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 2015 and 2016 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 2015 and 2016 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 "GLC Peers," "Carnegie Peers," and "NSSE 2015 & 2016."

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Comparison Group Name</th>
<th>How Group was Constructed</th>
<th>Institution List</th>
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<tr>
<td>Your Students' Responses</td>
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<td>Comparison Group 1</td>
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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 2015 participants are identified with an asterisk.

NSSE 2016 Selected Comparison Groups
About This Report

First-Year Students
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item wording or description</th>
<th>Variable name</th>
<th>Values</th>
<th>Response options</th>
<th>Count</th>
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<td>1. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?</td>
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<td>a. Asked questions or contributed to course discussions in other ways</td>
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<td>Never</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>1,462</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>82</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>3,978</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Sometimes</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>37</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>1,920</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>43,782</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Often</td>
<td>428</td>
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<td>5,911</td>
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<td>47,757</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Very often</td>
<td>307</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>7,372</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>3,759</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>39,641</td>
<td>28</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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<td>1,230</td>
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<td>33,087</td>
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<td>17,396</td>
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<td>134,508</td>
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NSSE 2015 & 2016 Frequency Distributions
NSSiëlle State
GLC Peers
Carnegie Peers

a. The default groups are:
Comparison Group 1: For institutions not in a NSSE consortium, this group contains 2015 and 2016 NSSE institutions in the same geographic region and sector (public/private).
For consortium institutions, it contains results for the other 2015 (if applicable) and 2016 consortium members.
Comparison Group 2: All other 2015 and 2016 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 2015 and 2016 U.S. NSSE institutions (2015 and 2016 Canadian participants are also included in this group for Canadian institutions).
Comparison Group 1: Rocky Mt Public

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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<th>Default comparison group</th>
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**Rocky Mt Public (N=22)**

- Adams State University (Alamosa, CO)
- Boise State University (Boise, ID)*
- Colorado Mesa University (Grand Junction, CO)
- Colorado School of Mines (Golden, CO)*
- Colorado State University (Fort Collins, CO)
- Dixie State University (Saint George, UT)
- Fort Lewis College (Durango, CO)
- Idaho State University (Pocatello, ID)
- Metropolitan State University of Denver (Denver, CO)*
- Montana State University Billings (Billings, MT)
- Montana State University-Northern (Havre, MT)
- Montana Tech of the University of Montana (Butte, MT)*
- Southern Utah University (Cedar City, UT)
- University of Colorado Colorado Springs (Colorado Springs, CO)*
- University of Colorado Denver (Denver, CO)
- University of Idaho (Moscow, ID)*
- University of Montana (Missoula, MT)
- University of Montana-Western, The (Dillon, MT)*
- University of Utah (Salt Lake City, UT)
- University of Wyoming (Laramie, WY)*
- Weber State University (Ogden, UT)
- Western State Colorado University (Gunnison, CO)

*2015 participant
### Comparison Group 2: Carnegie Class

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#### Carnegie Class (N=54)

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<td>Aquinas College (Grand Rapids, MI)*</td>
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<td>Bemidji State University (Bemidji, MN)*</td>
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<td>Berry College (Mount Berry, GA)</td>
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<td>Black Hills State University (Spearfish, SD)</td>
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<tr>
<td>California State University-Channel Islands (Camarillo, CA)</td>
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<td>College of Mount Saint Vincent (Bronx, NY)*</td>
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<td>College of Our Lady of the Elms (Chicopee, MA)</td>
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<td>College of Saint Mary (Omaha, NE)*</td>
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<td>Concord University (Athens, WV)</td>
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<td>Coppin State University (Baltimore, MD)</td>
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<td>Dakota State University (Madison, SD)</td>
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<td>Eastern Connecticut State University (Willimantic, CT)</td>
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<td>Eastern Mennonite University (Harrisonburg, VA)*</td>
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<td>Eastern Nazarene College (Quincy, MA)*</td>
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<td>Eastern Oregon University (La Grande, OR)*</td>
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<td>Fairmont State University (Fairmont, WV)</td>
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<td>Faulkner University (Montgomery, AL)</td>
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<td>Felician College (Lodi, NJ)*</td>
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<td>Francis Marion University (Florence, SC)</td>
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<td>Freed-Hardeman University (Henderson, TN)</td>
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<td>Grace College and Theological Seminary (Winona Lake, IN)*</td>
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<td>Greenville College (Greenville, IL)*</td>
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<td>Heritage University (Toppenish, WA)</td>
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<td>Indiana University East (Richmond, IN)</td>
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<td>Inter American University of Puerto Rico-Ponce Campus (Mercedita, PR)*</td>
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<td>Judson University (Elgin, IL)</td>
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<td>Keene State College (Keene, NH)</td>
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<td>King's College (Wilkes Barre, PA)</td>
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<td>La Sierra University (Riverside, CA)*</td>
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<td>Lake Erie College (Painesville, OH)*</td>
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<td>Lenoir-Rhyne University (Hickory, NC)</td>
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<td>Mansfield University of Pennsylvania (Mansfield, PA)*</td>
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<td>Methodist University (Fayetteville, NC)*</td>
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<td>Milligan College (Milligan College, TN)*</td>
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<td>Milwaukee School of Engineering (Milwaukee, WI)*</td>
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<td>Mississippi University for Women (Columbus, MS)</td>
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<td>Peru State College (Peru, NE)</td>
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<td>Rockford University (Rockford, IL)</td>
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<td>Thomas College (Waterville, ME)*</td>
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<td>Thomas More College (Crestview Hills, KY)</td>
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<td>Trinity University (San Antonio, TX)*</td>
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<td>University of Charleston (Charleston, WV)</td>
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<td>University of Dubuque (Dubuque, IA)</td>
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<td>University of Hawai‘i at Hilo (Hilo, HI)</td>
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<td>University of Houston-Downtown (Houston, TX)</td>
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<td>University of North Texas at Dallas (Dallas, TX)</td>
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<td>University of the District of Columbia (Washington, DC)*</td>
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<td>University of the Virgin Islands (Charlotte Amalie, VI)</td>
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<td>West Virginia Wesleyan College (Buckhannon, WV)</td>
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<td>Western State Colorado University (Gunnison, CO)</td>
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<td>Whitworth University (Spokane, WA)*</td>
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Comparison Group 3: NSSE 2015 & 2016

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Group description (as provided by your institution) | Default comparison group

NSSE 2015 & 2016 (N=865)

All other NSSE 2015 and 2016 U.S. participants

View list at nsse.indiana.edu/pdf/nsse2015and2016_list.pdf