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# **NSSE 2016**

## **Selected Comparison Groups**

Tennessee Technological 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 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<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 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."

		Your Students' Responses		Comparison Group 1		Comparison Group 2		Comparison Group 3			
				NSSEville State		GLC Peers		Carnegie Peers		NSSE 2015 & 2016	
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	8	5	3,978	3
		2	Sometimes	450	37	13,031	37	6,310	40	43,752	33
		3	Often	428	34	11,501	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 2015 participants are identified with an asterisk.

#### Comparison Group 2: Carnegie 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	5/13/16
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this group by selecting institutional characteristics as follows: Basic Classification (Master's I); Sector (Pub)
Group description (as provided by your institution)	All public 2015 and 2016 participants with a Carnegie Basic Classification (Master's I); Sector (Pub); Carnegie (Large).

#### Carnegie Peers (N=108)

Adams State University (Alamosa, CO)	Indiana University Southeast (New Albany, IN)*
Alabama A&M University (Normal, AL)	Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (Fort Wayne, IN)*
Angelo State University (San Angelo, TX)	Jacksonville State University (Jacksonville, AL)
Appalachian State University (Boone, NC)*	Kean University (Union, NJ)*
Auburn University at Montgomery (Montgomery, AL)	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania (Kutztown, PA)*
Austin Peay State University (Clarksville, TN)	Marshall University (Huntington, WV)
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (Bloomsburg, PA)	McNeese State University (Lake Charles, LA)
California State University-Bakersfield (Bakersfield, CA)	Metropolitan State University (Saint Paul, MN)*

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: Carnegie Class

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	5/5/16
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this group by selecting institutional characteristics as follows:  Basic Classification (Doc/Mod)
Group description (as provided by your institution)	Carnegie Classification- Doc/Moderate: Doctoral Universities (Moderate Research Activity)

### Carnegie Class (N=70)

Adelphi University (Garden City, NY)*	Pace University (New York, NY)
Andrews University (Berrien Springs, MI)*	Prairie View A&M University (Prairie View, TX)*
Ashland University (Ashland, OH)*	Regent University (Virginia Beach, VA)
Azusa Pacific University (Azusa, CA)	Robert Morris University (Moon Township, PA)
Barry University (Miami, FL)*	Rochester Institute of Technology (Rochester, NY)*
Benedictine University (Lisle, IL)*	Sam Houston State University (Huntsville, TX)
Biola University (La Mirada, CA)*	Seattle Pacific University (Seattle, WA)*
Boise State University (Boise, ID)*	Seton Hall University (South Orange, NJ)
California State University, Fresno (Fresno, CA)*	Shenandoah University (Winchester, VA)
California State University, Fullerton (Fullerton, CA)	St. John Fisher College (Rochester, NY)
Capella University (Minneapolis, MN)	St. John's University-New York (Queens, NY)
Cardinal Stritch University (Milwaukee, WI)*	Suffolk University (Boston, MA)*
Clarkson University (Potsdam, NY)	Tennessee State University (Nashville, TN)
DePaul University (Chicago, IL)*	Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi (Corpus Christi, TX)*
East Tennessee State University (Johnson City, TN)	Texas A&M University-Kingsville (Kingsville, TX)
Eastern Michigan University (Ypsilanti, MI)	Texas Wesleyan University (Fort Worth, TX)
Gardner-Webb University (Boiling Springs, NC)	Trevecca Nazarene University (Nashville, TN)
Georgia Southern University (Statesboro, GA)*	Union University (Jackson, TN)*
Grand Canyon University (Phoenix, AZ)	University of Arkansas at Little Rock (Little Rock, AR)
Idaho State University (Pocatello, ID)	University of Hartford (West Hartford, CT)*
Indiana State University (Terre Haute, IN)	University of La Verne (La Verne, CA)*
Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Indiana, PA)	University of Louisiana Monroe (Monroe, LA)
Inter American University of Puerto Rico-Metro Campus (San Juan, PR)	University of Maryland-Eastern Shore (Princess Anne, MD)*
Kennesaw State University (Kennesaw, GA)	University of Nebraska at Omaha (Omaha, NE)
Lamar University (Beaumont, TX)	University of Phoenix - Arizona/ONLINE (Tempe, AZ)*
Lesley University (Cambridge, MA)*	University of San Diego (San Diego, CA)*
Liberty University (Lynchburg, VA)	University of San Francisco (San Francisco, CA)
Lindenwood University (Saint Charles, MO)*	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, The (Edinburg, TX)
Lipscomb University (Nashville, TN)	University of the Cumberland (Williamsburg, KY)
Louisiana Tech University (Ruston, LA)	University of the Pacific (Stockton, CA)
Mercer University (Macon, GA)	University of West Georgia (Carrollton, GA)*
Middle Tennessee State University (Murfreesboro, TN)	Villanova University (Villanova, PA)*
Montclair State University (Montclair, NJ)*	Widener University (Chester, PA)*
Morgan State University (Baltimore, MD)*	Wilmington University (New Castle, DE)*
Oakland University (Rochester Hills, MI)	Wright State University (Dayton, OH)*

### Comparison Group 2: THEC Peer Group

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	5/5/16
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all 2015 and 2016 NSSE participants.
Group description (as provided by your institution)	Quality Assurance Funding Peer Group

### THEC Peer Group (N=6)

- East Tennessee State University (Johnson City, TN)
- Louisiana Tech University (Ruston, LA)
- Tennessee State University (Nashville, TN)
- University of Arkansas at Little Rock (Little Rock, AR)
- University of Louisiana Monroe (Monroe, LA)
- University of West Georgia (Carrollton, GA)\*

\*2015 participant

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### Comparison Group 3: NSSE 2015 & 2016

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	5/5/16
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution retained the default comparison group (NSSE 2015 and 2016 U.S. institutions).
Group description (as provided by your institution)	All other current- and prior-year NSSE institutions

### NSSE 2015 & 2016 (N=865)

All other NSSE 2015 and 2016 U.S. participants

View list at [nsse.indiana.edu/pdf/nsse2015and2016\\_list.pdf](http://nsse.indiana.edu/pdf/nsse2015and2016_list.pdf)