NSSE 2015
Selected Comparison Groups
Mansfield University of Pennsylvania
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 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.

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."

### Report Comparisons

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### 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.

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**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.

- **Data submitted:**
- **How was this comparison group constructed?**
- **Group description:**

The table below provides the counts and percentages for each response option for the comparison group.

#### First-Year Students

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item wording or description</th>
<th>Variable name</th>
<th>Values</th>
<th>Response options</th>
<th>Count</th>
<th>%</th>
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<td><strong>1. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?</strong></td>
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<td>a. Ask questions or contributed to course discussions in other ways</td>
<td>asked quest</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Never</td>
<td>1,462</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Sometimes</td>
<td>3,010</td>
<td>40</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Often</td>
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<td>34</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Very often</td>
<td>7,173</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>12,303</td>
<td>100</td>
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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: PASSHE

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** 5/18/15

**How was this comparison group constructed?**

This comparison group contains all other institutions in your system that participated in NSSE 2014 and 2015.

**Group description** PASSHE Universities (2014 & 2015)

PASSHE (N=13)

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (Bloomsburg, PA)
California University of Pennsylvania (California, PA)
Cheyney University of Pennsylvania (Cheyney, PA)*
Clarion University of Pennsylvania (Clarion, PA)
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania (East Stroudsburg, PA)
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania (Edinboro, PA)
Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Indiana, PA)*
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania (Kutztown, PA)
Lock Haven University (Lock Haven, PA)
Millersville University of Pennsylvania (Millersville, PA)
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania (Shippensburg, PA)*
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Slippery Rock, PA)
West Chester University of Pennsylvania (West Chester, PA)*

*2014 participant
## Comparison Group 2: Carnegie 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** 5/18/15

**How was this comparison group constructed?**

Your institution customized this group by selecting institutional characteristics as follows:

| Basic Classification (Master’s S) |


### Carnegie Peers (N=55)

- Alverno College (Milwaukee, WI)
- Bemidji State University (Bemidji, MN)
- Black Hills State University (Spearfish, SD)*
- California State University-Channel Islands (Camarillo, CA)
- California State University, Monterey Bay (Seaside, CA)*
- Cameron University (Lawton, OK)*
- Carroll University (Waukesha, WI)*
- Cheyney University of Pennsylvania (Cheyney, PA)*
- Christopher Newport University (Newport News, VA)*
- Coastal Carolina University (Conway, SC)*
- College of Mount Saint Vincent (Bronx, NY)
- College of Saint Mary (Omaha, NE)
- Colorado State University-Pueblo (Pueblo, CO)*
- Concordia University Nebraska (Seward, NE)*
- Dakota State University (Madison, SD)*
- Eastern Connecticut State University (Willimantic, CT)
- Eastern New Mexico University (Portales, NM)
- Eastern Oregon University (La Grande, OR)
- Elon University (Elon, NC)
- Emmanuel College (Boston, MA)
- Evergreen State College, The (Olympia, WA)*
- Fashion Institute of Technology (New York, NY)*
- Felician College (Lodi, NJ)
- Francis Marion University (Florence, SC)
- Gallaudet University (Washington, DC)*
- Georgia Southwestern State University (Americus, GA)*
- Keene State College (Keene, NH)*
- Keuka College (Keuka Park, NY)*
- Lake Erie College (Painesville, OH)
- Lincoln University (Jefferson City, MO)
- Lock Haven University (Lock Haven, PA)
- Lourdes University (Sylvania, OH)
- Lynchburg College (Lynchburg, VA)*
- Mary Baldwin College (Staunton, VA)*
- Milwaukee School of Engineering (Milwaukee, WI)
- Mississippi University for Women (Columbus, MS)
- Mount Mary University (Milwaukee, WI)
- Northwestern Oklahoma State University (Alva, OK)*
- Our Lady of Holy Cross College (New Orleans, LA)
- Prescott College (Prescott, AZ)*
- Roger Williams University (Bristol, RI)*
- Saint Martin’s University (Lacey, WA)
- Spring Hill College (Mobile, AL)
- State University of New York at Geneseo, The (Geneseo, NY)*
- SUNY College at Oneonta (Oneonta, NY)*
- Thomas More College (Crestview Hills, KY)
- University of Arkansas at Monticello (Monticello, AR)*
- University of Evansville (Evansville, IN)*
- University of Mary Hardin-Baylor (Belton, TX)
- University of Maryland-Eastern Shore (Princess Anne, MD)
- University of the District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
- University of Wisconsin-Green Bay (Green Bay, WI)*
- University of Wisconsin-Superior (Superior, WI)*
- Ursuline College (Pepper Pike, OH)*
- Wingate University (Wingate, NC)*

*2014 participant
Comparison Group 3: COPLAC

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<td>How was this comparison group constructed?</td>
<td>Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all 2014 and 2015 NSSE participants.</td>
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**Group description**
Participating COPLAC Institutions (2014 & 2015)

**COPLAC (N=23)**

Eastern Connecticut State University (Willimantic, CT)
Evergreen State College, The (Olympia, WA)*
Fort Lewis College (Durango, CO)*
Georgia College & State University (Milledgeville, GA)*
Henderson State University (Arkadelphia, AR)
Keene State College (Keene, NH)*
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (North Adams, MA)
Midwestern State University (Wichita Falls, TX)*
Ramapo College of New Jersey (Mahwah, NJ)*
Sonoma State University (Rohnert Park, CA)*
Southern Oregon University (Ashland, OR)*
St. Mary's College of Maryland (Saint Mary's City, MD)*
Truman State University (Kirksville, MO)
University of Illinois Springfield (Springfield, IL)*
University of Maine at Farmington (Farmington, ME)*
University of Mary Washington (Fredericksburg, VA)
University of Minnesota, Morris (Morris, MN)*
University of Montevallo (Montevallo, AL)*
University of North Carolina at Asheville (Asheville, NC)
University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (Chickasha, OK)*
University of South Carolina Aiken (Aiken, SC)*
University of Virginia's College at Wise, The (Wise, VA)*
University of Wisconsin-Superior (Superior, WI)*