



**National Survey
of Student Engagement**

Western Carolina University

Selected Comparison Groups

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NSSE participants are able to customize their *Institutional Reports* by tailoring up to three comparison groups. In May and June of 2009, your institution was invited to select comparison groups via the "Report Form" on the Institution Interface. This Selected Comparison Groups Report summarizes how your institution selected its comparison groups and lists the institutions within them.

NSSE reports display results for each institution alongside three comparison group columns. Institutions have the option to customize each column or select a recommended default group of institutions. NSSE comparison groups may be customized in several ways. Contacts may identify specific institutions from the list of all current-year NSSE participants, create the list using institutional criteria, or begin with institutional criteria, then add or remove specific institutions to refine the comparison group.

If an institution does not select a customized comparison group, NSSE provides default comparison groups which we have found to provide relevant comparisons for most institutions. If your institution opted for any of the default groups, they are:

Comparison Group 1 - For institutions not participating in a NSSE consortium, this group contains current-year NSSE institutions in the same geographic region and sector (private/public). For consortium institutions, this groups contains results for the other consortium members.

Comparison Group 2 - All other current-year U.S. NSSE institutions sharing your institution's Basic Carnegie Classification.

Comparison Group 3 - All other current-year U.S. NSSE institutions (Canadian participants are also included in this group for Canadian institutions).

The terms "comp. group 1," "comp. group 2," and "comp. group 3" correspond to the selected comparison group locations in the institutional reports. In NSSEville's example below, comp. group 1 is "Mid East Public", comp. group 2 "Carnegie Class" and comp. group 3 "NSSE 2009".

| Your Institution's Responses | | | | Comp. Group 1 or Consortium | | | Comp. Group 2 | | | Comp. Group 3 | | | | | |
|--|--|----------|--------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| | | | | <i>NSSEville State compared with:</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | NSSEville State | | | Mid East Public | | | Carnegie Class | | | NSSE 2009 | | |
| Variable | Benchmark | Class | | Mean ^a | Mean ^a | Sig ^b | Effect Size ^c | Mean ^a | Sig ^b | Effect Size ^c | Mean ^a | Sig ^b | Effect Size ^c | | |
| <i>In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following? 1=Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often, 4=Very often</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Academic and Intellectual Experiences | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a. | Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions | CLQUEST | ACL FY | 2.94 | 2.61 | *** | .40 | 2.64 | *** | .35 | 2.78 | *** | .18 | | |
| | | | SR | 3.25 | 2.90 | *** | .39 | 2.91 | *** | .39 | 3.07 | *** | .21 | | |
| b. | Made a class presentation | CLPRESEN | ACL FY | 2.22 | 2.11 | ** | .14 | 2.14 | * | .10 | 2.27 | | -.07 | | |
| | | | SR | 3.11 | 2.65 | *** | .54 | 2.65 | *** | .54 | 2.80 | *** | .36 | | |

The Selected Comparison Groups report consists of a summary page that details when and how your comparison groups were selected (or if you received the default due to not completing the Report Form) and three sections that provide comparison group details for each of the three report columns.

Comp. Group Name
Comparison group name in your reports.

Comparison Group 1 Details

This report displays the 2009 comparison group 1 institutions for NSSEville State University. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Mid East Public' column of the Respondent Characteristics, Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.

HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

Your institution did not identify a comparison group 1. The default group includes all institutions in your geographic region and sector (public/private).

SELECTED PEER GROUP CRITERIA *

- Basic 2005 Carnegie Classification(s):
- Carnegie - Undergraduate Instructional Program(s):
- Carnegie - Graduate Instructional Program(s):
- Carnegie - Enrollment Profile(s):
- Carnegie - Undergraduate Profile(s):
- Carnegie - Size and Setting(s):
- Sector(s) (public/private): 1
- Undergraduate enrollment(s):
- Locale(s):
- Geographic Region(s): 2
- State(s):
- Barron's admissions selectivity ratings(s):

COMPARISON GROUP 1 INSTITUTIONS

| Institution Name | City | State |
|--|------------|-------|
| Binghamton University (State University of New York) | Binghamton | NY |
| Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania | Bloomsburg | PA |
| Cheyney University of Pennsylvania | Cheyney | PA |

How Group was Selected
Indicates whether your group was drawn from a list, built based on criteria, or is the default group.

Selection Criteria
If criteria were used to build your comparison group, they are listed here. The criterion codes are explained on the Comparison Group Selection Criteria Codelist.

Institution Names
The name, city and state of the comparison institutions are listed for your review.

