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# **NSSE 2015**

## **Selected Comparison Groups**

Western Carolina University

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### 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 2014 and 2015 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<sup>a</sup> 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 2014 (if applicable) and 2015 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 "GLC Peers," "Private Master's S," and "NSSE 2014 & 2015."

|  |          | Your Students' Responses |            | Comparison Group 1 |     | Comparison Group 2 |     | Comparison Group 3 |     |                  |     |
|--|----------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|------------------|-----|
|  |          |                          |            | NSSEville State    |     | GLC Peers          |     | Private Master's S |     | NSSE 2014 & 2015 |     |
|  |          |                          |            | Count              | %   | Count              | %   | Count              | %   | Count            | %   |
| <b>1. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?</b> |          |                          |            |                    |     |                    |     |                    |     |                  |     |
| a. Asked questions or contributed to course discussions in other ways                  | askquest | 1                        | Never      | 45                 | 4   | 1,462              | 5   | 8                  | 5   | 3,978            | 3   |
|  |          | 2                        | Sometimes  | 450                | 37  | 13,031             | 33  | 6,910              | 40  | 43,752           | 33  |
|  |          | 3                        | Often      | 428                | 34  | 13,431             | 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 |

### 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 2014 participants are identified with an asterisk.

#### Comparison Group 1: GLC Peers

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 6/26/15

How was this comparison group constructed? Your institution retained the default comparison group (region and sector). Your default group is: Region (Gr Lakes); Sector (Priv)

Group description Our institution is satisfied with the default comparison for this group.

#### GLC Peers (N=106)

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| Adrian College (Adrian, MI)                                       | Franciscan University of Steubenville (Steubenville, OH) |
| Albion College (Albion, MI)                                       | Franklin College (Franklin, IN)                          |
| Alma College (Alma, MI)   | Franklin University (Columbus, OH)                       |
| Alverno College (Milwaukee, WI)                                   | Goshen College (Goshen, IN)                              |
| American InterContinental University Online (Hoffman Estates, IL) | Grace College and Theological Seminary (Winona Lake, IN) |
| Anderson University (Anderson, IN)                                | Greenville College (Greenville, IL)                      |
| Andrews University (Berrien Springs, MI)                          | Hanover College (Hanover, IN)                            |
| Aquinas College (Grand Rapids, MI)                                | Hiram College (Hiram, OH)                                |

a. The default groups are:

Comparison Group 1: For institutions not in a NSSE consortium, this group contains 2014 and 2015 NSSE institutions in the same geographic region and sector (public/private). For consortium institutions, it contains results for the other 2014 (if applicable) and 2015 consortium members.

Comparison Group 2: All other 2014 and 2015 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 2014 and 2015 U.S. NSSE institutions (2014 and 2015 Canadian participants are also included in this group for Canadian institutions).

### Comparison Group 1: UNC 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.

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| Date submitted                             | 6/9/15   |
| How was this comparison group constructed? | Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all 2014 and 2015 NSSE participants. |
| Group description                          | UNC System schools   |

#### UNC System (N=12)

- Appalachian State University (Boone, NC)
- East Carolina University (Greenville, NC)
- Elizabeth City State University (Elizabeth City, NC)\*
- Fayetteville State University (Fayetteville, NC)
- North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University (Greensboro, NC)\*
- North Carolina Central University (Durham, NC)\*
- North Carolina State University (Raleigh, NC)\*
- University of North Carolina at Asheville (Asheville, NC)
- University of North Carolina at Charlotte (Charlotte, NC)\*
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro (Greensboro, NC)
- University of North Carolina at Pembroke (Pembroke, NC)\*
- University of North Carolina Wilmington (Wilmington, NC)

### Comparison Group 2: Public Masters/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.

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| Date submitted                             | 6/9/15  |
| How was this comparison group constructed? | Your institution customized this group by selecting institutional characteristics as follows:<br><br>Basic Classification (Master's L); Sector (Pub); UG Enrollment (5-10K) |
| Group description                          | Public Master's L institutions with enrollment of 5001-10000 students.  |

