherd University (Shepherdstown, WV)

Southern University at New Orleans (New Orleans, LA)

Tennessee State University (Nashville, TN)

University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa, AL)

University of Alabama in Huntsville (Huntsville, AL)

University of Arkansas (Fayetteville, AR)

University of Arkansas - Fort Smith (Fort Smith, AR)

University of Arkansas at Little Rock (Little Rock, AR)

University of Mississippi (University, MS)

University of North Carolina Wilmington (Wilmington, NC)

University of South Alabama (Mobile, AL)

University of South Carolina-Beaufort (Bluffton, SC)

University of South Florida (Tampa, FL)

University of South Florida-St. Petersburg Campus (St. Petersburg, FL)

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, The (Chattanooga, TN)

University of Tennessee Martin, The (Martin, TN)

University of West Florida, The (Pensacola, FL)

University of West Georgia (Carrollton, GA)

Virginia Military Institute (Lexington, VA)

West Virginia University (Morgantown, WV)

Winston-Salem State University (Winston-Salem, NC)

Comparison Group 2: Carnegie Class

This section summarizes how this group was identified, including selection criteria and whether the default group was used. This is followed by the resulting list of institutions in this group.

Date submitted	Not applicable; comparison group not customized.
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution did not customize this comparison group; the default group (Carnegie Classification) was used. Your default group is: Basic Classification (RU/VH)
Group description	Default comparison group

'Carnegie Class' institutions (N=21)

Carnegie Mellon University (Pittsburgh, PA)

Iowa State University (Ames, IA)

Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (Baton Rouge, LA)

Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI)

Mississippi State University (Mississippi State, MS)

North Dakota State University (Fargo, ND)

Ohio State University, The (Columbus, OH)

Oregon State University (Corvallis, OR)

Tulane University of Louisiana (New Orleans, LA)

University of Alabama in Huntsville (Huntsville, AL)

University of Arkansas (Fayetteville, AR)

University of Cincinnati (Cincinnati, OH)

University of Colorado Boulder (Boulder, CO)

University of Connecticut (Storrs, CT)

University of Houston (Houston, TX)

University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS)

University of Nebraska at Lincoln (Lincoln, NE)

University of Oklahoma (Norman, OK)

University of South Florida (Tampa, FL)

University of Utah (Salt Lake City, UT)

University of Washington-Seattle (Seattle, WA)

Comparison Group 3: NSSE 2013

This section summarizes how this group was identified, including selection criteria and whether the default group was used. This is followed by the resulting list of institutions in this group.

Date submitted	Not applicable; comparison group not customized.
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution did not customize this comparison group; the default group (All U.S. NSSE 2013) was used.
Group description	Default comparison group

'NSSE 2013' institutions (N=567)

ALL U.S. NSSE 2013 INSTITUTIONS

View list at nsse.iub.edu/pdf/nsse2013_list.pdf