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	Salem State		BHE Peers		Selected Peers		Aspirational Peers	
	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR
Response Rate[a]								
Overall	27%		24%		28%		29%	
By class	22%	32%	22%	27%	26%	31%	27%	30%
NSSE sample size[b]	413	430	9,817	10,679	10,208	8,806	10,362	9,534
Sampling Error[c]								
Overall	6.1%		1.3%		1.2%		1.1%	
By class	9.8%	7.7%	2.0%	1.6%	1.7%	1.7%	1.6%	1.6%
Number of respondents[b]	92	138	2,117	2,860	2,650	2,752	2,832	2,864
Total population	1,213	877	14,484	13,076	13,631	13,082	11,827	10,171
Student Characteristics[d]								
Mode of Completion								
Paper	51%	59%	3%	4%	3%	4%	1%	1%
Web	49%	41%	97%	96%	97%	96%	99%	99%
Class Level[e]	40%	60%	43%	57%	49%	51%	50%	50%
Enrollment Status[e]								
Full-time	93%	65%	93%	73%	90%	74%	96%	87%
Less than full-time	7%	35%	7%	27%	10%	26%	4%	13%
Gender[e]								
Female	67%	81%	69%	71%	70%	72%	71%	72%
Male	33%	19%	31%	29%	30%	28%	29%	28%
Race/Ethnicity								
Am. Indian/Native American	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	2%	3%	3%	5%	4%	3%	3%	3%
Black/African American	9%	8%	7%	9%	14%	12%	6%	5%
White (non-Hispanic)	73%	74%	69%	66%	66%	69%	78%	76%
Mexican/Mexican American	0%	0%	4%	4%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Puerto Rican	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Other Hispanic or Latino	7%	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%
Multiracial	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%
Other	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
I prefer not to respond	4%	8%	6%	8%	5%	7%	5%	8%
International Student	10%	8%	5%	7%	5%	5%	4%	4%
Place of Residence								
On-campus	46%	3%	44%	10%	30%	6%	65%	17%
Off-campus	54%	97%	56%	90%	70%	94%	35%	83%
Transfer Status								
Transfer students	16%	53%	11%	60%	13%	55%	7%	54%
Age								
Non-traditional (24 or older)	11%	58%	8%	54%	12%	51%	4%	38%
Traditional (less than 24)	89%	42%	92%	46%	88%	49%	96%	62%

[a] Response rate (number of respondents divided by sample size) is adjusted for non-deliverable mailing addresses, students for whom contact information was not available, and other students who were sampled yet unavailable during the survey administration.

[b] This report is based on information from all randomly selected students for both your institution and your comparison institutions. Targeted and locally administered oversamples (i.e., non-randomly selected students) are not included in this report.

[c] Sampling error is an estimate of the margin by which the *true* score for your institution on a given item could differ from the reported score. To interpret the sampling error, assume that 60% of your students reply "very often" to a particular item. If the sampling error is +/-5%, then the true population value is most likely between 55% and 65%.

[d] Percent of total respondents within each category. These results are *not* weighted.

[e] Institution-reported data. This information was used to weight your Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.