

Washington State University



About This Report

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 2018 and 2019 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 2018 and 2019 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 Cohort."

Your Students' Comparison Comparison Comparison Responses Group 1 Group 2 Group 3 Frequency Distributions Admissions Carnegie UG NSSE NSSEville State Overlap Cohort Program Values d Response options Count Count 1. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following? Never 45 1,462 3,978 16 450 37 15,00 6,910 40 43,752 33 Often 428 34 11 .51 34 5,911 34 47,737 35

Reading This Report

This report consists of three sections that provide details for each of your comparison groups, illustrated at right.

Comparison Group Name

First-Year Students

Variable

askquest

1

3

Very often

name

Item wording

or description

a. Asked questions or

contributed to course

discussions in other

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 2018 participants are identified with an asterisk.

Comparison Group 1: Admissions Overlap

307 25

1,230 100

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7,173

33,087

22

3,759

17,396

21

100

39,041

134,508

28

100

How was this comparison group constructed? Group description (as provided by SAMPLE your institution) Admissions Overlap (N=20) Albertus Magnus College (New Have American International College (Spri Anna Maria College (Paxton, MA) Bryant University (Smithfield, RI) Champlain College (Burlins Champiam College (Burington, VI)* College of Our Lady of the Elms (Chi Curry College (Milton, MA)* Franklin Pierce University (Rindge, N

a. The default groups are:

Comparison Group 1: For institutions not in a NSSE consortium, this group contains 2018 and 2019 NSSE institutions in the same geographic region and sector (public/private). For consortium institutions, it contains results for the other 2018 (if applicable) and 2019 consortium members.

Comparison Group 2: All other 2018 and 2019 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 2018 and 2019 U.S. NSSE institutions (2018 and 2019 Canadian participants are also included in this group for Canadian institutions).



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Comparison Group 1: Strategic Plan

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	5/16/19
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all 2018 and 2019 NSSE participants.
Group description (as provided by your institution)	Washington State University's peer benchmark comparison group for the Strategic Plan 2014-19 represents Public Land Grant institutions that are Carnegie Very High Research Institutions (under the 2005 Basic Classification), have a veterinary school, may or may not have a medical school, may or may not be AAU members, are within 50% above or below WSU's enrollment size, and are within 100% above or below WSU's research and development expenditures.

Strategic Plan (N=7)

Colorado State University (Fort Collins, CO)

Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (Baton Rouge, LA)*

Mississippi State University (Mississippi State, MS)

Ohio State University, The (Columbus, OH)

Oregon State University (Corvallis, OR)

University of Missouri (Columbia, MO)

University of Nebraska at Lincoln (Lincoln, NE)



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Comparison Group 2: Legislative 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	5/16/19
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all 2018 and 2019 NSSE participants.
Group description (as provided by your institution)	Washington State University compares itself to these institutions, selected from a larger pool of 22 research universities, as mandated by the Washington State Legislature.

Legislative Peers (N=9)

Auburn University (Auburn, AL)

Colorado State University (Fort Collins, CO)

Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS)

Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (Baton Rouge, LA)*

Missouri State University (Springfield, MO)

Ohio State University, The (Columbus, OH)

Oklahoma State University (Stillwater, OK)*

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Champaign, IL)

University of Missouri (Columbia, MO)



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Comparison Group 3: AAU Institutions

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	5/16/19
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all 2018 and 2019 NSSE participants.
Group description (as provided by your institution)	As noted in WSU's 2014-2019 Strategic Plan and as directed by WSU's Board of Regents, WSU strives for excellence as a research university and compares itself to members of the Association of American Universities (AAU), a non-profit association of 61 U.S. and two Canadian preeminent research universities.

AAU Institutions (N=10)

Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, OH)*
Indiana University Bloomington (Bloomington, IN)*
Ohio State University, The (Columbus, OH)
Syracuse University (Syracuse, NY)*
Tulane University (New Orleans, LA)*
University of Arizona, The (Tucson, AZ)*
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Champaign, IL)
University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS)*
University of Missouri (Columbia, MO)
University of Oregon (Eugene, OR)