



# University of South Carolina Aiken

Selected Comparison Groups  
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The NSSE Institutional Report displays results for each institution alongside three comparison groups which are customizable. In June, your institution was invited to select comparison groups via the "Report Form" on the Institution Interface. This report summarizes how your comparison groups were selected, and lists the institutions within them.

NSSE comparison groups may be customized in several ways. Contacts may identify specific institutions from the list of all current-year NSSE participants, compose the group using institutional characteristics, or begin with institutional characteristics, then add or remove specific institutions to refine the comparison group.

If an institution does not customize a comparison group, NSSE provides default groups which provide relevant comparisons for most institutions. The default groups are:

*Comparison Group 1* - For institutions not in a NSSE consortium, this group contains current-year institutions in the same geographic region and sector (public/private). For consortium institutions, it 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 Private," comparison group 2 "Carnegie Class," and comparison group 3 "NSSE 2012."

				Your Institution's Responses	Comparison Group 1 or Consortium			Comparison Group 2			Comparison Group 3		
				NSSEville State	Mid East Private			Carnegie Class			NSSE 2012		
				Mean <sup>a</sup>	Mean <sup>a</sup>	Slg <sup>b</sup>	Effect Size <sup>c</sup>	Mean <sup>a</sup>	Slg <sup>b</sup>	Effect Size <sup>c</sup>	Mean <sup>a</sup>	Slg <sup>b</sup>	Effect Size <sup>c</sup>
Variable	Benchmark	Class		<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	2.94	2.90	.04	2.85 **	.10	2.85 **	.10	2.85 **	.10	
			SR	3.28	3.19 ***	.12	3.15 ***	.15	3.12 ***	.19	3.12 ***	.19	
b.	Made a class presentation	CLPRESEN	ACL FY	2.28	2.43 ***	-.18	2.32	-.05	2.29	-.01	2.29	-.01	
			SR	2.89	2.91	-.03	2.86	.03	2.79 ***	.11	2.79 ***	.11	

This report consists of a summary page that explains when and how your comparison groups were selected (or if you received defaults) and three sections that provide details for each of the comparison groups. A guide to the details sections is below.

**Comparison Group Name**  
The name assigned to the comparison group is embedded here in quotes.

**Institution List**  
The names, cities and states of the comparison institutions are listed for your reference.

**Comparison Group 1 Details**

This report displays the 2012 comparison group 1 institutions for NSSEville State University. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Mid East Private' 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 \***

- Basic 2010 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): 2,3
- 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
Alvernia University	Reading	PA
Baltimore International College	Baltimore	MD
Bloomfield College	Bloomfield	NJ

**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 institutional characteristics 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 summarizes how your three NSSE 2012 comparison groups were selected. Each group was either (a) submitted by your institution through the *Report Form* located on the NSSE Institution Interface or (b) assigned by default. Included below are the date the groups were last confirmed, the method used to select them, the column label 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 Confirmed: N/A  
Selection Method: DEFAULT GROUP - Your institution did not customize your default comparison group.  
Column Label: Southeast Public  
Number of Institutions: 64  
Description:

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### **COMPARISON GROUP 2 SELECTION**

Date Confirmed: N/A  
Selection Method: DEFAULT GROUP - Your institution did not customize your default comparison group.  
Column Label: Carnegie Class  
Number of Institutions: 88  
Description:

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### **COMPARISON GROUP 3 SELECTION**

Date Confirmed: N/A  
Selection Method: DEFAULT GROUP - Your institution did not customize your default comparison group.  
Column Label: NSSE 2012  
Number of Institutions: 545  
Description:

## Comparison Group 1 Details

This report displays the 2012 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

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>

Basic 2010 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

Institution Name	City	State
Appalachian State University	Boone	NC
Auburn University	Auburn University	AL
Auburn University at Montgomery	Montgomery	AL
Augusta State University	Augusta	GA
Austin Peay State University	Clarksville	TN
Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, The	Charleston	SC
Clemson University	Clemson	SC
Coastal Carolina University	Conway	SC
College of Coastal Georgia	Brunswick	GA
Dalton State College	Dalton	GA
East Carolina University	Greenville	NC
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond	KY
Fairmont State University	Fairmont	WV
Fayetteville State University	Fayetteville	NC
Florida International University	Miami	FL
Francis Marion University	Florence	SC

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**COMPARISON GROUP 1 INSTITUTIONS**


