



NSSE 2018

Selected Comparison Groups

St. Olaf College

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 2017 and 2018 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^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 those reports. The default for those groups was all other 2017 and 2018 institutions where the questions were administered. Please note: Comparison group details for Topical Module and consortium reports are documented separately in 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 "Admissions Overlap," "Carnegie UG Program," and "NSSE 2017 & 2018."

Item wording or description	Variable name ^c	Values ^d	Response options	Frequency Distributions									
				Your Students' Responses		Comparison Group 1		Comparison Group 2		Comparison Group 3			
				Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	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 2 3 4	Never Sometimes Often Very often	45	4	1,462	5	16	5	3,978	3		
				450	37	10,000	31	6,910	40	43,752	33		
				428	34	11,511	34	5,911	34	47,737	35		
				307	25	7,173	22	3,759	21	39,041	28		
			Total	1,230	100	33,087	100	17,396	100	134,508	100		

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 2017 participants are identified with an asterisk.

Comparison Group 2: Carnegie UG Program

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	5/29/18
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this group by selecting institutional characteristics as follows: UG Instr Prog (A&S/No grad coex)
Group description (as provided by your institution)	All other current- and prior-year participants with the same Carnegie Undergraduate Instructional Program Classification.
Carnegie UG Program (N=53)	
Albion College (Albion, MI)	Pitzer College (Claremont, CA)
Allegheny College (Meadville, PA)*	Randolph College (Lynchburg, VA)
Austin College (Sherman, TX)*	Randolph-Macon College (Ashland, VA)*
Beloit College (Beloit, WI)*	Rhodes College (Memphis, TN)*
Byram Hills College of the New Church (Byram Hills, PA)*	Ripon College (Ripon, WI)
Centre College (Danville, KY)	Scuyp College (Claremont, CA)
Christopher Newport University (Newport News, VA)*	Southwestern University (Georgetown, TX)
Claremont McKenna College (Claremont, CA)*	St. Lawrence University (Canton, NY)*

a. The default groups are:

Comparison Group 1: For institutions not in a NSSE consortium, this group contains 2017 and 2018 NSSE institutions in the same geographic region and sector (public/private). For consortium institutions, it contains results for the other 2017 (if applicable) and 2018 consortium members.

Comparison Group 2: All other 2017 and 2018 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 2017 and 2018 U.S. NSSE institutions (2017 and 2018 Canadian participants are also included in this group for Canadian institutions).

Comparison Group 1: Strategic

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	5/11/18
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all 2017 and 2018 NSSE participants.
Group description (as provided by your institution)	No description provided

Strategic (N=9)

- Bucknell University (Lewisburg, PA)*
- Colgate University (Hamilton, NY)*
- College of the Holy Cross (Worcester, MA)*
- Franklin and Marshall College (Lancaster, PA)
- Gettysburg College (Gettysburg, PA)*
- Macalester College (Saint Paul, MN)*
- Occidental College (Los Angeles, CA)
- Rhodes College (Memphis, TN)*
- Wheaton College (Wheaton, IL)*

Comparison Group 2: ACM/GLCA

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	5/15/18
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all 2017 and 2018 NSSE participants.
Group description (as provided by your institution)	No description provided

ACM/GLCA (N=18)

Albion College (Albion, MI)
 Allegheny College (Meadville, PA)*
 Beloit College (Beloit, WI)*
 College of Wooster, The (Wooster, OH)
 Cornell College (Mount Vernon, IA)
 Denison University (Granville, OH)*
 DePauw University (Greencastle, IN)
 Earlham College (Richmond, IN)
 Grinnell College (Grinnell, IA)*
 Hope College (Holland, MI)
 Kenyon College (Gambier, OH)*
 Knox College (Galesburg, IL)*
 Lake Forest College (Lake Forest, IL)*
 Luther College (Decorah, IA)*
 Macalester College (Saint Paul, MN)*
 Monmouth College (Monmouth, IL)
 Ripon College (Ripon, WI)
 Wabash College (Crawfordsville, IN)

*2017 participant

Comparison Group 3: Carnegie

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	5/15/18
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this group by selecting institutional characteristics as follows: Basic Classification (Bac/A&S); Sector (Priv nfp)
Group description (as provided by your institution)	No description provided

Carnegie (N=126)

