



**National Survey
of Student Engagement**

University of South Carolina Aiken

Selected Comparison Groups

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NSSE participants are able to customize their *Institutional Reports* by tailoring up to three comparison groups. In May and June of 2008, your institution was invited to select comparison groups via the "Report Info Form" on the Institution Interface. This Selected Comparison Groups Report summarizes how your institution selected its comparison groups and lists the institutions within them.

NSSE reports display results for each institution alongside three comparison group columns. Institutions have the option to customize each column or select a recommended default group of institutions. NSSE comparison groups may be customized in several ways. Contacts may identify specific institutions from the list of all current-year NSSE participants, create the list using institutional criteria, or begin with institutional criteria, then add or remove specific institutions to refine the comparison group.

If an institution does not select a customized comparison group, NSSE provides default comparison groups which we have found to provide relevant comparisons for most institutions. If your institution opted for any of the default groups, they are:

Comparison Group 1 - For institutions not participating in a NSSE consortium, this group contains current-year NSSE institutions in the same geographic region and sector (private/public). For consortium institutions, this groups contains results for the other consortium members and is not customizable.

Comparison Group 2 - All other current-year U.S. NSSE institutions sharing your institution's Basic Carnegie Classification.

Comparison Group 3 - All other current-year U.S. NSSE institutions (Canadian participants are also included in this group for Canadian institutions).

The terms "comp. group 1," "comp. group 2," and "comp. group 3" correspond to the selected comparison group locations in the institutional reports. In NSSEville's example below, comp. group 1 is "Mid East Public", comp. group 2 "Carnegie Class" and comp. group 3 "NSSE 2008".

				Your Institution's Responses	Comp. Group 1 or Consortium			Comp. Group 2			Comp. Group 3			
				NSSEville State	Mid East Public			Carnegie Class			NSSE 2008			
Variable	Benchmark	Class		Mean ^a	Mean ^a	Sig ^b	Effect Size ^c	Mean ^a	Sig ^b	Effect Size ^c	Mean ^a	Sig ^b	Effect Size ^c	
<i>In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following? 1=never, 2=sometimes, 3=often, 4=very often</i>														
1. Academic and Intellectual Experiences														
a.	Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	CLQUEST	ACL	FY	2.84	2.65	***	.23	2.62	***	.27	2.74	**	.12
				SR	3.27	2.90	***	.43	2.91	***	.41	3.03	***	.27
b.	Made a class presentation	CLPRESEN	ACL	FY	2.33	2.09	***	.33	2.08	***	.33	2.21	***	.15
				SR	2.85	2.62	***	.27	2.65	***	.24	2.77	*	.10

The Selected Comparison Groups report consists of a summary page that details when and how your comparison groups were selected (or if you received the default due to not completing the Report Info Form) and three sections that provide comparison group details for each of the three report columns.

Comp. Group Name
Comparison group name in your reports.

Institution Names
The name, city and state of the comparison institutions are listed for your review.

Comparison Group 1 Details

This report displays the 2008 comparison group 1 institutions for NSSEville State University. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Mid East Public' column of the Respondent Characteristics, Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.

HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

Your institution did not identify a comparison group 1. The default group includes all institutions in your geographic region and sector (public/private).

SELECTED PEER GROUP CRITERIA *

- Basic 2005 Carnegie Classification(s):
- Carnegie - Undergraduate Instructional Program(s):
- Carnegie - Graduate Instructional Program(s):
- Carnegie - Enrollment Profile(s):
- Carnegie - Undergraduate Profile(s):
- Carnegie - Size and Setting(s):
- Sector(s) (public/private): 1
- Undergraduate enrollment(s):
- Locale(s):
- Geographic Region(s): 2
- State(s):
- Barron's admissions selectivity ratings(s):

COMPARISON GROUP 1 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Binghamton University (State University of New York)	Binghamton	NY
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania	Bloomsburg	PA
Cheyney University of Pennsylvania	Cheyney	PA

How Group was Selected
Indicates whether your group was drawn from a list, built based on criteria, or is the default group.