#### Public Masters/L (N=60)

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| Armstrong State University (Savannah, GA)*                         | Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Slippery Rock, PA)   |
| Austin Peay State University (Clarksville, TN)*                    | Sonoma State University (Rohnert Park, CA)*                    |
| Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (Bloomsburg, PA)             | Southern Connecticut State University (New Haven, CT)          |
| Bridgewater State University (Bridgewater, MA)*                    | Southern Oregon University (Ashland, OR)*                      |
| California State University-Bakersfield (Bakersfield, CA)          | Southern University and A&M College (Baton Rouge, LA)          |
| California State University-Stanislaus (Turlock, CA)*              | State University of New York at New Paltz (New Paltz, NY)*     |
| California University of Pennsylvania (California, PA)             | SUNY College at Cortland (Cortland, NY)*                       |
| Central Connecticut State University (New Britain, CT)             | SUNY College at Oswego (Oswego, NY)*                           |
| Clarion University of Pennsylvania (Clarion, PA)                   | SUNY College at Plattsburgh (Plattsburgh, NY)*                 |
| College at Brockport, SUNY, The (Brockport, NY)*                   | SUNY-Buffalo State College (Buffalo, NY)                       |
| College of New Jersey, The (Ewing, NJ)                             | University of Central Arkansas (Conway, AR)                    |
| Columbus State University (Columbus, GA)*                          | University of Colorado Colorado Springs (Colorado Springs, CO) |
| CUNY Herbert H. Lehman College (Bronx, NY)*                        | University of Louisiana Monroe (Monroe, LA)*                   |
| East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania (East Stroudsburg, PA) | University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (North Dartmouth, MA)*   |
| Edinboro University of Pennsylvania (Edinboro, PA)                 | University of Michigan-Dearborn (Dearborn, MI)                 |
| Georgia College & State University (Milledgeville, GA)*            | University of Southern Maine (Portland, ME)*                   |
| Indiana University Southeast (New Albany, IN)                      | University of Texas at Tyler, The (Tyler, TX)                  |
| Jacksonville State University (Jacksonville, AL)                   | University of West Georgia (Carrollton, GA)                    |
| Kutztown University of Pennsylvania (Kutztown, PA)                 | University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (La Crosse, WI)*             |
| Marshall University (Huntington, WV)                               | University of Wisconsin-Platteville (Platteville, WI)*         |
| McNeese State University (Lake Charles, LA)*                       | University of Wisconsin-Stout (Menomonie, WI)*                 |
| Millersville University of Pennsylvania (Millersville, PA)         | Valdosta State University (Valdosta, GA)*                      |
| Murray State University (Murray, KY)                               | West Texas A&M University (Canyon, TX)                         |
| New Jersey City University (Jersey City, NJ)                       | Western Illinois University (Macomb, IL)                       |
| Norfolk State University (Norfolk, VA)                             | Winthrop University (Rock Hill, SC)*                           |
| North Carolina Central University (Durham, NC)*                    |  |
| Northeastern Illinois University (Chicago, IL)                     |  |
| Northeastern State University (Tahlequah, OK)                      |  |
| Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville, MO)                |  |
| Northwestern State University of Louisiana (Natchitoches, LA)*     |  |
| Pittsburg State University (Pittsburg, KS)                         |  |
| Prairie View A&M University (Prairie View, TX)                     |  |
| Rhode Island College (Providence, RI)                              |  |
| Salem State University (Salem, MA)                                 |  |
| Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania (Shippensburg, PA)*        |  |

\*2014 participant

### Comparison Group 3: Participating Peers

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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| Date submitted                             | 6/9/15   |
| How was this comparison group constructed? | Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all 2014 and 2015 NSSE participants. |
| Group description                          | All peer institutions participating in 2014 or 2015 NSSE   |

### Participating Peers (N=12)

- California State University, Fresno (Fresno, CA)
- California University of Pennsylvania (California, PA)
- Central Connecticut State University (New Britain, CT)
- Kennesaw State University (Kennesaw, GA)\*
- Morehead State University (Morehead, KY)
- Murray State University (Murray, KY)
- Pittsburg State University (Pittsburg, KS)
- Plymouth State University (Plymouth, NH)
- Southeast Missouri State University (Cape Girardeau, MO)
- SUNY College at Oswego (Oswego, NY)\*
- Western Illinois University (Macomb, IL)
- Winona State University (Winona, MN)