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 a 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 2016 and 2017 NSSE participants, (b) composing the group by selecting institutional characteristics, or (c) a combination of these. Institutions that chose not to customize received default groups 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 those reports. The default for those groups was all other 2016 and 2017 institutions where the questions were administered. Please note: Comparison group details for topical module and consortium reports are documented separately in 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 "Private Doc-Granting," "Carnegie UG Program," and "NSSE 2016 & 2017."

Reading This Report

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

About This Report

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 2016 participants are identified with an asterisk.

Comparison Group 1: Private Doc-Granting
This section summarizes data from the comparison group, including details such as the number of institutions included and any specific characteristics used to construct the group.

Comparison Group 2: Carnegie UG Program
This section provides a similar summary for the Carnegie UG Program comparison group.

Comparison Group 3: NSSE 2016 & 2017
This section offers data for the NSSE 2016 & 2017 comparison group.

First-Year Students
Frequency Distributions

Your Students' Responses

Comparison Group 1
Comparison Group 2
Comparison Group 3

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
   b. Sometimes
   c. Often
   d. Very often
   Total

   Count N
   45 4
   450 37
   428 34
   307 25
   1420 100
   100

   NSSEville State
   Private Doc-Granting
   Carnegie UG Program
   NSSE 2016 & 2017

Companion Group 1: Private Doc-Granting

Companion Group 2: Carnegie UG Program

Companion Group 3: NSSE 2016 & 2017

Comparison Group Details for Topical Module and Consortium Reports

Comparison Group 1: For institutions not in a NSSE consortium, this group contains 2016 and 2017 NSSE institutions in the same geographic region and sector (public/private), or consortium institutions, it contains results for the other 2016 (if applicable) and 2017 consortium members.

Comparison Group 2: All other 2016 and 2017 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 2016 and 2017 U.S. NSSE institutions (2016 and 2017 Canadian participants are also included in this group for Canadian institutions).
Comparison Group 1: California State

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.

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<td>Your institution retained the default comparison group (NSSE consortium). Your default group is: California State University</td>
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<td>Group description (as provided by your institution)</td>
<td>All other current- and prior-year (if applicable) NSSE institutions sharing your NSSE consortium &quot;California State University&quot;</td>
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California State (N=13)

California State Polytechnic University-Pomona (Pomona, CA)
California State University Maritime Academy (Vallejo, CA)
California State University-Bakersfield (Bakersfield, CA)
California State University-Channel Islands (Camarillo, CA)
California State University-Dominguez Hills (Carson, CA)
California State University-Long Beach (Long Beach, CA)
California State University-Los Angeles (Los Angeles, CA)
California State University, East Bay (Hayward, CA)
California State University, Fresno (Fresno, CA)
California State University, Monterey Bay (Seaside, CA)
California State University, Northridge (Northridge, CA)
California State University, Sacramento (Sacramento, CA)
San Jose State University (San Jose, CA)
Comparison Group 2: Urban Center Group

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 5/18/17

How was this comparison group constructed?

Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all 2016 and 2017 NSSE participants.

Group description

No description provided

Urban Center Group (N=13)

Chadron State College (Chadron, NE)
Georgia Southwestern State University (Americus, GA)
Henderson State University (Arkadelphia, AR)
Lock Haven University (Lock Haven, PA)
Longwood University (Farmville, VA)
Northern Michigan University (Marquette, MI)
Southwest Minnesota State University (Marshall, MN)
State University of New York at Potsdam, The (Potsdam, NY)
Truman State University (Kirksville, MO)
University of Tennessee Martin, The (Martin, TN)
University of Wisconsin-River Falls (River Falls, WI)
Western New Mexico University (Silver City, NM)
Western Oregon University (Monmouth, OR)
Comparison Group 3: NSSE 2016 & 2017

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.

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Group description (as provided by your institution) | Default comparison group

NSSE 2016 & 2017 (N=961)

All other NSSE 2016 and 2017 U.S. participants

View list at nsse.indiana.edu/pdf/nsse2016and2017_list.pdf