Selection Criteria
If criteria were used to build your comparison group, they are listed here. The criterion codes are explained on the Comparison Group Selection Criteria Codelist.

SUMMARY - Comparison Group Selection

This page provides an overview of how your three NSSE 2008 comparison groups were selected. These groups were either (a) submitted by your institution through the *Report Info Form* located on the NSSE Institution Interface or (b) defaults assigned because your institution did not complete the *Report Info Form*. Included below are the date the groups were submitted, the method used to pick them, the column labels your institutional contact provided for each group, the number of institutions in each group, and a short description of the group written by the contact at the time of submission. The following pages list the institutions selected for each comparison group.

COMPARISON GROUP 1 SELECTION

Date Submitted: N/A
Selection Method: ASSIGNED DEFAULT GROUP - Your institution did not select a comparison group 1.
Column Label: Southeast Public
Number of Institutions: 74
The Reason Your
Institution Provided For
Choosing This Group:

COMPARISON GROUP 2 SELECTION

Date Submitted: N/A
Selection Method: ASSIGNED DEFAULT GROUP - Your institution did not select a comparison group 2.
Column Label: Carnegie Class
Number of Institutions: 101
The Reason Your
Institution Provided For
Choosing This Group:

COMPARISON GROUP 3 SELECTION

Date Submitted: N/A
Selection Method: ASSIGNED DEFAULT GROUP - Your institution did not select a comparison group 3.
Column Label: NSSE 2008
Number of Institutions: 714
The Reason Your
Institution Provided For
Choosing This Group:

Comparison Group 1 Details

This report displays the 2008 comparison group 1 institutions for University of South Carolina Aiken. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Southeast Public' column of the Respondent Characteristics, Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.

HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

Your institution did not identify a comparison group 1. The default group includes all institutions in your geographic region and sector (public/private).

SELECTED PEER GROUP CRITERIA ^a

Basic 2005 Carnegie Classification(s):

Carnegie - Undergraduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Graduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Enrollment Profile(s):

Carnegie - Undergraduate Profile(s):

Carnegie - Size and Setting(s):

Sector(s) (public/private): 1

Undergraduate enrollment(s):

Locale(s):

Geographic Region(s): 5

State(s):

Barron's admissions selectivity ratings(s):

COMPARISON GROUP 1 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Alabama A&M University	Normal	AL
Albany State University	Albany	GA
Alcorn State University	Alcorn State	MS
Armstrong Atlantic State University	Savannah	GA
Auburn University	Auburn University	AL
Auburn University at Montgomery	Montgomery	AL
Augusta State University	Augusta	GA
Clayton State University	Morrow	GA
Clemson University	Clemson	SC
Columbus State University	Columbus	GA
Dalton State College	Dalton	GA
East Carolina University	Greenville	NC
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond	KY
Fayetteville State University	Fayetteville	NC
Florida A&M University	Tallahassee	FL
Florida Gulf Coast University	Fort Myers	FL

^a See the Comparison Group Selection Criteria Codelist for code details.

