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**NSSE 2014**  
**Selected Comparison Groups**  
University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez

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### 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<sup>a</sup> 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."

**First-Year Students**

Item wording or description	Variable name <sup>c</sup>	Values <sup>d</sup>	Response options	Frequency Distributions								
				Your Students' Responses		Comparison Group 1		Comparison Group 2		Comparison Group 3		
				NSSEville State		Public Master's L		Large Public		NSSE 2013 & 2014		
				Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
<b>1. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?</b>												
a. Asked questions or contributed to course discussions in other ways	askquest	1 2 3 4	Never Sometimes Often Very often	45	4	1,462	5	810	5	3,978	3	
				450	37	13,001	39	6,119	40	43,752	33	
				428	34	1,145	14	5,911	34	47,737	35	
				307	25	7,173	22	3,759	21	39,041	28	
			Total	1,230	100	33,087	100	17,396	100	134,508	100	

### Reading This Report

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

#### Comparison Group Name

The name assigned to the comparison group is listed here.

#### How Group was Constructed

Indicates whether your group was drawn from a list, built based on criteria, or is the default group. If institutional characteristics were used to build your comparison group, they are listed here.

#### Institution List

The names, cities and states or provinces of the comparison institutions are listed for your reference. NSSE 2013 participants are identified with an asterisk.

#### Comparison Group 1: Public Master's L

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.

Date submitted 6/23/14

How was this comparison group constructed? Your institution customized this group by selecting institutional characteristics as follows:

Sector (Pub); Basic Classification (Master's L)

Group description Public, Carnegie-classified Master's Large Universities.

#### 'Public Master's L' institutions (N=124)

Alabama State University (Montgomery, AL)*	Georgia College & State University (Milledgeville, GA)
Armstrong State University (Savannah, GA)	Grand Valley State University (Allendale, MI)*
Auburn University at Montgomery (Montgomery, AL)*	Jacksonville State University (Jacksonville, AL)
Austin Peay State University (Clarksville, TN)	James Madison University (Harrisonburg, VA)
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (Bloomsburg, PA)	Kean University (Union, NJ)*
Bridgewater State University (Bridgewater, MA)	Kennesaw State University (Kennesaw, GA)
California State Polytechnic University-Pomona (Pomona, CA)	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania (Kutztown, PA)*
California State University-Bakersfield (Bakersfield, CA)	Marshall University (Huntington, WV)

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

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.

Date submitted	6/9/14
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	No description provided

### 'Comparison Group 1' institutions (N=14)

- California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo (San Luis Obispo, CA)
- California State University, Fullerton (Fullerton, CA)
- CUNY Bernard M Baruch College (New York, NY)
- CUNY Hunter College (New York, NY)
- Illinois State University (Normal, IL)\*
- James Madison University (Harrisonburg, VA)
- Oakland University (Rochester Hills, MI)
- University of Colorado Colorado Springs (Colorado Springs, CO)\*
- University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (North Dartmouth, MA)
- University of Michigan-Dearborn (Dearborn, MI)
- University of North Carolina Wilmington (Wilmington, NC)\*
- University of North Florida (Jacksonville, FL)
- University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (La Crosse, WI)
- West Chester University of Pennsylvania (West Chester, PA)

### Comparison Group 2: Carnegie Class

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.

Date submitted	Not applicable; comparison group not customized.
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution did not customize this comparison group; the default group (Carnegie Classification) was used. Your default group is: Basic Classification (DRU)
Group description	Default comparison group

### 'Carnegie Class' institutions (N=54)

Adelphi University (Garden City, NY)*	Tennessee State University (Nashville, TN)
American University (Washington, DC)	Texas A&M University - Commerce (Commerce, TX)
Andrews University (Berrien Springs, MI)*	Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi (Corpus Christi, TX)*
Barry University (Miami, FL)	Texas A&M University - Kingsville (Kingsville, TX)
Benedictine University (Lisle, IL)*	Texas Christian University (Fort Worth, TX)*
Biola University (La Mirada, CA)*	Texas Southern University (Houston, TX)*
Bowie State University (Bowie, MD)	Texas Woman's University (Denton, TX)*
Capella University (Minneapolis, MN)	The New School (New York, NY)*
Cardinal Stritch University (Milwaukee, WI)*	The University of West Florida (Pensacola, FL)
DePaul University (Chicago, IL)	Trevecca Nazarene University (Nashville, TN)
East Tennessee State University (Johnson City, TN)	University of Arkansas at Little Rock (Little Rock, AR)*
Florida A&M University (Tallahassee, FL)	University of La Verne (La Verne, CA)*
Florida Institute of Technology (Melbourne, FL)*	University of Nebraska at Omaha (Omaha, NE)*
Georgia Southern University (Statesboro, GA)	University of North Carolina at Charlotte (Charlotte, NC)
Hofstra University (Hempstead, NY)	University of Phoenix-Online Campus (Phoenix, AZ)*
Illinois State University (Normal, IL)*	University of San Francisco (San Francisco, CA)
Immaculata University (Immaculata, PA)	University of St. Thomas (Saint Paul, MN)
Indiana State University (Terre Haute, IN)*	University of Tulsa (Tulsa, OK)*
Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Indiana, PA)	Wilmington University (New Castle, DE)*
Inter American University of Puerto Rico-Metro (San Juan, PR)	
Lamar University (Beaumont, TX)*	
Marquette University (Milwaukee, WI)*	
Maryville University of Saint Louis (Saint Louis, MO)	
Middle Tennessee State University (Murfreesboro, TN)	
North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University (Greensboro, NC)	
Oakland University (Rochester Hills, MI)	
Our Lady of the Lake University-San Antonio (San Antonio, TX)*	
Pace University (New York, NY)*	
Pepperdine University (Malibu, CA)	
Regent University (Virginia Beach, VA)	
Saint John Fisher College (Rochester, NY)	
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota (Winona, MN)*	
Seton Hall University (South Orange, NJ)	
St. John's University-New York (Queens, NY)	
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (Syracuse, NY)	

\* 2013 participant

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### Comparison Group 3: NSSE 2013 & 2014

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.

Date submitted	Not applicable; comparison group not customized.
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution did not customize this comparison group; the default group (NSSE 2013 and 2014 U.S. institutions) was used.
Group description	Default comparison group

### 'NSSE 2013 & 2014' institutions (N=983)

All other NSSE 2013 and 2014 U.S. participants

View list at [nsse.iub.edu/pdf/nsse2013and2014\\_list.pdf](http://nsse.iub.edu/pdf/nsse2013and2014_list.pdf)