



NSSE 2014

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 May, your institution was invited to customize these groups via the "Report Form" on the Institution Interface. This report summarizes how your comparison groups were constructed and lists the institutions within them.

NSSE comparison groups may be customized by (a) identifying specific institutions from the list of all 2013 and 2014 NSSE 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 2013 (if applicable) and 2014 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. In this example, the three groups are "Public Master's L," "Large Public," and "NSSE 2013 & 2014."

				Your Students' Responses	Comparison Group 1	Comparison Group 2	Comparison Group 3				
					NSSEville State	Public Master's L	Large Public	NSSE 2013 & 2014			
					Count	%	Count	%	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	45	4	1,462	5	81	5	3,978	3
		2	Sometimes	450	37	13,001	39	6,110	40	43,752	33
		3	Often	428	34	11,455	34	5,911	34	47,737	35
		4	Very often	307	25	7,173	22	3,759	21	39,041	28
			Total	1,230	100	33,087	100	17,396	100	134,508	100

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 Constructed

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. NSSE 2013 participants are identified with an asterisk.

Comparison Group 1: Public Master's L

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	6/23/14
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this group by selecting institutional characteristics as follows: Sector (Pub); Basic Classification (Master's L)
Group description	Public, Carnegie-classified Master's Large Universities.

'Public Master's L' Institutions (N=124)

Alabama State University (Montgomery, AL)*	Georgia College & State University (Milledgeville, GA)
Armstrong State University (Savannah, GA)	Grand Valley State University (Allendale, MI)*
Auburn University at Montgomery (Montgomery, AL)*	Jacksonville State University (Jacksonville, AL)
Austin Peay State University (Clarksville, TN)	James Madison University (Harrisonburg, VA)
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (Bloomsburg, PA)	Kean University (Union, NJ)*
Bridgewater State University (Bridgewater, MA)	Kennesaw State University (Kennesaw, GA)
California State Polytechnic University-Pomona (Pomona, CA)	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania (Kutztown, PA)*
California State University-Bakersfield (Bakersfield, CA)	Marshall University (Huntington, WV)

a. The default groups are:

Comparison Group 1: For institutions not in a NSSE consortium, this group contains 2013 and 2014 NSSE institutions in the same geographic region and sector (public/private). For consortium institutions, it contains results for the other 2013 (if applicable) and 2014 consortium members.

Comparison Group 2: All other 2013 and 2014 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 2013 and 2014 U.S. NSSE institutions (2013 and 2014 Canadian participants are also included in this group for Canadian institutions).

Comparison Group 1: AAU Publics

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	6/13/14
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all 2013 and 2014 NSSE participants.
Group description	Comparison to public institutions part of the Association of American Universities (AAU).

'AAU Publics' institutions (N=8)

- Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta, GA)
- Iowa State University (Ames, IA)*
- Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI)*
- Stony Brook University (Stony Brook, NY)
- The Ohio State University (Columbus, OH)*
- University of Colorado Boulder (Boulder, CO)*
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Urbana, IL)
- University of Maryland (College Park, MD)

Comparison Group 2: Carnegie Class RU/VH

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	6/13/14
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this group by selecting institutional characteristics as follows: Basic Classification (RU/VH)
Group description	Research universities with very high research activity.

'Carnegie Class RU/VH' institutions (N=43)

Boston University (Boston, MA)	University of South Florida (Tampa, FL)*
Carnegie Mellon University (Pittsburgh, PA)*	University of Utah (Salt Lake City, UT)*
Florida State University (Tallahassee, FL)	University of Washington-Seattle (Seattle, WA)*
Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta, GA)	University of Wisconsin-Madison (Madison, WI)
Georgia State University (Atlanta, GA)	Virginia Commonwealth University (Richmond, VA)
Iowa State University (Ames, IA)*	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Blacksburg, VA)
Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (Baton Rouge, LA)*	Washington State University (Pullman, WA)
Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI)*	Yeshiva University (New York, NY)
Mississippi State University (Mississippi State, MS)	
Montana State University-Bozeman (Bozeman, MT)	
North Carolina State University (Raleigh, NC)	
North Dakota State University (Fargo, ND)*	
Oregon State University (Corvallis, OR)*	
Stony Brook University (Stony Brook, NY)	
The Ohio State University (Columbus, OH)*	
The University at Albany, SUNY (Albany, NY)	
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville (Knoxville, TN)	
Tulane University of Louisiana (New Orleans, LA)*	
University at Buffalo, State University of New York (Buffalo, NY)	
University of Alabama at Birmingham (Birmingham, AL)	
University of Alabama in Huntsville (Huntsville, AL)	
University of Arkansas (Fayetteville, AR)*	
University of Central Florida (Orlando, FL)	
University of Cincinnati (Cincinnati, OH)*	
University of Colorado Boulder (Boulder, CO)*	
University of Connecticut (Storrs, CT)*	
University of Delaware (Newark, DE)	
University of Georgia (Athens, GA)	
University of Houston (Houston, TX)	
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Urbana, IL)	
University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS)*	
University of Maryland (College Park, MD)	
University of Massachusetts Amherst (Amherst, MA)	
University of Nebraska at Lincoln (Lincoln, NE)*	
University of Oklahoma (Norman, OK)*	

* 2013 participant

Comparison Group 3: NSSE 2013 & 2014

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	6/13/14
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution retained the default comparison group (NSSE 2013 and 2014 U.S. institutions).
Group description	Default comparison group

'NSSE 2013 & 2014' institutions (N=983)

All other NSSE 2013 and 2014 U.S. participants

View list at nsse.iub.edu/pdf/nsse2013and2014_list.pdf