SUMMARY - Comparison Group Selection

This page provides an overview of how your three NSSE 2009 comparison groups were selected. These groups were either (a) submitted by your institution through the *Report Form* located on the NSSE Institution Interface or (b) defaults assigned because your institution did not complete the *Report Form*. Included below are the date the groups were submitted, the method used to pick them, the column labels your institutional contact provided for each group, the number of institutions in each group, and a short description of the group written by the contact at the time of submission. The following pages list the institutions selected for each comparison group.

COMPARISON GROUP 1 SELECTION

Date Submitted: 6/1/09
 Selection Method: This group is your NSSE 2009 consortium.
 Column Label: CSWC
 Number of Institutions: 73
 The Reason Your
 Institution Provided For
 Choosing This Group:

COMPARISON GROUP 2 SELECTION

Date Submitted: 6/1/09
 Selection Method: DEFAULT GROUP - Institution Selected
 Column Label: Carnegie Class
 Number of Institutions: 23
 The Reason Your
 Institution Provided For
 Choosing This Group: Carnegie class mixed with a few peer and aspirational institutions

COMPARISON GROUP 3 SELECTION

Date Submitted: 6/1/09
 Selection Method: DEFAULT GROUP - Institution Selected
 Column Label: NSSE2009
 Number of Institutions: 616
 The Reason Your
 Institution Provided For
 Choosing This Group:

Comparison Group 1 Details

This report displays the 2009 comparison group 1 institutions for Western Carolina University. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'CSWC' column of the Respondent Characteristics, Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.

HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

Your institution participated in the NSSE consortium 'Consortium for the Study of Writing in College' in 2009.

SELECTED PEER GROUP CRITERIA ^a

Basic 2005 Carnegie Classification(s):

Carnegie - Undergraduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Graduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Enrollment Profile(s):

Carnegie - Undergraduate Profile(s):

Carnegie - Size and Setting(s):

Sector(s) (public/private):

Undergraduate enrollment(s):

Locale(s):

Geographic Region(s):

State(s):

Barron's admissions selectivity ratings(s):

COMPARISON GROUP 1 INSTITUTIONS

| Institution Name | City | State |
|---|----------------|--------------|
| Berry College | Mount Berry | GA |
| Calvin College | Grand Rapids | MI |
| Carlow University | Pittsburgh | PA |
| Case Western Reserve University | Cleveland | OH |
| Central Michigan University | Mount Pleasant | MI |
| Chowan University | Murfreesboro | NC |
| CUNY Bernard M Baruch College | New York | NY |
| CUNY Brooklyn College | Brooklyn | NY |
| CUNY City College of New York | New York | NY |
| CUNY College of Staten Island | Staten Island | NY |
| CUNY Herbert H. Lehman College | Bronx | NY |
| CUNY Hunter College | New York | NY |
| CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice | New York | NY |
| CUNY Medgar Evers College | Brooklyn | NY |
| CUNY New York City College of Technology | Brooklyn | NY |
| CUNY Queens College | Flushing | NY |

^a. See the Comparison Group Selection Criteria Codelist for code details.

COMPARISON GROUP 1 INSTITUTIONS

| Institution Name | City | State |
|---|------------------|--------------|
| CUNY York College | Jamaica | NY |
| Earlham College | Richmond | IN |
| Eastern Michigan University | Ypsilanti | MI |
| Fayetteville State University | Fayetteville | NC |
| Ferrum College | Ferrum | VA |
| Fort Hays State University | Hays | KS |
| Francis Marion University | Florence | SC |
| Georgian Court University | Lakewood | NJ |
| Graceland University-Lamoni | Lamoni | IA |
| Husson University | Bangor | ME |
| Indiana University Kokomo | Kokomo | IN |
| Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis | Indianapolis | IN |
| Lafayette College | Easton | PA |
| Limestone College | Gaffney | SC |
| Marshall University | Huntington | WV |
| McNeese State University | Lake Charles | LA |
| Mercer University | Macon | GA |
| Miami University-Oxford | Oxford | OH |
| Millsaps College | Jackson | MS |
| North Carolina State University | Raleigh | NC |
| North Dakota State University | Fargo | ND |
| Occidental College | Los Angeles | CA |
| Oklahoma City University | Oklahoma City | OK |
| Pittsburg State University | Pittsburg | KS |
| Portland State University | Portland | OR |
| Salem State College | Salem | MA |
| Seton Hill University | Greensburg | PA |
| Spring Hill College | Mobile | AL |
| Temple University | Philadelphia | PA |
| The College of New Jersey | Ewing | NJ |
| The Evergreen State College | Olympia | WA |
| The University of Texas-Pan American | Edinburg | TX |
| The University of Texas at El Paso | El Paso | TX |
| The University of Texas of the Permian Basin | Odessa | TX |
| The University of Virginia's College at Wise | Wise | VA |
| Towson University | Towson | MD |
| Trine University | Angola | IN |
| University of Cincinnati | Cincinnati | OH |
| University of Colorado at Colorado Springs | Colorado Springs | CO |
| University of Denver | Denver | CO |
| University of Maine at Farmington | Farmington | ME |
| University of Michigan-Flint | Flint | MI |
| University of New Mexico | Albuquerque | NM |
| University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | Chapel Hill | NC |
| University of North Carolina Wilmington | Wilmington | NC |
| University of Northern Iowa | Cedar Falls | IA |
| University of South Florida | Tampa | FL |
| University of Southern Maine | Portland | ME |
| University of Southern Mississippi | Hattiesburg | MS |
| University of Toledo | Toledo | OH |
| University of Washington Tacoma | Tacoma | WA |
| University of Wyoming | Laramie | WY |