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<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
George Mason University	Fairfax	VA
Grambling State University	Grambling	LA
Jacksonville State University	Jacksonville	AL
Kentucky State University	Frankfort	KY
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
Morehead State University	Morehead	KY
Murray State University	Murray	KY
Nicholls State University	Thibodaux	LA
Norfolk State University	Norfolk	VA
North Carolina Central University	Durham	NC
Northern Kentucky University	Highland Heights	KY
Northwestern State University of Louisiana	Natchitoches	LA
Old Dominion University	Norfolk	VA
Southeastern Louisiana University	Hammond	LA
Southern Arkansas University	Magnolia	AR
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 at Birmingham	Birmingham	AL
University of Alabama in Huntsville	Huntsville	AL
University of Arkansas - Fort Smith	Fort Smith	AR
University of Arkansas at Little Rock	Little Rock	AR
University of Central Arkansas	Conway	AR
University of Kentucky	Lexington	KY
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	Lafayette	LA
University of Louisiana Monroe	Monroe	LA
University of Louisville	Louisville	KY
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 Florida	Jacksonville	FL
University of South Carolina Columbia	Columbia	SC
University of South Carolina Upstate	Spartanburg	SC
University of South Carolina-Beaufort	Bluffton	SC
University of South Florida-St. Petersburg Campus	St. Petersburg	FL
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, The	Chattanooga	TN
University of Tennessee Martin, The	Martin	TN
Virginia Military Institute	Lexington	VA
Western Carolina University	Cullowhee	NC
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green	KY
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 2012 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 2010 Basic Carnegie Classification.

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

Basic 2010 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

Institution Name	City	State
Arizona Christian University	Phoenix	AZ
Barton College	Wilson	NC
Belmont Abbey College	Belmont	NC
Benedictine College	Atchison	KS
Bethany College	Lindsborg	KS
Bethune Cookman University	Daytona Beach	FL
Bluefield College	Bluefield	VA
Brescia University	Owensboro	KY
Carroll College	Helena	MT
Central Baptist College	Conway	AR
Central Methodist University	Fayette	MO
Central Penn College	Summerdale	PA
Champlain College	Burlington	VT
Chowan University	Murfreesboro	NC
Clarke University	Dubuque	IA
Coker College	Hartsville	SC

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**COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS**


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<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
College of Our Lady of the Elms	Chicopee	MA
Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, The	New York	NY
Dakota Wesleyan University	Mitchell	SD
Davis & Elkins College	Elkins	WV
Dickinson State University	Dickinson	ND
East Texas Baptist University	Marshall	TX
Eureka College	Eureka	IL
Faulkner University	Montgomery	AL
Ferrum College	Ferrum	VA
Flagler College	Saint Augustine	FL
Florida Southern College	Lakeland	FL
Grace College and Theological Seminary	Winona Lake	IN
Grand View University	Des Moines	IA
Greensboro College	Greensboro	NC
Harris-Stowe State University	Saint Louis	MO
Hilbert College	Hamburg	NY
Hope International University	Fullerton	CA
Humphreys College	Stockton	CA
Indiana University East	Richmond	IN
Indiana University Kokomo	Kokomo	IN
Iowa Wesleyan College	Mount Pleasant	IA
Kentucky Wesleyan College	Owensboro	KY
Kuyper College	Grand Rapids	MI
LaGrange College	Lagrange	GA
Lake Superior State University	Sault Ste Marie	MI
Lenoir-Rhyne University	Hickory	NC
Lyndon State College	Lyndonville	VT
Macon State College	Macon	GA
Martin Luther College	New Ulm	MN
McMurry University	Abilene	TX
Merrimack College	North Andover	MA
Methodist University	Fayetteville	NC
Midway College	Midway	KY
Montana State University-Northern	Havre	MT
Montana Tech of the University of Montana	Butte	MT
Mount Mercy University	Cedar Rapids	IA
Nevada State College at Henderson	Henderson	NV
Newbury College-Brookline	Brookline	MA
Nichols College	Dudley	MA
Northern State University	Aberdeen	SD
Northwestern College	Orange City	IA
Ohio Northern University	Ada	OH
Ohio Valley University	Vienna	WV
Oregon Institute of Technology	Klamath Falls	OR
Paine College	Augusta	GA
Paul Smith's College	Paul Smiths	NY
Rochester College	Rochester Hills	MI
Rocky Mountain College	Billings	MT
Saint Augustines College	Raleigh	NC
Saint Joseph's College	Rensselaer	IN
Shaw University	Raleigh	NC
Southeastern University	Lakeland	FL

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

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**COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS**

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<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
Southern Vermont College	Bennington	VT
St. Andrews Presbyterian College	Laurinburg	NC
St. Francis College	Brooklyn Heights	NY
Stephens College	Columbia	MO
Tabor College	Hillsboro	KS
Thomas College	Waterville	ME
United States Merchant Marine Academy	Kings Point	NY
University of Advancing Technology	Tempe	AZ
University of Charleston	Charleston	WV
University of Great Falls	Great Falls	MT
University of Mobile	Mobile	AL
University of Pittsburgh-Bradford	Bradford	PA
University of South Carolina Upstate	Spartanburg	SC
University of South Carolina-Beaufort	Bluffton	SC
University of the Ozarks	Clarksville	AR
Utah Valley University	Orem	UT
Virginia Union University	Richmond	VA
Warner Pacific College	Portland	OR
Wentworth Institute of Technology	Boston	MA
Wilson College	Chambersburg	PA

## Comparison Group 3 Details

This report displays the 2012 comparison group 3 institutions for University of South Carolina Aiken. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'NSSE 2012' 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 2012 institutions.

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

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Basic 2010 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 2012 INSTITUTIONS		
View list at <a href="http://nsse.iub.edu/pdf/2012_comparison_group3.pdf">nsse.iub.edu/pdf/2012_comparison_group3.pdf</a>		