COMPARISON GROUP 1 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Florida International University	Miami	FL
Florida State University	Tallahassee	FL
Fort Valley State University	Fort Valley	GA
Francis Marion University	Florence	SC
Georgia College & State University	Milledgeville	GA
Georgia Institute of Technology	Atlanta	GA
Georgia Southern University	Statesboro	GA
Georgia Southwestern State University	Americus	GA
Georgia State University	Atlanta	GA
Henderson State University	Arkadelphia	AR
Jacksonville State University	Jacksonville	AL
James Madison University	Harrisonburg	VA
Kennesaw State University	Kennesaw	GA
Longwood University	Farmville	VA
Louisiana State University-Shreveport	Shreveport	LA
Macon State College	Macon	GA
Marshall University	Huntington	WV
McNeese State University	Lake Charles	LA
Medical College of Georgia	Augusta	GA
Middle Tennessee State University	Murfreesboro	TN
Mississippi State University	Mississippi State	MS
New College of Florida	Sarasota	FL
Norfolk State University	Norfolk	VA
North Carolina A&T State University	Greensboro	NC
North Georgia College & State University	Dahlonega	GA
Northwestern State University of Louisiana	Natchitoches	LA
Radford University	Radford	VA
Savannah State University	Savannah	GA
Southeastern Louisiana University	Hammond	LA
Southern Polytechnic State University	Marietta	GA
Southern University and A&M College	Baton Rouge	LA
Tennessee State University	Nashville	TN
The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina	Charleston	SC
The University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa	AL
The University of Tennessee	Knoxville	TN
The University of Tennessee Martin	Martin	TN
University of Arkansas - Fort Smith	Fort Smith	AR
University of Arkansas at Little Rock	Little Rock	AR
University of Central Florida	Orlando	FL
University of Florida	Gainesville	FL
University of Georgia	Athens	GA
University of Mary Washington	Fredericksburg	VA
University of Mississippi	University	MS
University of New Orleans	New Orleans	LA
University of North Alabama	Florence	AL
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill	NC
University of North Carolina at Pembroke	Pembroke	NC
University of South Carolina-Beaufort	Bluffton	SC
University of Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg	MS
University of Virginia	Charlottesville	VA
University of West Georgia	Carrollton	GA
Valdosta State University	Valdosta	GA

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COMPARISON GROUP 1 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Virginia Commonwealth University	Richmond	VA
Virginia Military Institute	Lexington	VA
West Liberty State College	West Liberty	WV
Western Carolina University	Cullowhee	NC
Winston-Salem State University	Winston-Salem	NC
Winthrop University	Rock Hill	SC

Comparison Group 2 Details

This report displays the 2008 comparison group 2 institutions for University of South Carolina Aiken. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Carnegie Class' column of the Respondent Characteristics, Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.

HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

Your institution did not identify a comparison group 2. The default group includes all institutions in your 2005 Basic Carnegie Classification.

SELECTED COMPARISON GROUP CRITERIA ^a

Basic 2005 Carnegie Classification(s): 22

Carnegie - Undergraduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Graduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Enrollment Profile(s):

Carnegie - Undergraduate Profile(s):

Carnegie - Size and Setting(s):

Sector(s) (public/private):

Undergraduate enrollment(s):

Locale(s):

Geographic Region(s):

State(s):

Barron's admissions selectivity ratings(s):

COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Adrian College	Adrian	MI
Anderson University	Anderson	SC
Augustana College	Sioux Falls	SD
Barton College	Wilson	NC
Belmont Abbey College	Belmont	NC
Benedict College	Columbia	SC
Bethune Cookman University	Daytona Beach	FL
Black Hills State University	Spearfish	SD
Bluefield College	Bluefield	VA
Brescia University	Owensboro	KY
Briar Cliff University	Sioux City	IA
Campbellsville University	Campbellsville	KY
Central Baptist College	Conway	AR
Central Methodist University	Fayette	MO
Clayton State University	Morrow	GA
Coker College	Hartsville	SC

^a See the Comparison Group Selection Criteria Codelist for code details.

COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Colby-Sawyer College	New London	NH
College of Our Lady of the Elms	Chicopee	MA
Concordia University Nebraska	Seward	NE
Concordia University Texas	Austin	TX
Dakota State University	Madison	SD
Dakota Wesleyan University	Mitchell	SD
Defiance College	Defiance	OH
Dickinson State University	Dickinson	ND
Eastern Nazarene College	Quincy	MA
Elizabethtown College	Elizabethtown	PA
Elmira College	Elmira	NY
Eureka College	Eureka	IL
Faulkner University	Montgomery	AL
Flagler College	Saint Augustine	FL
Florida Southern College	Lakeland	FL
Grace College and Theological Seminary	Winona Lake	IN
Grand View College	Des Moines	IA
Howard Payne University	Brownwood	TX
Indiana University East	Richmond	IN
Iowa Wesleyan College	Mount Pleasant	IA
John Brown University	Siloam Springs	AR
Keuka College	Keuka Park	NY
LaGrange College	Lagrange	GA
Lasell College	Newton	MA
Lees-McRae College	Banner Elk	NC
Lenoir-Rhyne College	Hickory	NC
Loras College	Dubuque	IA
Lyndon State College	Lyndonville	VT
MacMurray College	Jacksonville	IL
Manchester College	North Manchester	IN
Marietta College	Marietta	OH
Martin Methodist College	Pulaski	TN
McMurry University	Abilene	TX
Midway College	Midway	KY
Missouri Western State University	Saint Joseph	MO
Montreat College	Montreat	NC
Mount Mercy College	Cedar Rapids	IA
Nevada State College at Henderson	Henderson	NV
New England College	Henniker	NH
Newbury College-Brookline	Brookline	MA
Northern State University	Aberdeen	SD
Northwestern College	Orange City	IA
Northwestern Oklahoma State University	Alva	OK
Ohio Northern University	Ada	OH
Ottawa University	Ottawa	KS
Pacific Union College	Angwin	CA
Penn State University - Altoona	Altoona	PA
Penn State University - Brandywine	Media	PA
Penn State University - Erie, The Behrend College	Erie	PA
Penn State University - Worthington Scranton	Dunmore	PA
Quincy University	Quincy	IL
Roger Williams University	Bristol	RI

^a See the Comparison Group Selection Criteria Codelist for code details.

COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Saint Josephs College	Rensselaer	IN
Seton Hill University	Greensburg	PA
Shaw University	Raleigh	NC
Shawnee State University	Portsmouth	OH
Southern Adventist University	Collegedale	TN
Southern Vermont College	Bennington	VT
Southern Virginia University	Buena Vista	VA
St. Francis College	Brooklyn Heights	NY
SUNY Maritime College	Bronx	NY
Tabor College	Hillsboro	KS
Taylor University	Upland	IN
Taylor University Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne	IN
The University of Montana-Western	Dillon	MT
Union College	Lincoln	NE
United States Air Force Academy	USAF A	CO
Unity College	Unity	ME
University of Charleston	Charleston	WV
University of Dubuque	Dubuque	IA
University of Houston-Downtown	Houston	TX
University of Maine at Farmington	Farmington	ME
University of Minnesota-Crookston	Crookston	MN
University of Pittsburgh-Bradford	Bradford	PA
University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma	Chickasha	OK
University of the Ozarks	Clarksville	AR
Villa Julie College	Stevenson	MD
Voorhees College	Denmark	SC
Warner Pacific College	Portland	OR
Wesley College	Dover	DE
West Liberty State College	West Liberty	WV
Western Governors University	Salt Lake City	UT
Wilmington College	Wilmington	OH
Wilson College	Chambersburg	PA
Winston-Salem State University	Winston-Salem	NC

Comparison Group 3 Details

This report displays the 2008 comparison group 3 institutions for University of South Carolina Aiken. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'NSSE 2008' column of the Respondent Characteristics, Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.

HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

Your institution did not identify a comparison group 3. The default group includes all U.S. NSSE 2008 institutions.

SELECTED COMPARISON GROUP CRITERIA ^a

Basic 2005 Carnegie Classification(s):

Carnegie - Undergraduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Graduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Enrollment Profile(s):

Carnegie - Undergraduate Profile(s):

Carnegie - Size and Setting(s):

Sector(s) (public/private):

Undergraduate enrollment(s):

Locale(s):

Geographic Region(s):

State(s):

Barron's admissions selectivity ratings(s):

COMPARISON GROUP 3 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
ALL U.S. NSSE 2008 INSTITUTIONS		
View list at http://nsse.iub.edu/nsse_2008/2008-colleges.cfm		