



NSSE 2013

Selected Comparison Groups

University of Rhode Island

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."

First-Year Students

Item wording or description	Variable name ^c	Values ^d	Response options	Your Students' Responses		Comparison Group 1		Comparison Group 2		Comparison Group 3	
				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 2 3 4	Never Sometimes Often Very often	13 151 150 120	3 33 36 28	234 4,325 5,177 4,855	2 30 15 33	1,029 1,818 3,050 11,448	3 13 35 29	3,632 41,152 41,523 34,678	3 34 34 29
		Total		434	100	14,551	100	39,080	100	120,985	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.

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

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.

'Public Research Univ' Institutions (N=57)

Auburn University (Auburn, 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: New England 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 (New Eng); Sector (Pub)
Group description	Default comparison group

'New England Public' institutions (N=15)

Central Connecticut State University (New Britain, CT)

Eastern Connecticut State University (Willimantic, CT)

Framingham State University (Framingham, MA)

Lyndon State College (Lyndonville, VT)

Plymouth State University (Plymouth, NH)

Rhode Island College (Providence, RI)

Salem State University (Salem, MA)

Southern Connecticut State University (New Haven, CT)

University of Connecticut (Storrs, CT)

University of Maine at Augusta (Augusta, ME)

University of Maine at Presque Isle (Presque Isle, ME)

University of Massachusetts Lowell (Lowell, MA)

University of New Hampshire (Durham, NH)

Western Connecticut State University (Danbury, CT)

Westfield State University (Westfield, MA)

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/H)
Group description	Default comparison group

'Carnegie Class' institutions (N=48)

Auburn University (Auburn University, AL)	University of New Hampshire (Durham, NH)
Baylor University (Waco, TX)	University of North Dakota (Grand Forks, ND)
Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA)	University of North Texas (Denton, TX)
Bowling Green State University (Bowling Green, OH)	University of South Alabama (Mobile, AL)
Brigham Young University (Provo, UT)	University of Texas at Arlington, The (Arlington, TX)
Catholic University of America, The (Washington, DC)	University of Texas at Dallas, The (Richardson, TX)
Clarkson University (Potsdam, NY)	University of Texas at El Paso, The (El Paso, TX)
Clemson University (Clemson, SC)	University of Texas at San Antonio, The (San Antonio, TX)
College of William & Mary (Williamsburg, VA)	University of Toledo (Toledo, OH)
Colorado School of Mines (Golden, CO)	West Virginia University (Morgantown, WV)
Florida Atlantic University (Boca Raton, FL)	Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo, MI)
Illinois Institute of Technology (Chicago, IL)	Wichita State University (Wichita, KS)
Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS)	Wright State University (Dayton, OH)
Loyola University Chicago (Chicago, IL)	
Miami University-Oxford (Oxford, OH)	
Missouri University of Science & Technology (Rolla, MO)	
Northeastern University (Boston, MA)	
Polytechnic Institute of New York University (Brooklyn, NY)	
Portland State University (Portland, OR)	
Saint Louis University (Saint Louis, MO)	
Southern Illinois University Carbondale (Carbondale, IL)	
Stevens Institute of Technology (Hoboken, NJ)	
Temple University (Philadelphia, PA)	
Texas Tech University (Lubbock, TX)	
University of Akron (Akron, OH)	
University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa, AL)	
University of Alaska Fairbanks (Fairbanks, AK)	
University of Colorado Denver (Denver, CO)	
University of Dayton (Dayton, OH)	
University of Maryland, Baltimore County (Baltimore, MD)	
University of Massachusetts Lowell (Lowell, MA)	
University of Mississippi (University, MS)	
University of Missouri-St. Louis (Saint Louis, MO)	
University of Montana (Missoula, MT)	
University of Nevada, Reno (Reno, NV)	

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