



**National Survey
of Student Engagement**

**University of Maryland-Baltimore
County**

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 2008, your institution was invited to select comparison groups via the "Report Info 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 and is not customizable.

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 2008".

Your Institution's Responses				Comp. Group 1 or Consortium			Comp. Group 2			Comp. Group 3					
				NSSEville State			Mid East Public			Carnegie Class			NSSE 2008		
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>															
I. Academic and Intellectual Experiences															
a.	Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	CLQUEST	ACL	FY	2.84	2.65 ***	.23	2.62 ***	.27	2.74 **	.12				
				SR	3.27	2.90 ***	.43	2.91 ***	.41	3.03 ***	.27				
b.	Made a class presentation	CLPRESEN	ACL	FY	2.33	2.09 ***	.33	2.08 ***	.33	2.21 ***	.15				
				SR	2.85	2.62 ***	.27	2.65 ***	.24	2.77 *	.10				

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 Info 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.

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

Comparison Group 1 Details

This report displays the 2008 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^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): 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.

SUMMARY - Comparison Group Selection

This page provides an overview of how your three NSSE 2008 comparison groups were selected. These groups were either (a) submitted by your institution through the *Report Info Form* located on the NSSE Institution Interface or (b) defaults assigned because your institution did not complete the *Report Info 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: 5/16/08

Selection Method: Comparators for this column were picked from a list of NSSE2008 participants.

Column Label: Sci Tech Peers

Number of Institutions: 11

The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group: Originally, this list was based on IPEDS completions, those with % bachelor's degrees in SCI TECH of 25% or more (FY2002 Completions). This comprised 30% of the DRE public institutions. Given the tech bust, we now are going with the top 30% of schools ranked by % sci tech for FY 2006 completions (this is basically the same set of peers as the first group). We then select those institutions from this group that participated in NSSE.

COMPARISON GROUP 2 SELECTION

Date Submitted: 5/16/08

Selection Method: Institution-level criteria used to build this comparison group

Column Label: Public R/H & R/VH

Number of Institutions: 57

The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group: Past comparison groups were the Public Doctoral Research Extensive (Carnegie 2000). We chose both Research/High and Research/Very High to approximate the past DREs.

COMPARISON GROUP 3 SELECTION

Date Submitted: 5/16/08

Selection Method: DEFAULT GROUP - Institution Selected

Column Label: NSSE 2008

Number of Institutions: 714

The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group:

Comparison Group 1 Details

This report displays the 2008 comparison group 1 institutions for University of Maryland-Baltimore County. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Sci Tech Peers' column of the Respondent Characteristics, Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.

HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

You selected specific institutions from a list of NSSE 2008 participants.

COMPARISON GROUP 1 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Auburn University	Auburn University	AL
Clemson University	Clemson	SC
Colorado State University	Fort Collins	CO
Georgia Institute of Technology	Atlanta	GA
Iowa State University	Ames	IA
Mississippi State University	Mississippi State	MS
Rutgers University-New Brunswick/Piscataway	New Brunswick	NJ
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Champaign	IL
University of Toledo	Toledo	OH
University of Vermont	Burlington	VT
University of Wisconsin-Madison	Madison	WI

Comparison Group 2 Details

This report displays the 2008 comparison group 2 institutions for University of Maryland-Baltimore County. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Public R/H & R/VH' column of the Respondent Characteristics, Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.

HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

Custom group was selected using institutional characteristics.

COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Auburn University	Auburn University	AL
Binghamton University (State University of New York)	Binghamton	NY
Clemson University	Clemson	SC
Colorado State University	Fort Collins	CO
Florida International University	Miami	FL
Florida State University	Tallahassee	FL
Georgia Institute of Technology	Atlanta	GA
Georgia State University	Atlanta	GA
Indiana University Bloomington	Bloomington	IN
Iowa State University	Ames	IA
Kent State University	Kent	OH
Mississippi State University	Mississippi State	MS
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Rolla	MO
Montana State University-Bozeman	Bozeman	MT
New Jersey Institute of Technology	Newark	NJ
North Carolina A&T State University	Greensboro	NC
Northern Arizona University	Flagstaff	AZ
Ohio University	Athens	OH
Penn State University - University Park	University Park	PA
Rutgers University-New Brunswick/Piscataway	New Brunswick	NJ
Rutgers University-Newark	Newark	NJ
South Dakota State University	Brookings	SD
Stony Brook University	Stony Brook	NY
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry	Syracuse	NY
The University at Albany, SUNY	Albany	NY
The University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa	AL
The University of Tennessee	Knoxville	TN
The University of Texas at Arlington	Arlington	TX
The University of Texas at Austin	Austin	TX
The University of Texas at Dallas	Richardson	TX
The University of Texas at El Paso	El Paso	TX
University at Buffalo, State University of New York	Buffalo	NY
University of Central Florida	Orlando	FL
University of Colorado Denver	Denver	CO
University of Delaware	Newark	DE
University of Florida	Gainesville	FL
University of Georgia	Athens	GA

COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
University of Hawaii at Manoa	Honolulu	HI
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Champaign	IL
University of Iowa	Iowa City	IA
University of Massachusetts Amherst	Amherst	MA
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	Minneapolis	MN
University of Mississippi	University	MS
University of New Orleans	New Orleans	LA
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill	NC
University of Oklahoma	Norman	OK
University of Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg	MS
University of Toledo	Toledo	OH
University of Vermont	Burlington	VT
University of Virginia	Charlottesville	VA
University of Wisconsin-Madison	Madison	WI
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	Milwaukee	WI
Utah State University	Logan	UT
Virginia Commonwealth University	Richmond	VA
Western Michigan University	Kalamazoo	MI
Wichita State University	Wichita	KS
Wright State University	Dayton	OH

Comparison Group 3 Details

This report displays the 2008 comparison group 3 institutions for University of Maryland-Baltimore County. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'NSSE 2008' 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 2008 institutions

COMPARISON GROUP 3 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
ALL U.S. NSSE 2008 INSTITUTIONS		
View list at http://nsse.iub.edu/nsse_2008/2008-colleges.cfm		