NSSE 2014
Selected Comparison Groups

Middle Georgia State College

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 2013 and 2014 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[a] 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 2013 (if applicable) and 2014 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. In this example, the three groups are "Public Master's L," "Large Public," and "NSSE 2013 & 2014."

Your Students' Responses **Comparison Group 1** **Comparison Group 2** **Comparison Group 3**

First-Year Students

Frequency Distributions

Item wording or description	Variable name[c]	Values[d]	Response options	NSSEville State Count	%	Public Master's L Count	%	Large Public Count	%	NSSE 2013 & 2014 Count	%
1. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?											
a. Asked questions or contributed to course discussions in other ways	askquest	1	Never	45	4	1,462	5	810	5	3,978	3
		2	Sometimes	450	37	13,001	39	6,916	40	43,752	33
		3	Often	428	34	11,451	34	5,911	34	47,737	35
		4	Very often	307	25	7,173	22	3,759	21	39,041	28
			Total	1,230	100	33,087	100	17,396	100	134,508	100

SAMPLE

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 2013 participants are identified with an asterisk.

Comparison Group 1: Public Master's L

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	6/23/14
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this group by selecting institutional characteristics as follows: Sector (Pub); Basic Classification (Master's L)
Group description	Public, Carnegie-classified Master's Large Universities.

SAMPLE

'Public Master's L' institutions (N=124)

Alabama State University (Montgomery, AL)*
Armstrong State University (Savannah, GA)
Auburn University at Montgomery (Montgomery, AL)*
Austin Peay State University (Clarksville, TN)
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (Bloomsburg, PA)
Bridgewater State University (Bridgewater, MA)
California State Polytechnic University-Pomona (Pomona, CA)
California State University-Bakersfield (Bakersfield, CA)

Georgia College & State University (Milledgeville, GA)
Grand Valley State University (Allendale, MI)*
Jacksonville State University (Jacksonville, AL)
James Madison University (Harrisonburg, VA)
Kean University (Union, NJ)*
Kennesaw State University (Kennesaw, GA)
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania (Kutztown, PA)*
Marshall University (Huntington, WV)

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a. The default groups are:

Comparison Group 1: For institutions not in a NSSE consortium, this group contains 2013 and 2014 NSSE institutions in the same geographic region and sector (public/private). For consortium institutions, it contains results for the other 2013 (if applicable) and 2014 consortium members.

Comparison Group 2: All other 2013 and 2014 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 2013 and 2014 U.S. NSSE institutions (2013 and 2014 Canadian participants are also included in this group for Canadian institutions).

Comparison Group 1: Georgia System

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	Not applicable; comparison group not customized.
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution did not customize this comparison group; the default group (NSSE consortium) was used. Your default group is: University System of Georgia
Group description	Default comparison group

'Georgia System' institutions (N=23)

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (Tifton, GA)

Albany State University (Albany, GA)

Armstrong State University (Savannah, GA)

Clayton State University (Morrow, GA)

College of Coastal Georgia (Brunswick, GA)

Columbus State University (Columbus, GA)

Dalton State College (Dalton, GA)

Fort Valley State University (Fort Valley, GA)

Georgia College & State University (Milledgeville, GA)

Georgia Gwinnett College (Lawrenceville, GA)

Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta, GA)

Georgia Regents University (Augusta, GA)

Georgia Southern University (Statesboro, GA)

Georgia Southwestern State University (Americus, GA)

Georgia State University (Atlanta, GA)

Gordon State College (Barnesville, GA)

Kennesaw State University (Kennesaw, GA)

Savannah State University (Savannah, GA)

Southern Polytechnic State University (Marietta, GA)

University of Georgia (Athens, GA)

University of North Georgia (Dahlonega, GA)

University of West Georgia (Carrollton, GA)

Valdosta State University (Valdosta, GA)

Comparison Group 2: MGSC Comparators

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	6/23/14
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all 2013 and 2014 NSSE participants.
Group description	University Comparators-Selected by MGSC

'MGSC Comparators' institutions (N=11)

Auburn University at Montgomery (Montgomery, AL)*

Clayton State University (Morrow, GA)

Columbus State University (Columbus, GA)

Kennesaw State University (Kennesaw, GA)

Lamar University (Beaumont, TX)*

Northeastern Illinois University (Chicago, IL)

Salem State University (Salem, MA)

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (Chattanooga, TN)

The University of Texas at Tyler (Tyler, TX)

University of Illinois Springfield (Springfield, IL)

University of Michigan-Dearborn (Dearborn, MI)

* 2013 participant

Comparison Group 3: NSSE 2013 & 2014

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	Not applicable; comparison group not customized.
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution did not customize this comparison group; the default group (NSSE 2013 and 2014 U.S. institutions) was used.
Group description	Default comparison group

'NSSE 2013 & 2014' institutions (N=983)

All other NSSE 2013 and 2014 U.S. participants

View list at nsse.iub.edu/pdf/nsse2013and2014_list.pdf