**Customized 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 the "Report 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 2013 and 2014 NSSE participants, (b) composing the group by selecting institutional characteristics, or (c) a combination of these. Institutions that choose not to customize receive default groups 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 the corresponding reports by choosing from the institutions where the question sets were administered. The default for these groups is all other 2013 (if applicable) and 2014 institutions where the questions were included. Please note: Comparison groups for additional question sets (topical modules and consortium questions) are documented within 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 "Public Master's L," "Large Public," and "NSSE 2013 & 2014."

**Reading This Report**

This report consists of three sections that provide details for each of your comparison groups, illustrated at right.

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*a. The default groups are:

- **Comparison Group 1:** For institutions not in a NSSE consortium, this group contains 2013 and 2014 NSSE institutions in the same geographic region and sector (public/private).
- For consortium institutions, it contains results for the other 2013 (if applicable) and 2014 consortium members.

- **Comparison Group 2:** All other 2013 and 2014 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 2013 and 2014 U.S. NSSE institutions (2013 and 2014 Canadian participants are also included in this group for Canadian institutions)."
Comparison Group 1: Community Engaged

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.

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Group description: Carnegie Elective Classification on Community Engagement designation.

'Community Engaged' institutions (N=31)

California State University-Stanislaus (Turlock, CA)
California State University, Fullerton (Fullerton, CA)
California State University, Sacramento (Sacramento, CA)
Central Connecticut State University (New Britain, CT)*
Eastern Kentucky University (Richmond, KY)
Eastern Michigan University (Ypsilanti, MI)
Florida Gulf Coast University (Fort Myers, FL)*
Fort Hays State University (Hays, KS)
James Madison University (Harrisonburg, VA)
Millersville University of Pennsylvania (Millersville, PA)
Morehead State University (Morehead, KY)
North Carolina Central University (Durham, NC)
Plymouth State University (Plymouth, NH)*
San Francisco State University (San Francisco, CA)
Southern Utah University (Cedar City, UT)*
State University of New York College at Cortland (Cortland, NY)
SUNY College at Oswego (Oswego, NY)
The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (Chattanooga, TN)
Towson University (Towson, MD)
University of Baltimore (Baltimore, MD)
University of Houston-Clear Lake (Houston, TX)
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (North Dartmouth, MA)
University of Michigan-Flint (Flint, MI)*
University of North Carolina Wilmington (Wilmington, NC)*
University of North Florida (Jacksonville, FL)
University of Northern Iowa (Cedar Falls, IA)
University of Southern Indiana (Evansville, IN)*
West Chester University of Pennsylvania (West Chester, PA)
Western Illinois University (Macomb, IL)*
Western Washington University (Bellingham, WA)
Winthrop University (Rock Hill, SC)

* 2013 participant
Comparison Group 2: Hispanic Serving

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.

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Group description Public, Hispanic serving institutions

'Hispanic Serving' institutions (N=26)

Adams State University (Alamosa, CO)
California State Polytechnic University-Pomona (Pomona, CA)
California State University San Marcos (San Marcos, CA)
California State University-Bakersfield (Bakersfield, CA)
California State University-Channel Islands (Camarillo, CA)
California State University-Los Angeles (Los Angeles, CA)
California State University-Stanislaus (Turlock, CA)
California State University, Fullerton (Fullerton, CA)
California State University, Monterey Bay (Seaside, CA)
California State University, Northridge (Northridge, CA)*
Colorado State University-Pueblo (Pueblo, CO)
Florida International University (Miami, FL)
Texas A&M International University (Laredo, TX)*
Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi (Corpus Christi, TX)*
Texas A&M University - Kingsville (Kingsville, TX)
Texas State University (San Marcos, TX)
The University of Texas at Arlington (Arlington, TX)
The University of Texas at Brownsville (Brownsville, TX)
The University of Texas at El Paso (El Paso, TX)
The University of Texas at San Antonio (San Antonio, TX)
The University of Texas-Pan American (Edinburg, TX)
University of Houston (Houston, TX)
University of Houston-Clear Lake (Houston, TX)
University of Houston-Downtown (Houston, TX)*
University of Houston-Victoria (Victoria, TX)*
University of North Texas (Denton, TX)*
Comparison Group 3: Pell

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.

How was this comparison group constructed?

Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all 2013 and 2014 NSSE participants.

Group description

Public institutions in the west with high Pell students

'Pell' institutions (N=7)

California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo (San Luis Obispo, CA)
California State University San Marcos (San Marcos, CA)
California State University-Chico (Chico, CA)
Central Washington University (Ellensburg, WA)
Eastern Washington University (Cheney, WA)
University of Nevada, Reno (Reno, NV)*
Western Washington University (Bellingham, WA)