



**National Survey  
of Student Engagement**

**Salem State College**

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**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 2009, your institution was invited to select comparison groups via the "Report 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.

*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 2009".

				Your Institution's Responses	Comp. Group 1 or Consortium			Comp. Group 2	Comp. Group 3					
				NSSEville State	Mid East Public			Carnegie Class	NSSE 2009					
Variable	Benchmark	Class		Mean <sup>a</sup>	Mean <sup>a</sup>	Sig <sup>b</sup>	Effect Size <sup>c</sup>	Mean <sup>a</sup>	Sig <sup>b</sup>	Effect Size <sup>c</sup>	Mean <sup>a</sup>	Sig <sup>b</sup>	Effect Size <sup>c</sup>	
<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>														
<b>1. Academic and Intellectual Experiences</b>														
a.	Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	CLQUEST	ACL	FY	2.94	2.61	***	.40	2.64	***	.35	2.78	***	.18
				SR	3.25	2.90	***	.39	2.91	***	.39	3.07	***	.21
b.	Made a class presentation	CLPRESEN	ACL	FY	2.22	2.11	**	.14	2.14	*	.10	2.27		-.07
				SR	3.11	2.65	***	.54	2.65	***	.54	2.80	***	.36

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 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 2009 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 Settings(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 2009 comparison groups were selected. These groups were either (a) submitted by your institution through the *Report Form* located on the NSSE Institution Interface or (b) defaults assigned because your institution did not complete the *Report 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.

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### **COMPARISON GROUP 1 SELECTION**

Date Submitted: 6/4/09  
 Selection Method: This group is a subset of your NSSE 2009 consortium.  
 Column Label: CSWC  
 Number of Institutions: 11  
 The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group: Recommended by committee

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### **COMPARISON GROUP 2 SELECTION**

Date Submitted: 6/4/09  
 Selection Method: Comparators for this column were picked from a list of NSSE2009 participants.  
 Column Label: DHE PEERS  
 Number of Institutions: 6  
 The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group: Participating DHE Peers + MA Public + Masters Inclusive not HBCU not Rural Participants to make 6

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### **COMPARISON GROUP 3 SELECTION**

Date Submitted: 6/4/09  
 Selection Method: Institution-level criteria used to build this comparison group  
 Column Label: Aspirational Peers  
 Number of Institutions: 6  
 The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group: Masters, Public, Large or Medium, 5001-20000, Urban or Suburban, Barron's Competitive, FT4yr/Selective/Higher Transfer-In, L or M/4Yr/Primarily Residential

## Comparison Group 1 Details

This report displays the 2009 comparison group 1 institutions for Salem State College. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'CSWC' column of the Respondent Characteristics, Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.

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### HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

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Your institution picked a subset of the NSSE consortium 'Consortium for the Study of Writing in College' in 2009.

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### SELECTED PEER GROUP CRITERIA <sup>a</sup>

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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):

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### COMPARISON GROUP 1 INSTITUTIONS

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<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
Central Michigan University	Mount Pleasant	MI
Eastern Michigan University	Ypsilanti	MI
Fort Hays State University	Hays	KS
Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis	Indianapolis	IN
McNeese State University	Lake Charles	LA
Portland State University	Portland	OR
The Evergreen State College	Olympia	WA
University of Maine at Farmington	Farmington	ME
University of North Carolina Wilmington	Wilmington	NC
Western Carolina University	Cullowhee	NC
Wright State University	Dayton	OH

<sup>a</sup>. See the Comparison Group Selection Criteria Codelist for code details.

## Comparison Group 2 Details

This report displays the 2009 comparison group 2 institutions for Salem State College. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'DHE PEERS' column of the Respondent Characteristics, Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.

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### HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

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You selected specific institutions from a list of NSSE 2009 participants.

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### SELECTED COMPARISON GROUP CRITERIA <sup>a</sup>

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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):

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### COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS

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<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
California University of Pennsylvania	California	PA
Central Connecticut State University	New Britain	CT
Fitchburg State College	Fitchburg	MA
Rhode Island College	Providence	RI
Southern Connecticut State University	New Haven	CT
The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga	Chattanooga	TN

<sup>a</sup>. See the Comparison Group Selection Criteria Codelist for code details.

## Comparison Group 3 Details

This report displays the 2009 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.

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### HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

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Custom group was selected using institutional characteristics.

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### SELECTED COMPARISON GROUP CRITERIA <sup>a</sup>

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Basic 2005 Carnegie Classification(s): 18,19

Carnegie - Undergraduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Graduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Enrollment Profile(s):

Carnegie - Undergraduate Profile(s): 11

Carnegie - Size and Setting(s): 13,16

Sector(s) (public/private): 1

Undergraduate enrollment(s): 4,5

Locale(s): 11,12,13,21,22,23

Geographic Region(s):

State(s):

Barron's admissions selectivity ratings(s): 3,3.5

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### COMPARISON GROUP 3 INSTITUTIONS

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<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
Montclair State University	Montclair	NJ
Southern Illinois Univ Edwardsville	Edwardsville	IL
University of Northern Iowa	Cedar Falls	IA
Western Connecticut State University	Danbury	CT
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green	KY
Winthrop University	Rock Hill	SC