



NSSE 2015

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 2014 and 2015 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 2014 (if applicable) and 2015 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 "GLC Peers," "Private Master's S," and "NSSE 2014 & 2015."

		Your Students' Responses		Comparison Group 1		Comparison Group 2		Comparison Group 3			
				NSSEville State		GLC Peers		Private Master's S		NSSE 2014 & 2015	
Item wording or description	Variable name ^c	Values ^d	Response options	Count	%	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	8	5	3,978	3
		2	Sometimes	450	37	13,031	3	6,710	40	43,752	33
		3	Often	428	34	11,491	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 2014 participants are identified with an asterisk.

Comparison Group 1: GLC Peers

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	6/26/15
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution retained the default comparison group (region and sector). Your default group is: Region (Gr Lakes); Sector (Priv)
Group description	Our institution is satisfied with the default comparison for this group.

GLC Peers (N=106)

Adrian College (Adrian, MI)	Franciscan University of Steubenville (Steubenville, OH)
Albion College (Albion, MI)	Franklin College (Franklin, IN)
Alma College (Alma, MI)	Franklin University (Columbus, OH)
Alverno College (Milwaukee, WI)	Goshen College (Goshen, IN)
American InterContinental University Online (Hoffman Estates, IL)	Grace College and Theological Seminary (Winona Lake, IN)
Anderson University (Anderson, IN)	Greenville College (Greenville, IL)
Andrews University (Berrien Springs, MI)	Hanover College (Hanover, IN)
Aquinas College (Grand Rapids, MI)	Hiram College (Hiram, OH)

a. The default groups are:

Comparison Group 1: For institutions not in a NSSE consortium, this group contains 2014 and 2015 NSSE institutions in the same geographic region and sector (public/private). For consortium institutions, it contains results for the other 2014 (if applicable) and 2015 consortium members.

Comparison Group 2: All other 2014 and 2015 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 2014 and 2015 U.S. NSSE institutions (2014 and 2015 Canadian participants are also included in this group for Canadian institutions).

Comparison Group 1: CARNEGIE

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	6/9/15
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this group by selecting institutional characteristics as follows: Basic Classification (RU/VH)
Group description	No description provided

CARNEGIE (N=41)

Boston University (Boston, MA)*	University of Wisconsin-Madison (Madison, WI)*
Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, OH)	Virginia Commonwealth University (Richmond, VA)*
Florida State University (Tallahassee, FL)*	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Blacksburg, VA)*
Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta, GA)*	Washington State University (Pullman, WA)
Georgia State University (Atlanta, GA)*	Wayne State University (Detroit, MI)
Indiana University Bloomington (Bloomington, IN)	Yeshiva University (New York, NY)*
Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (Baton Rouge, LA)	
Mississippi State University (Mississippi State, MS)*	
Montana State University-Bozeman (Bozeman, MT)*	
North Carolina State University (Raleigh, NC)*	
Rutgers University-New Brunswick/Piscataway (New Brunswick, NJ)	
Stony Brook University (Stony Brook, NY)*	
Tulane University of Louisiana (New Orleans, LA)	
University at Albany, SUNY, The (Albany, NY)*	
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 Arizona, The (Tucson, AZ)	
University of Central Florida (Orlando, FL)*	
University of Cincinnati (Cincinnati, OH)	
University of Delaware (Newark, DE)*	
University of Georgia (Athens, GA)*	
University of Hawai'i at Manoa (Honolulu, HI)	
University of Houston (Houston, TX)	
University of Illinois at Chicago (Chicago, IL)	
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Urbana, IL)	
University of Kentucky (Lexington, KY)	
University of Louisville (Louisville, KY)	
University of Maryland (College Park, MD)*	
University of Massachusetts Amherst (Amherst, MA)*	
University of Miami (Coral Gables, FL)	
University of Missouri-Columbia (Columbia, MO)	
University of Oregon (Eugene, OR)	
University of South Florida (Tampa, FL)	
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, The (Knoxville, TN)*	

Comparison Group 2: AAU

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	6/9/15
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all 2014 and 2015 NSSE participants.
Group description	Association of American Universities

AAU (N=16)

Boston University (Boston, MA)*
 Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, OH)
 Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta, GA)*
 Indiana University Bloomington (Bloomington, IN)
 McGill University (Montreal, QC)*
 Rutgers University-New Brunswick/Piscataway (New Brunswick, NJ)
 Stony Brook University (Stony Brook, NY)*
 Tulane University of Louisiana (New Orleans, LA)
 University at Buffalo, State University of New York (Buffalo, NY)*
 University of Arizona, The (Tucson, AZ)
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Urbana, IL)
 University of Maryland (College Park, MD)*
 University of Missouri-Columbia (Columbia, MO)
 University of Oregon (Eugene, OR)
 University of Toronto (Toronto, ON)*
 University of Wisconsin-Madison (Madison, WI)*

*2014 participant

Comparison Group 3: SUG

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	6/9/15
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all 2014 and 2015 NSSE participants.
Group description	Southern University Group

SUG (N=18)

Auburn University (Auburn University, AL)
 Clemson University (Clemson, SC)
 Florida State University (Tallahassee, FL)*
 Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta, GA)*
 Georgia State University (Atlanta, GA)*
 Mississippi State University (Mississippi State, MS)*
 North Carolina State University (Raleigh, NC)*
 Oklahoma State University (Stillwater, OK)
 Texas Tech University (Lubbock, TX)
 University of Alabama at Birmingham (Birmingham, AL)*
 University of Delaware (Newark, DE)*
 University of Georgia (Athens, GA)*
 University of Houston (Houston, TX)
 University of Kentucky (Lexington, KY)
 University of Maryland (College Park, MD)*
 University of Mississippi (University, MS)*
 University of Tennessee, Knoxville, The (Knoxville, TN)*
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Blacksburg, VA)*