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 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."

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 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.

Comparison Group 1: Public Research Univ

This section summarizes how this survey was selected, including criteria used, and whether the default group was used. This is followed by the listing of institutions in this group.

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).

Institution List

The names, cities and states or provinces of the comparison institutions are listed for your reference.

The default groups are:

**Comparison Group 1**
- For institutions not in the 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.
- 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: Seventh Day

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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<th>Not applicable; comparison group not customized.</th>
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<td>Your institution did not customize this comparison group; the default group (NSSE consortium) was used. Your default group is: Seventh Day Adventist Colleges and Universities</td>
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'Seventh Day' institutions (N=8)

Adventist University of Health Sciences (Orlando, FL)
Canadian University College (Lacombe, AB)
La Sierra University (Riverside, CA)
Pacific Union College (Angwin, CA)
Southern Adventist University (Collegedale, TN)
Southwestern Adventist University (Keene, TX)
Union College (NE) (Lincoln, NE)
Walla Walla University (College Place, WA)
Comparison Group 2: Peers 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.

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<td>Institutions from among Andrews' peer comparison group.</td>
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'Peers 2013' institutions (N=17)

Adelphi University (Garden City, NY)
Barry University (Miami, FL)
Benedictine University (Lisle, IL)
Biola University (La Mirada, CA)
Capital University (Columbus, OH)
La Sierra University (Riverside, CA)
Marian University (Fond Du Lac, WI)
Oakland University (Rochester Hills, MI)
Our Lady of the Lake University-San Antonio (San Antonio, TX)
Saint John Fisher College (Rochester, NY)
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota (Winona, MN)
Seton Hall University (South Orange, NJ)
Southern Adventist University (Collegedale, TN)
Trevecca Nazarene University (Nashville, TN)
University of La Verne (La Verne, CA)
Walla Walla University (College Place, WA)
Walsh University (North Canton, OH)
Comparison Group 3: NSSE 2013

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| **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