NSSE 2021
Selected Comparison Groups
WSU
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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 2020 and 2021 NSSE participants, (b) composing the group by selecting institutional characteristics, or (c) a combination of these. Institutions that chose not to customize received default groupsa 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 2020 and 2021 institutions where the questions were administered. 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."

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a. The default groups are:

Comparison Group 1: For institutions not in a NSSE consortium, this group contains 2020 and 2021 NSSE institutions in the same geographic region and sector (public/private). For consortium institutions, it contains results for the other 2020 (if applicable) and 2021 consortium members.

Comparison Group 2: All other 2020 and 2021 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 2020 and 2021 U.S. NSSE institutions (2020 and 2021 Canadian participants are also included in this group for Canadian institutions).
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### Public RUVH-Carn ('21)

- Auburn University (Auburn, AL)
- Clemson University (Clemson, SC)
- George Mason University (Fairfax, VA)
- Indiana University Bloomington (Bloomington, IN)
- Mississippi State University (Mississippi State, MS)
- Oregon State University (Corvallis, OR)
- Texas Tech University (Lubbock, TX)
- The University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa, AL)
- The University of Arizona (Tucson, AZ)
- The University of Tennessee, Knoxville (Knoxville, TN)
- The University of Texas at El Paso (El Paso, TX)
- University of Delaware (Newark, DE)
- University of Houston (Houston, TX)
- University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS)
- University of Kentucky (Lexington, KY)
- University of Nevada-Las Vegas (Las Vegas, NV)
- University of New Hampshire at Durham (Durham, NH)
- University of North Texas (Denton, TX)
- University of South Carolina Columbia (Columbia, SC)
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