National Survey of Student Engagement

NSSE 2008 Selected Comparison Groups
Salem State College

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:	6/6/08
Selection Method:	Comparators for this column were picked from a list of NSSE2008 participants.
Column Label:	BHE Peers
Number of Institutions:	7
The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group:	This list consists of SSC official peers and public Master's Large in New England. The reason to add public Master's Large in New England is that less than six of our official peers participate in NSSE 2008.

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:	9
The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group:	This list consists of CSRDE participants which are public Master's and M4/NR and not rural and not hbcu. Our purposes are to identify institutions that are similar to SSC and to associate student engagement data with retention outcomes. We further refined the list by enrollment size, percent of full-time students, percent of in-state students, and locale.

COMPARISON GROUP 3 SELECTION

Date Submitted:	6/6/08
Selection Method:	Comparators for this column were picked from a list of NSSE2008 participants.
Column Label:	Aspirational Peers
Number of Institutions:	7
The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group:	This list consists of CSRDE participants which are public Master's and M4/R and not rural and not hbcu. Our purpose is to identify institutions that are similar to SSC except that they are primarily residential. Their student engagement practices will guide our transition to a significant residential campus. We further refined the list by enrollment size, percent of full-time students, percent of in-state students, and locale.

Comparison Group 1 Details

This report displays the 2008 comparison group 1 institutions for Salem State College. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'BHE 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
California State University-Bakersfield	Bakersfield	CA
Central Connecticut State University	New Britain	CT
Kennesaw State University	Kennesaw	GA
New Jersey City University	Jersey City	NJ
Southern Connecticut State University	New Haven	CT
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth	North Dartmouth	MA
Western Connecticut State University	Danbury	CT

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

Comparison Group 2 Details

This report displays the 2008 comparison group 2 institutions for Salem State College. 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 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 2 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Armstrong Atlantic State University	Savannah	GA
Augusta State University	Augusta	GA
East Central University	Ada	OK
Eastern Washington University	Cheney	WA
McNeese State University	Lake Charles	LA
University of Michigan-Flint	Flint	MI
Valdosta State University	Valdosta	GA
William Paterson University of New Jersey	Wayne	NJ
Worcester State College	Worcester	MA

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

Comparison Group 3 Details

This report displays the 2008 comparison group 3 institutions for Salem State College. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Aspirational 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 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
Bridgewater State College	Bridgewater	MA
Eastern Connecticut State University	Willimantic	CT
North Georgia College & State University	Dahlonega	GA
Sonoma State University	Rohnert Park	CA
Southern Connecticut State University	New Haven	CT
SUNY College at Brockport	Brockport	NY
University of West Georgia	Carrollton	GA

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