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.

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

Report Comparisons

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Reading This Report

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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.

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a. The default groups are:

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). For 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 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: 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>How was this comparison group constructed?</td>
<td>Your institution retained the default comparison group (NSSE consortium). Your default group is: California State University</td>
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Group description (as provided by your institution): All other current- and prior-year (if applicable) NSSE institutions sharing your NSSE consortium "California State University"

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, 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)
Humboldt State University (Arcata, CA)
San Jose State University (San Jose, CA)
Comparison Group 2: Public Hispanic

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>Group description (as provided by your institution)</td>
<td>Medium to large public urban institutions with large Hispanic population.</td>
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Public Hispanic (N=5)

Florida International University (Miami, FL)*
New Mexico State University (Las Cruces, NM)
Sul Ross State University (Alpine, TX)
University of Houston (Houston, TX)
University of North Texas (Denton, TX)*
**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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<td>Your institution did not customize this comparison group; the default group (NSSE 2016 and 2017 U.S. institutions) was used.</td>
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<td>Default comparison group</td>
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**NSSE 2016 & 2017 (N=961)**

All other NSSE 2016 and 2017 U.S. participants

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