



**National Survey
of Student Engagement**

Ferris State University

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 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 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 groups 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			
Variable	Bench- mark	Class		Mean *	Mean *	Sig ^b	Effect Size *	Mean *	Sig ^b	Effect Size *	Mean *	Sig ^b	Effect Size *	
				<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>										
1. Academic and Intellectual Experiences														
a.	Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	CLQUEST	ACL	FY	2.84	2.65	***	.23	2.62	***	.27	2.74	**	.12
				SR	3.27	2.90	***	.43	2.91	***	.41	3.03	***	.27
b.	Made a class presentation	CLPRESEN	ACL	FY	2.33	2.09	***	.33	2.08	***	.33	2.21	***	.15
				SR	2.85	2.62	***	.27	2.65	***	.24	2.77	*	.10

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 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.

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

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 group was drawn from a list, built based on criteria, or is the default group.

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 2008 comparison groups were selected. These groups were either (a) submitted 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 pick 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 each comparison group.

COMPARISON GROUP 1 SELECTION

Date Submitted: 5/20/08
Selection Method: Comparators for this column were picked from a list of NSSE2008 participants.
Column Label: Selected Peers
Number of Institutions: 6
The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group: Regional, of similar size and program mix. Some of the schools based solely on geography are not apt comparisons for us.

COMPARISON GROUP 2 SELECTION

Date Submitted: 5/20/08
Selection Method: DEFAULT GROUP - Institution Selected
Column Label: Carnegie Class
Number of Institutions: 83
The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group:

COMPARISON GROUP 3 SELECTION

Date Submitted: 5/20/08
Selection Method: DEFAULT GROUP - Institution Selected
Column Label: NSSE 2008
Number of Institutions: 714
The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group:

Comparison Group 1 Details

This report displays the 2008 comparison group 1 institutions for Ferris State University. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Selected Peers' column of the Respondent Characteristics, Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.

HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

You selected specific institutions from a list of NSSE 2008 participants.

SELECTED PEER GROUP CRITERIA ^a

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):

COMPARISON GROUP 1 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Central Michigan University	Mount Pleasant	MI
Eastern Michigan University	Ypsilanti	MI
University of Michigan-Flint	Flint	MI
University of Toledo	Toledo	OH
Western Michigan University	Kalamazoo	MI
Wright State University	Dayton	OH

Comparison Group 2 Details

This report displays the 2008 comparison group 2 institutions for Ferris State University. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Carnegie Class' column of the Respondent Characteristics, Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.

HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

Your institution selected the default group of all institutions with the same 2005 Basic Carnegie Classification.

SELECTED COMPARISON GROUP CRITERIA ^a

Basic 2005 Carnegie Classification(s): 19

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):

COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Abilene Christian University	Abilene	TX
Albany State University	Albany	GA
Alcorn State University	Alcorn State	MS
Anderson University	Anderson	IN
Assumption College	Worcester	MA
Augusta State University	Augusta	GA
Avila University	Kansas City	MO
Bethel University	Saint Paul	MN
Bryant University	Smithfield	RI
Butler University	Indianapolis	IN
Cabrini College	Radnor	PA
California State University San Marcos	San Marcos	CA
Cameron University	Lawton	OK
Centenary College	Hackettstown	NJ
Cheyney University of Pennsylvania	Cheyney	PA
Christian Brothers University	Memphis	TN

^a See the Comparison Group Selection Criteria Codelist for code details.

COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Columbia College Chicago	Chicago	IL
Concordia University-Saint Paul	Saint Paul	MN
Concordia University Chicago	River Forest	IL
Coppin State University	Baltimore	MD
Daemen College	Amherst	NY
Dominican College of Blauvelt	Orangeburg	NY
Eastern Connecticut State University	Willimantic	CT
Edgewood College	Madison	WI
Gallaudet University	Washington	DC
Georgia Southwestern State University	Americus	GA
Georgian Court University	Lakewood	NJ
Gwynedd Mercy College	Gwynedd Valley	PA
Henderson State University	Arkadelphia	AR
Houston Baptist University	Houston	TX
Humboldt State University	Arcata	CA
Husson University	Bangor	ME
Jacksonville University	Jacksonville	FL
LeTourneau University	Longview	TX
Lincoln Memorial University	Harrogate	TN
Longwood University	Farmville	VA
Louisiana State University-Shreveport	Shreveport	LA
Manhattan College	Bronx	NY
Midwestern State University	Wichita Falls	TX
Mills College	Oakland	CA
Misericordia University	Dallas	PA
Mount Saint Mary College	Newburgh	NY
Mountain State University	Beckley	WV
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	Socorro	NM
Newman University	Wichita	KS
North Central College	Naperville	IL
North Georgia College & State University	Dahlonega	GA
Northwest Missouri State University	Maryville	MO
Otterbein College	Westerville	OH
Palm Beach Atlantic University-West Palm Beach	West Palm Beach	FL
Queens University of Charlotte	Charlotte	NC
Rockford College	Rockford	IL
Rosemont College	Rosemont	PA
Rutgers University-Camden	Camden	NJ
Saint Joseph College	West Hartford	CT
Saint Leo University	Saint Leo	FL
Southeastern Oklahoma State University	Durant	OK
Southeastern University	Washington	DC
Southern Polytechnic State University	Marietta	GA
Stetson University	DeLand	FL
SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica-Rome	Utica	NY
The State University of New York at Geneseo	Geneseo	NY
The University of Tampa	Tampa	FL
The University of Tennessee Martin	Martin	TN
The University of Texas at Brownsville	Brownsville	TX
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin	Odessa	TX
Truman State University	Kirksville	MO
University of Mary Washington	Fredericksburg	VA

^a. See the Comparison Group Selection Criteria Codelist for code details.

COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
University of Michigan-Flint	Flint	MI
University of Minnesota-Duluth	Duluth	MN
University of North Carolina at Pembroke	Pembroke	NC
University of Scranton	Scranton	PA
University of Washington Tacoma	Tacoma	WA
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire	Eau Claire	WI
University of Wisconsin-Platteville	Platteville	WI
University of Wisconsin-River Falls	River Falls	WI
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	Stevens Point	WI
University of Wisconsin-Superior	Superior	WI
Ursuline College	Pepper Pike	OH
Waynesburg University	Waynesburg	PA
Weber State University	Ogden	UT
Westminster College	Salt Lake City	UT
Worcester State College	Worcester	MA

Comparison Group 3 Details

This report displays the 2008 comparison group 3 institutions for Ferris State University. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'NSSE 2008' column of the Respondent Characteristics, Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.

HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

Your institution selected the default group of all U.S. NSSE 2008 institutions

SELECTED COMPARISON GROUP CRITERIA ^a

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):

COMPARISON GROUP 3 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
ALL U.S. NSSE 2008 INSTITUTIONS		
View list at http://nsse.iub.edu/nsse_2008/2008-colleges.cfm		