



**National Survey  
of Student Engagement**

**University of Alaska Fairbanks**

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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					
				<i>NSSEville State compared with:</i>											
				<b>NSSEville State</b>			<b>Mid East Public</b>			<b>Carnegie Class</b>			<b>NSSE 2009</b>		
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 <sup>a</sup>**

- 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**

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Date Submitted: 5/26/09  
 Selection Method: Comparators for this column were picked from a list of NSSE2009 participants.  
 Column Label: Standard Peers  
 Number of Institutions: 6  
 The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group: Equivalent Peers which are roughly resemble UAF

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### **COMPARISON GROUP 2 SELECTION**

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Date Submitted: 5/26/09  
 Selection Method: Comparators for this column were picked from a list of NSSE2009 participants.  
 Column Label: Selected Peers  
 Number of Institutions: 6  
 The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group:

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### **COMPARISON GROUP 3 SELECTION**

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Date Submitted: 5/27/09  
 Selection Method: Comparators for this column were picked from a list of NSSE2009 participants.  
 Column Label: Similar Universities  
 Number of Institutions: 78  
 The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group: Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

## Comparison Group 1 Details

This report displays the 2009 comparison group 1 institutions for University of Alaska Fairbanks. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Standard 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 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>
North Dakota State University	Fargo	ND
The University of Montana	Missoula	MT
University of Alaska Anchorage	Anchorage	AK
University of Maine at Farmington	Farmington	ME
University of Nevada, Reno	Reno	NV
University of Wyoming	Laramie	WY

<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 University of Alaska Fairbanks. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Selected 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>
North Dakota State University	Fargo	ND
The University of Montana	Missoula	MT
University of Maine at Farmington	Farmington	ME
University of Nevada, Reno	Reno	NV
University of North Dakota	Grand Forks	ND
University of Oregon	Eugene	OR

<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 University of Alaska Fairbanks. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Similar Universities' 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 3 INSTITUTIONS

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<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
Alaska Pacific University	Anchorage	AK
Art Center College of Design	Pasadena	CA
Brigham Young University	Provo	UT
California Baptist University	Riverside	CA
California State University-Los Angeles	Los Angeles	CA
California State University-Stanislaus	Turlock	CA
California State University, Fullerton	Fullerton	CA
California State University, Northridge	Northridge	CA
Carroll College	Helena	MT
Chaminade University of Honolulu	Honolulu	HI
Chapman University	Orange	CA
Colorado School of Mines	Golden	CO
Colorado State University	Fort Collins	CO
Concordia University	Irvine	CA
Concordia University	Portland	OR
Dickinson State University	Dickinson	ND

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**COMPARISON GROUP 3 INSTITUTIONS**


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<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
Dixie State College of Utah	Saint George	UT
Eastern Oregon University	La Grande	OR
Eastern Washington University	Cheney	WA
Fresno Pacific University	Fresno	CA
Harvey Mudd College	Claremont	CA
Heritage University	Toppenish	WA
Hope International University	Fullerton	CA
Humphreys College	Stockton	CA
Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture	Santa Fe	NM
Menlo College	Atherton	CA
Minot State University	Minot	ND
Montana State University Billings	Billings	MT
Mount Marty College	Yankton	SD
Naropa University	Boulder	CO
Nevada State College at Henderson	Henderson	NV
New Mexico Highlands University	Las Vegas	NM
North Dakota State University	Fargo	ND
Northwest University	Kirkland	WA
Occidental College	Los Angeles	CA
Oregon Institute of Technology	Klamath Falls	OR
Pacific Lutheran University	Tacoma	WA
Pepperdine University	Malibu	CA
Portland State University	Portland	OR
Regis University	Denver	CO
Saint Martin's University	Lacey	WA
Saint Mary's College of California	Moraga	CA
San Diego Christian College	El Cajon	CA
Santa Clara University	Santa Clara	CA
Scripps College	Claremont	CA
Seattle University	Seattle	WA
Southern Oregon University	Ashland	OR
Southern Utah University	Cedar City	UT
The Evergreen State College	Olympia	WA
The University of Arizona	Tucson	AZ
The University of Montana	Missoula	MT
University of Alaska Anchorage	Anchorage	AK
University of California-Merced	Merced	CA
University of California-Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz	CA
University of Colorado at Boulder	Boulder	CO
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs	Colorado Springs	CO
University of Denver	Denver	CO
University of Hawaii-West Oahu	Pearl City	HI
University of Hawaii at Hilo	Hilo	HI
University of Hawaii at Manoa	Honolulu	HI
University of Nevada-Las Vegas	Las Vegas	NV
University of Nevada, Reno	Reno	NV
University of New Mexico	Albuquerque	NM
University of North Dakota	Grand Forks	ND
University of Oregon	Eugene	OR
University of Portland	Portland	OR
University of Utah	Salt Lake City	UT
University of Washington-Seattle	Seattle	WA

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**COMPARISON GROUP 3 INSTITUTIONS**

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<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
University of Washington Tacoma	Tacoma	WA
University of Wyoming	Laramie	WY
Utah Valley University	Orem	UT
Valley City State University	Valley City	ND
Weber State University	Ogden	UT
Western New Mexico University	Silver City	NM
Westminster College	Fulton	MO
Westminster College	Salt Lake City	UT
Willamette University	Salem	OR
Woodbury University	Burbank	CA