^a. See the Comparison Group Selection Criteria Codelist for code details.

COMPARISON GROUP 1 INSTITUTIONS

| Institution Name | City | State |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| Wheaton College | Norton | MA |
| William Paterson University of New Jersey | Wayne | NJ |
| Winthrop University | Rock Hill | SC |
| Woodbury University | Burbank | CA |
| Wright State University | Dayton | OH |

Comparison Group 2 Details

This report displays the 2009 comparison group 2 institutions for Western Carolina University. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Carnegie Class' column of the Respondent Characteristics, Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.

HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

Your institution selected the default group of all institutions with the same 2005 Basic Carnegie Classification.

SELECTED COMPARISON GROUP CRITERIA ^a

Basic 2005 Carnegie Classification(s): 18

Carnegie - Undergraduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Graduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Enrollment Profile(s):

Carnegie - Undergraduate Profile(s):

Carnegie - Size and Setting(s):

Sector(s) (public/private):

Undergraduate enrollment(s):

Locale(s):

Geographic Region(s):

State(s):

Barron's admissions selectivity ratings(s):

COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS

| Institution Name | City | State |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Central Connecticut State University | New Britain | CT |
| Eastern Kentucky University | Richmond | KY |
| Eastern Michigan University | Ypsilanti | MI |
| Eastern University | Saint Davids | PA |
| Eastern Washington University | Cheney | WA |
| Fort Hays State University | Hays | KS |
| Frostburg State University | Frostburg | MD |
| Indiana University Southeast | New Albany | IN |
| Indiana Wesleyan University | Marion | IN |
| McNeese State University | Lake Charles | LA |
| Middle Tennessee State University | Murfreesboro | TN |
| Morehead State University | Morehead | KY |
| Murray State University | Murray | KY |
| Radford University | Radford | VA |
| Southeast Missouri State University | Cape Girardeau | MO |
| Southern Connecticut State University | New Haven | CT |

^a. See the Comparison Group Selection Criteria Codelist for code details.

COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS

| Institution Name | City | State |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| Stephen F. Austin State University | Nacogdoches | TX |
| Tarleton State University | Stephenville | TX |
| University of Central Arkansas | Conway | AR |
| University of Denver | Denver | CO |
| University of North Carolina Wilmington | Wilmington | NC |
| University of Northern Iowa | Cedar Falls | IA |
| Western Kentucky University | Bowling Green | KY |

Comparison Group 3 Details

This report displays the 2009 comparison group 3 institutions for Western Carolina University. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'NSSE2009' column of the Respondent Characteristics, Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.

HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

Your institution selected the default group of all U.S. NSSE 2009 institutions.

SELECTED COMPARISON GROUP CRITERIA ^a

Basic 2005 Carnegie Classification(s):

Carnegie - Undergraduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Graduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Enrollment Profile(s):

Carnegie - Undergraduate Profile(s):

Carnegie - Size and Setting(s):

Sector(s) (public/private):

Undergraduate enrollment(s):

Locale(s):

Geographic Region(s):

State(s):

Barron's admissions selectivity ratings(s):

COMPARISON GROUP 3 INSTITUTIONS

| Institution Name | City | State |
|--|------|-------|
| ALL U.S. NSSE 2009 INSTITUTIONS | | |
| View list at http://nsse.iub.edu/nsse_2009/2009-colleges.cfm | | |

^a. See the Comparison Group Selection Criteria Codelist for code details.