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# NSSE 2021

## Selected Comparison Groups

Washington State University

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### 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 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 groups 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."

		Your Students' Responses		Comparison Group 1		Comparison Group 2		Comparison Group 3			
				NSSEville State		Admissions Overlap		Carnegie UG Program		NSSE Cohort	
Item wording or description	Variable name <sup>c</sup>	Values <sup>d</sup>	Response options	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	16	5	3,978	3
		2	Sometimes	450	37	5,003	35	6,910	40	43,752	33
		3	Often	428	34	14,751	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 2019 participants are identified with an asterisk.

#### Comparison Group 1: Admissions Overlap

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 5/29/20XX

How was this comparison group constructed? Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all NSSE participants.

Group description (as provided by your institution) All other current- and prior-year participants with the same Carnegie Classification and sector in our region.

#### Admissions Overlap (N=20)

Albertus Magnus College (New Haven, CT)\*  
 American International College (Springfield, MA)  
 Anna Maria College (Paston, MA)  
 Bryant University (Smithfield, RI)  
 Champlain College (Burlington, VT)\*  
 College of Our Lady of the Elms (Chicopee, MA)  
 Curry College (Milton, MA)\*  
 Franklin Pierce University (Rundge, NH)

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).

## NSSE Core Survey Comparison Group 1

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	2021
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of 2021 NSSE participants.
Group description (as provided by your institution)	Washington State University considers its NSSE results in relationship to the reported student experience at other Carnegie classified doctoral universities with very high research activity. The NSSE peer comparison group includes public doctoral universities, which have awarded at least 20 research/scholarship doctoral degrees and had at least \$5 million in total research expenditures (as reported through the National Science Foundation (NSF) Higher Education Research & Development Survey (HERD)). This year's peer comparison group includes institutions that administered NSSE in 2021.

### 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)  
 University of South Florida (Tampa, FL)  
 University of Southern Mississippi (Hattiesburg, MS)

## Topical Module Comparison Group (Inclusiveness & Engagement with Cultural Diversity)

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	2021
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of 2021 NSSE participants.
Group description (as provided by your institution)	Washington State University considers its NSSE results in relationship to the reported student experience at other Carnegie classified doctoral universities with very high research activity. The NSSE peer comparison group includes public doctoral universities, which have awarded at least 20 research/scholarship doctoral degrees and had at least \$5 million in total research expenditures (as reported through the National Science Foundation (NSF) Higher Education Research & Development Survey (HERD)). For the topical module Inclusiveness and Engagement with Cultural Diversity, the peer comparison group includes the Carnegie RUVH-Public institutions that administered this topical module in 2021.

### Public RUVH-Carn '21

Auburn University (Auburn, AL)  
 Clemson University (Clemson, SC)  
 George Mason University (Fairfax, VA)  
 Indiana University Bloomington (Bloomington, IN)  
 Texas Tech University (Lubbock, TX)  
 The University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa, AL)  
 University of Delaware (Newark, DE)  
 University of Kentucky (Lexington, KY)  
 University of Nevada-Las Vegas (Las Vegas, NV)  
 University of South Florida (Tampa, FL)