Albion College (Albion, MI)	Elizabethtown College (Elizabethtown, PA)*
Allegheny College (Meadville, PA)*	Emmanuel College (Boston, MA)
Alma College (Alma, MI)*	Emory and Henry College (Emory, VA)*
Austin College (Sherman, TX)*	Fisk University (Nashville, TN)*
Bard College (Annandale-On-Hudson, NY)	Franklin and Marshall College (Lancaster, PA)
Beloit College (Beloit, WI)*	Franklin College (Franklin, IN)
Bethany College (Bethany, WV)*	Furman University (Greenville, SC)
Bethany Lutheran College (Mankato, MN)*	Gettysburg College (Gettysburg, PA)*
Bethune-Cookman University (Daytona Beach, FL)	Goucher College (Baltimore, MD)
Bloomfield College (Bloomfield, NJ)	Grinnell College (Grinnell, IA)*
Bridgewater College (Bridgewater, VA)	Grove City College (Grove City, PA)
Bryn Athyn College of the New Church (Bryn Athyn, PA)*	Hamilton College (Clinton, NY)*
Bucknell University (Lewisburg, PA)*	Hampden-Sydney College (Hampden-Sydney, VA)
Carthage College (Kenosha, WI)*	Hanover College (Hanover, IN)
Centenary College of Louisiana (Shreveport, LA)*	Harvey Mudd College (Claremont, CA)
Centre College (Danville, KY)	Hendrix College (Conway, AR)
Claremont McKenna College (Claremont, CA)*	Hiram College (Hiram, OH)*
Colby College (Waterville, ME)*	Hobart and William Smith Colleges (Geneva, NY)
Colgate University (Hamilton, NY)*	Hollins University (Roanoke, VA)*
College of Idaho, The (Caldwell, ID)*	Holy Cross College (Notre Dame, IN)*
College of the Atlantic (Bar Harbor, ME)	Hope College (Holland, MI)
College of the Holy Cross (Worcester, MA)*	Houghton College (Houghton, NY)*
College of Wooster, The (Wooster, OH)	Illinois College (Jacksonville, IL)*
Concordia College at Moorhead (Moorhead, MN)	Judson College (Marion, AL)*
Connecticut College (New London, CT)	Juniata College (Huntingdon, PA)*
Cornell College (Mount Vernon, IA)	Kenyon College (Gambier, OH)*
Covenant College (Lookout Mountain, GA)	Knox College (Galesburg, IL)*
Davis & Elkins College (Elkins, WV)*	Lafayette College (Easton, PA)
Denison University (Granville, OH)*	LaGrange College (Lagrange, GA)
DePauw University (Greencastle, IN)	Lake Forest College (Lake Forest, IL)*
Dillard University (New Orleans, LA)	Lewis & Clark College (Portland, OR)
Doane University (Crete, NE)	Linfield College - McMinnville Campus (McMinnville, OR)*
Drew University (Madison, NJ)*	Luther College (Decorah, IA)*
Earlham College (Richmond, IN)	Lycoming College (Williamsport, PA)
Eckerd College (Saint Petersburg, FL)	Lyon College (Batesville, AR)

Carnegie (N=126), continued

Macalester College (Saint Paul, MN)*	Willamette University (Salem, OR)
Marymount Manhattan College (New York, NY)*	William Jewell College (Liberty, MO)
Meredith College (Raleigh, NC)*	William Peace University (Raleigh, NC)*
Millsaps College (Jackson, MS)*	Wofford College (Spartanburg, SC)
Monmouth College (Monmouth, IL)	
Moravian College (Bethlehem, PA)	
Muhlenberg College (Allentown, PA)*	
Northland College (Ashland, WI)	
Occidental College (Los Angeles, CA)	
Oglethorpe University (Atlanta, GA)	
Pitzer College (Claremont, CA)	
Presbyterian College (Clinton, SC)	
Randolph College (Lynchburg, VA)	
Randolph-Macon College (Ashland, VA)*	
Rhodes College (Memphis, TN)*	
Ripon College (Ripon, WI)	
Roanoke College (Salem, VA)	
Saint Anselm College (Manchester, NH)*	
Saint Michael's College (Colchester, VT)	
Saint Vincent College (Latrobe, PA)*	
Schreiner University (Kerrville, TX)	
Scripps College (Claremont, CA)	
Sewanee: The University of the South (Sewanee, TN)*	
Siena College (Loudonville, NY)	
Simpson College (Indianola, IA)	
Southern Virginia University (Buena Vista, VA)	
Southwestern University (Georgetown, TX)	
Spring Hill College (Mobile, AL)	
St. Lawrence University (Canton, NY)*	
Stillman College (Tuscaloosa, AL)	
Stonehill College (Easton, MA)	
Susquehanna University (Selingsgrove, PA)	
Sweet Briar College (Sweet Briar, VA)*	
Thiel College (Greenville, PA)	
Union College (Schenectady, NY)	
University of Pikeville (Pikeville, KY)	
University of Puget Sound (Tacoma, WA)*	
University of Richmond (Richmond, VA)	
Ursinus College (Collegeville, PA)	
Vassar College (Poughkeepsie, NY)*	
Virginia Wesleyan University (Virginia Beach, VA)	
Wabash College (Crawfordsville, IN)	
Warren Wilson College (Swannanoa, NC)*	
Washington and Lee University (Lexington, VA)*	
Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia (Macon, GA)*	
Westminster College (Fulton, MO)*	
Westminster College (New Wilmington, PA)	
Westmont College (Santa Barbara, CA)*	
Wheaton College (Wheaton, IL)*	
Wheaton College (Norton, MA)	
Whitman College (Walla Walla, WA)*	
Whittier College (Whittier, CA)	

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