



# National Survey of Student Engagement

Stetson University

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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 the comparison groups your institution selected 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 to a recommended default group of institutions. NSSE comparison groups may be customized in several ways. Contacts may identify specific institutions, create a 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 group 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	
				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>
				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										
Variable	Benchmark	Class												
<b>i. Academic and Intellectual Experiences</b>														
a. Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	CLQUEST	ACL	FY	2.84	***	.23	2.65	***	.23	2.62	***	.27	2.74	**
			SR	3.27	***	.43	2.90	***	.43	2.91	***	.41	3.03	***
b. Made a class presentation	CLPRESEN	ACL	FY	2.33	***	.33	2.09	***	.33	2.08	***	.33	2.21	***
			SR	2.85	***	.27	2.62	***	.27	2.65	***	.24	2.77	*

The Selected Comparison Groups report consists of a summary page that details when and how your comparison groups were selected (or if you received a 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.

**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 comparison group was drawn from a list, built from criteria, or is the default.

**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 Code.

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## **SUMMARY - Comparison Group Selection**

This page provides an overview of how your three NSSE 2008 comparison groups were selected. These groups were either (a) 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 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 comparison group.

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### **COMPARISON GROUP 1 SELECTION**

Date Submitted: 6/6/08  
 Selection Method: This group is your NSSE 2008 consortium.  
 Column Label: MECIC  
 Number of Institutions: 17  
 The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group:

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### **COMPARISON GROUP 2 SELECTION**

Date Submitted: 6/6/08  
 Selection Method: Comparators for this column were picked from a list of NSSE2008 participants.  
 Column Label: Selected Peers  
 Number of Institutions: 14  
 The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group:

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### **COMPARISON GROUP 3 SELECTION**

Date Submitted: 6/6/08  
 Selection Method: DEFAULT GROUP - Institution Selected  
 Column Label: NSSE 2008  
 Number of Institutions: 714  
 The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group:

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## Comparison Group 1 Details

This report displays the 2008 comparison group 1 institutions for Stetson University. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'MI' 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 participated in the NSSE consortium 'Mission Engagement Consortium for Independent Colleges' in 2008.

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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):

Undergraduate enrollment(s):

Locale(s):

Geographic Region(s):

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>
Bennington College	Bennington
Berry College	Mount Berry
Birmingham-Southern College	Birmingham
Clark University	Worcester
Clarkson University	Potsdam
Daemen College	Amherst
Faulkner University	Montgomery
Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences	Orlando
Manchester College	North Manchester
Manhattanville College	Purchase
Marlboro College	Marlboro
Monmouth University	West Long Branch
Mountain State University	Beckley
Naropa University	Boulder
Paul Smith's College	Paul Smiths

<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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**Institution Name**

Springfield College  
Webster University Worldwide

**City**

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

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## Comparison Group 2 Details

This report displays the 2008 comparison group 2 institutions for Stetson University. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Se Peers' 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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You selected specific institutions from a list of NSSE 2008 participants.

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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 2 INSTITUTIONS

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<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>
Drake University	Des Moines
Eckerd College	Saint Petersburg
Elon University	Elon
Fairfield University	Fairfield
Furman University	Greenville
John Carroll University	Cleveland
Loyola University New Orleans	New Orleans
Rollins College	Winter Park
Samford University	Birmingham
St. Lawrence University	Canton
University of Puget Sound	Tacoma
University of Richmond	Richmond
Washington and Lee University	Lexington
Xavier University	Cincinnati

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

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

## Comparison Group 3 Details

This report displays the 2008 comparison group 3 institutions for Stetson University. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'NS' 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 selected the default group of all U.S. NSSE 2008 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**

ALL U.S. NSSE 2008 INSTITUTIONS

View list at [http://nsse.iub.edu/nsse\\_2008/2008-colleges.cfm](http://nsse.iub.edu/nsse_2008/2008-colleges.cfm)

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