



# Western Michigan University

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Selected Comparison Groups  
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# Reviewing Your NSSE 2010 Selected Comparison Groups Report

NSSE participants are able to customize their *Institutional Report* by tailoring up to three comparison groups. In June of 2010, 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 customize a 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 (public/private). For consortium institutions, this group 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 selected comparison group locations in the institutional reports are illustrated in the mock report below for NSSEville State. Comparison group 1 is "Mid East Public," comparison group 2 "Carnegie Class," and comparison group 3 "NSSE 2010."

Your Institution's Responses				Comparison Group 1 or Consortium				Comparison Group 2			Comparison Group 3					
				NSSEville State				Mid East Public			Carnegie Class			NSSE 2010		
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	3.05	2.85	***	.23	2.88	**	.20	2.84	***	.25		
				SR	3.37	3.11	***	.31	3.17	**	.24	3.11	***	.31		
b.	Made a class presentation	CLPRESEN	ACL	FY	2.53	2.25	***	.35	2.34	***	.24	2.27	***	.32		
				SR	3.15	2.77	***	.45	2.84	***	.34	2.78	***	.42		

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 details for each of the comparison groups.

**Comp. Group Name**  
Comparison group name in your reports.

**Comparison Group 1 Details**

This report displays the 2010 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 customize 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 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
California University of Pennsylvania	California	PA
Coppin State University	Baltimore	MD
CUNY Bernard M Baruch College	New York	NY

**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 2010 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 your institution did not change through the *Report Form*. Included below are the date the groups were submitted, the method used to select 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 provided by your 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: 6/15/10  
Selection Method: Institution-level criteria used to build this comparison group.  
Column Label: High Research Public  
Number of Institutions: 26  
Description: All public institutions listed as high research (RU/H) according to the 2005 Carnegie Ratings.

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### **COMPARISON GROUP 2 SELECTION**

Date Submitted: 6/15/10  
Selection Method: DEFAULT GROUP - Institution Selected  
Column Label: Carnegie Class  
Number of Institutions: 42  
Description:

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### **COMPARISON GROUP 3 SELECTION**

Date Submitted: 6/15/10  
Selection Method: DEFAULT GROUP - Institution Selected  
Column Label: NSSE 2010  
Number of Institutions: 563  
Description:

## Comparison Group 1 Details

This report displays the 2010 comparison group 1 institutions for Western Michigan University. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'High Research Public' 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 PEER GROUP CRITERIA <sup>a</sup>

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Basic 2005 Carnegie Classification(s): 16

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):

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>
Auburn University	Auburn University	AL
Clemson University	Clemson	SC
Florida Atlantic University	Boca Raton	FL
Florida International University	Miami	FL
Jackson State University	Jackson	MS
Mississippi State University	Mississippi State	MS
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Rolla	MO
New Jersey Institute of Technology	Newark	NJ
Northern Arizona University	Flagstaff	AZ
Old Dominion University	Norfolk	VA
South Dakota State University	Brookings	SD
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	Carbondale	IL
University of Alabama, The	Tuscaloosa	AL
University of Arkansas	Fayetteville	AR
University of Houston	Houston	TX
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	Lafayette	LA

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

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**COMPARISON GROUP 1 INSTITUTIONS**

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<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
University of Mississippi	University	MS
University of New Orleans, The	New Orleans	LA
University of North Texas	Denton	TX
University of Oklahoma	Norman	OK
University of Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg	MS
University of Texas at Arlington, The	Arlington	TX
University of Texas at Dallas, The	Richardson	TX
University of Texas at El Paso, The	El Paso	TX
Virginia Commonwealth University	Richmond	VA
West Virginia University	Morgantown	WV

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

## Comparison Group 2 Details

This report displays the 2010 comparison group 2 institutions for Western Michigan University. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Carnegie Class' 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 selected the default group of all institutions with the same 2005 Basic Carnegie Classification.

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

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Basic 2005 Carnegie Classification(s): 16

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>
Auburn University	Auburn University	AL
Baylor University	Waco	TX
Brigham Young University	Provo	UT
Catholic University of America, The	Washington	DC
Clark Atlanta University	Atlanta	GA
Clarkson University	Potsdam	NY
Clemson University	Clemson	SC
Drexel University	Philadelphia	PA
Florida Atlantic University	Boca Raton	FL
Florida International University	Miami	FL
Fordham University	Bronx	NY
Illinois Institute of Technology	Chicago	IL
Jackson State University	Jackson	MS
Loyola University Chicago	Chicago	IL
Marquette University	Milwaukee	WI
Mississippi State University	Mississippi State	MS

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**COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS**

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<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Rolla	MO
New Jersey Institute of Technology	Newark	NJ
Northern Arizona University	Flagstaff	AZ
Old Dominion University	Norfolk	VA
Polytechnic Institute of NYU	Brooklyn	NY
Saint Louis University	Saint Louis	MO
South Dakota State University	Brookings	SD
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	Carbondale	IL
Stevens Institute of Technology	Hoboken	NJ
University of Alabama, The	Tuscaloosa	AL
University of Arkansas	Fayetteville	AR
University of Dayton	Dayton	OH
University of Denver	Denver	CO
University of Houston	Houston	TX
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	Lafayette	LA
University of Mississippi	University	MS
University of New Orleans, The	New Orleans	LA
University of North Texas	Denton	TX
University of Oklahoma	Norman	OK
University of Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg	MS
University of Texas at Arlington, The	Arlington	TX
University of Texas at Dallas, The	Richardson	TX
University of Texas at El Paso, The	El Paso	TX
University of Tulsa	Tulsa	OK
Virginia Commonwealth University	Richmond	VA
West Virginia University	Morgantown	WV

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

## Comparison Group 3 Details

This report displays the 2010 comparison group 3 institutions for Western Michigan University. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'NSSE 2010' 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 selected the default group of all U.S. NSSE 2010 institutions.

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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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Institution Name	City	State
ALL U.S. NSSE 2010 INSTITUTIONS		
View list at <a href="http://nsse.iub.edu/pdf/2010_comparison_group3.pdf">nsse.iub.edu/pdf/2010_comparison_group3.pdf</a>		

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