



# University of South Carolina Aiken

Selected Comparison Groups  
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NSSE participants are able to customize their *Institutional Report* by tailoring up to three comparison groups. In June of 2010, your institution was invited to select comparison groups via the "Report 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 customize a 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 (public/private). For consortium institutions, this group contains results for the other consortium members.

*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 selected comparison group locations in the institutional reports are illustrated in the mock report below for NSSEville State. Comparison group 1 is "Mid East Public," comparison group 2 "Carnegie Class," and comparison group 3 "NSSE 2010."

Your Institution's Responses				Comparison Group 1 or Consortium				Comparison Group 2			Comparison Group 3					
				NSSEville State				Mid East Public			Carnegie Class			NSSE 2010		
Variable	Benchmark	Class	Mean <sup>a</sup>	Mean <sup>a</sup>	Sig <sup>b</sup>	Effect Size <sup>c</sup>	Mean <sup>a</sup>	Sig <sup>b</sup>	Effect Size <sup>c</sup>	Mean <sup>a</sup>	Sig <sup>b</sup>	Effect Size <sup>c</sup>	Mean <sup>a</sup>	Sig <sup>b</sup>	Effect Size <sup>c</sup>	
<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>																
<b>1. Academic and Intellectual Experiences</b>																
a.	Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	CLQUEST	ACL	FY	3.05	2.85 ***	.23	2.88 **	.20	2.84 ***	.25	3.17 **	.24	3.11 ***	.31	
				SR	3.37	3.11 ***	.31	3.17 **	.24	3.11 ***	.31	3.17 **	.24	3.11 ***	.31	
b.	Made a class presentation	CLPRESEN	ACL	FY	2.53	2.25 ***	.35	2.34 ***	.24	2.27 ***	.32	2.84 ***	.34	2.78 ***	.42	
				SR	3.15	2.77 ***	.45	2.84 ***	.34	2.78 ***	.42	2.84 ***	.34	2.78 ***	.42	

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 Form) and three sections that provide details for each of the comparison groups.

**Comp. Group Name**  
Comparison group name in your reports.

**Comparison Group 1 Details**

This report displays the 2010 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 customize comparison group 1. The default group includes all institutions in your geographic region and sector (public/private).

**SELECTED PEER GROUP CRITERIA <sup>a</sup>**

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
California University of Pennsylvania	California	PA
Coppin State University	Baltimore	MD
CUNY Bernard M Baruch College	New York	NY

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

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

**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 2010 comparison groups were selected. These groups were either (a) submitted by your institution through the *Report Form* located on the NSSE Institution Interface or (b) defaults your institution did not change through the *Report Form*. Included below are the date the groups were submitted, the method used to select 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 provided by your contact at the time of submission. The following pages list the institutions selected for each comparison group.

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### **COMPARISON GROUP 1 SELECTION**

Date Submitted: N/A  
Selection Method: DEFAULT GROUP - Your institution did not customize your default comparison group.  
Column Label: Southeast Public  
Number of Institutions: 62  
Description:

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### **COMPARISON GROUP 2 SELECTION**

Date Submitted: N/A  
Selection Method: DEFAULT GROUP - Your institution did not customize your default comparison group.  
Column Label: Carnegie Class  
Number of Institutions: 90  
Description:

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### **COMPARISON GROUP 3 SELECTION**

Date Submitted: N/A  
Selection Method: DEFAULT GROUP - Your institution did not customize your default comparison group.  
Column Label: NSSE 2010  
Number of Institutions: 563  
Description:

## Comparison Group 1 Details

This report displays the 2010 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.

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### HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

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

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### SELECTED PEER GROUP CRITERIA <sup>a</sup>

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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):

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### COMPARISON GROUP 1 INSTITUTIONS

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<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
Alabama A&M University	Normal	AL
Alcorn State University	Alcorn State	MS
Arkansas State University-Jonesboro	State University	AR
Auburn University	Auburn University	AL
Auburn University at Montgomery	Montgomery	AL
Bluefield State College	Bluefield	WV
Christopher Newport University	Newport News	VA
Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, The	Charleston	SC
Clayton State University	Morrow	GA
Clemson University	Clemson	SC
Coastal Carolina University	Conway	SC
College of Charleston	Charleston	SC
Dalton State College	Dalton	GA
Delta State University	Cleveland	MS
Fayetteville State University	Fayetteville	NC
Florida Atlantic University	Boca Raton	FL

<sup>a</sup> See the Comparison Group Selection Criteria Codelist for code details.

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**COMPARISON GROUP 1 INSTITUTIONS**

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<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
Florida Gulf Coast University	Fort Myers	FL
Florida International University	Miami	FL
Francis Marion University	Florence	SC
Georgia Gwinnett College	Lawrenceville	GA
Grambling State University	Grambling	LA
Henderson State University	Arkadelphia	AR
Jackson State University	Jackson	MS
Jacksonville State University	Jacksonville	AL
Lander University	Greenwood	SC
Louisiana Tech University	Ruston	LA
Macon State College	Macon	GA
Marshall University	Huntington	WV
McNeese State University	Lake Charles	LA
Mississippi State University	Mississippi State	MS
Nicholls State University	Thibodaux	LA
Norfolk State University	Norfolk	VA
Northwestern State University	Natchitoches	LA
Old Dominion University	Norfolk	VA
Shepherd University	Shepherdstown	WV
Southeastern Louisiana University	Hammond	LA
Southern University and A&M College	Baton Rouge	LA
Southern University at New Orleans	New Orleans	LA
Tennessee State University	Nashville	TN
Troy University	Troy	AL
University of Alabama, The	Tuscaloosa	AL
University of Arkansas	Fayetteville	AR
University of Arkansas - Fort Smith	Fort Smith	AR
University of Arkansas at Little Rock	Little Rock	AR
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	Lafayette	LA
University of Louisiana Monroe	Monroe	LA
University of Mary Washington	Fredericksburg	VA
University of Mississippi	University	MS
University of Montevallo	Montevallo	AL
University of New Orleans, The	New Orleans	LA
University of North Carolina at Asheville	Asheville	NC
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill	NC
University of South Carolina-Beaufort	Bluffton	SC
University of South Florida	Tampa	FL
University of Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg	MS
University of Tennessee Martin, The	Martin	TN
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, The	Knoxville	TN
University of West Georgia	Carrollton	GA
Virginia Commonwealth University	Richmond	VA
Virginia Military Institute	Lexington	VA
West Virginia University	Morgantown	WV
Winston-Salem State University	Winston-Salem	NC

