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 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 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).

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."

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.

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).
   - **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 sharing your institution's Basic Carnegie Classification. (Canadian institutions are not classified by the Carnegie Foundation, and must identify a comparison group.)

   Comparison Group 1: GLC Peers

   This section compares how this group was identified, including selection criteria and whether the default group was used. It is followed by the listing of institutions in this group.

   - **Note submitted**: 6/2/15
   - **How was this comparison group constructed**: your institution received the default comparison group (region and sector), your default group
   - **Group description**: Our institution is satisfied with the default comparison for this group.

   GLC Peers (N=106)

   - Arizona State University (ASU, Phoenix, AZ)
   - Boston College (Boston, MA)
   - College of Charleston (Charleston, SC)
   - Columbia University (New York, NY)
   - University of Cincinnati (Cincinnati, OH)
   - University of Colorado (Boulder, CO)
   - Duke University (Durham, NC)
   - Emory University (Atlanta, GA)
   - Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta, GA)
   - Georgia State University (Atlanta, GA)
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**CARNEGIE (N=41)**

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**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)*
Comparison Group 3: SUG

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| 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)*

*2014 participant