<sup>a</sup> See the Comparison Group Selection Criteria Codelist for code details.

## Comparison Group 2 Details

This report displays the 2010 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.

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### HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

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

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### SELECTED COMPARISON GROUP CRITERIA <sup>a</sup>

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):

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### COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS

<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
Adrian College	Adrian	MI
Alderson-Broadus College	Philippi	WV
Barton College	Wilson	NC
Belmont Abbey College	Belmont	NC
Bethune Cookman University	Daytona Beach	FL
Black Hills State University	Spearfish	SD
Bluefield College	Bluefield	VA
Brescia University	Owensboro	KY
Buena Vista University	Storm Lake	IA
California Maritime Academy	Vallejo	CA
Central Baptist College	Conway	AR
Central Methodist University	Fayette	MO
Chowan University	Murfreesboro	NC
Clayton State University	Morrow	GA
Coker College	Hartsville	SC
Colby-Sawyer College	New London	NH

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**COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS**


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<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
Concordia University Nebraska	Seward	NE
Concordia University Texas	Austin	TX
Dakota State University	Madison	SD
Dakota Wesleyan University	Mitchell	SD
Davis & Elkins College	Elkins	WV
Defiance College	Defiance	OH
Delaware Valley College	Doylestown	PA
Dickinson State University	Dickinson	ND
East Texas Baptist University	Marshall	TX
Eastern Nazarene College	Quincy	MA
Edward Waters College	Jacksonville	FL
Eureka College	Eureka	IL
Felician College	Lodi	NJ
Flagler College	Saint Augustine	FL
Florida Memorial University	Miami Gardens	FL
Florida Southern College	Lakeland	FL
Grace College and Theological Seminary	Winona Lake	IN
Harris-Stowe State University	Saint Louis	MO
Hilbert College	Hamburg	NY
Humphreys College	Stockton	CA
Indiana University East	Richmond	IN
Iowa Wesleyan College	Mount Pleasant	IA
John Brown University	Siloam Springs	AR
Judson University	Elgin	IL
Keuka College	Keuka Park	NY
Keystone College	La Plume	PA
King College, Inc.	Bristol	TN
LaGrange College	Lagrange	GA
Lander University	Greenwood	SC
Lebanon Valley College	Annville	PA
Lenoir-Rhyne University	Hickory	NC
Martin Methodist College	Pulaski	TN
McMurry University	Abilene	TX
Methodist University	Fayetteville	NC
Midway College	Midway	KY
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
Notre Dame College	Cleveland	OH
Ohio Northern University	Ada	OH
Peru State College	Peru	NE
Purdue University-North Central Campus	Westville	IN
Quincy University	Quincy	IL
Roger Williams University	Bristol	RI
Saint Augustines College	Raleigh	NC
Saint Josephs College	Rensselaer	IN
Schreiner University	Kerrville	TX
Shepherd University	Shepherdstown	WV
Southeastern University	Lakeland	FL
Southern Adventist University	Collegedale	TN

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**COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS**

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<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
Southern Virginia University	Buena Vista	VA
St. Francis College	Brooklyn Heights	NY
Stevenson University	Stevenson	MD
Tabor College	Hillsboro	KS
Union College	Lincoln	NE
United States Merchant Marine Academy	Kings Point	NY
Unity College	Unity	ME
University of Advancing Technology	Tempe	AZ
University of Charleston	Charleston	WV
University of Minnesota-Crookston	Crookston	MN
University of Pittsburgh-Bradford	Bradford	PA
University of Puerto Rico-Carolina	Carolina	PR
University of Sacred Heart	Santurce	PR
University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma	Chickasha	OK
University of the Ozarks	Clarksville	AR
Vanguard University of Southern California	Costa Mesa	CA
Virginia Intermont College	Bristol	VA
Voorhees College	Denmark	SC
Warner University	Lake Wales	FL
Wiley College	Marshall	TX
Winston-Salem State University	Winston-Salem	NC
York College of Pennsylvania	York	PA

<sup>a</sup> See the Comparison Group Selection Criteria Codelist for code details.

## Comparison Group 3 Details

This report displays the 2010 comparison group 3 institutions for University of South Carolina Aiken. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'NSSE 2010' column of the Respondent Characteristics, Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.

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### HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

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Your institution did not customize comparison group 3. The default group includes all U.S. NSSE 2010 institutions.

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### SELECTED COMPARISON GROUP CRITERIA <sup>a</sup>

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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):

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### COMPARISON GROUP 3 INSTITUTIONS

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Institution Name	City	State
ALL U.S. NSSE 2010 INSTITUTIONS		
View list at <a href="http://nsse.iub.edu/pdf/2010_comparison_group3.pdf">nsse.iub.edu/pdf/2010_comparison_group3.pdf</a>		

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