



**National Survey  
of Student Engagement**

**University of Maryland, Baltimore  
County**

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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>	Mean <sup>a</sup>	Sig <sup>b</sup>	Effect Size <sup>c</sup>
1. <b>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 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
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: 5/6/09

Selection Method: Comparators for this column were picked from a list of NSSE2009 participants.

Column Label: Sci Tech Peers

Number of Institutions: 14

The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group: As with NSSE 2008, this group is comprised of the top 30% of Public Research/High and Research/Very High institutions, ranked from high to low on the % of bachelor's degrees awarded in FY2007 (using IPEDS completions data) in sci-tech. Institutions in this group participating in NSSE 2009 were added to the peer group.

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### **COMPARISON GROUP 2 SELECTION**

Date Submitted: 5/6/09

Selection Method: Institution-level criteria used to build this comparison group

Column Label: Public R/H & R/VH

Number of Institutions: 64

The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group: Consistent with comparison groups in prior administrations (based on public DRE criteria), this list consists of both public Research/High and Research/ Very High institutions. This is the same as our NSSE 2008 comparison group,

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### **COMPARISON GROUP 3 SELECTION**

Date Submitted: 5/6/09

Selection Method: DEFAULT GROUP - Institution Selected

Column Label: NSSE2009

Number of Institutions: 616

The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group:

## Comparison Group 1 Details

This report displays the 2009 comparison group 1 institutions for University of Maryland, Baltimore County. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Sci Tech 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>
Auburn University	Auburn University	AL
Clemson University	Clemson	SC
Colorado School of Mines	Golden	CO
Iowa State University	Ames	IA
Michigan Technological University	Houghton	MI
Montana State University Billings	Billings	MT
North Carolina State University	Raleigh	NC
North Dakota State University	Fargo	ND
Texas A&M University	College Station	TX
The University of Texas at Austin	Austin	TX
University of Alaska Fairbanks	Fairbanks	AK
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	Ann Arbor	MI
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	Minneapolis	MN
University of Washington-Seattle	Seattle	WA

<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 Maryland, Baltimore County. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Public R/H & R/VH' 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): 15,16

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 2 INSTITUTIONS

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<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
Auburn University	Auburn University	AL
Bowling Green State University	Bowling Green	OH
Clemson University	Clemson	SC
Colorado School of Mines	Golden	CO
Colorado State University	Fort Collins	CO
George Mason University	Fairfax	VA
Indiana University Bloomington	Bloomington	IN
Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis	Indianapolis	IN
Iowa State University	Ames	IA
Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College	Baton Rouge	LA
Miami University-Oxford	Oxford	OH
Michigan Technological University	Houghton	MI
North Carolina State University	Raleigh	NC
North Dakota State University	Fargo	ND
Northern Illinois University	Dekalb	IL
Oklahoma State University	Stillwater	OK
Temple University	Philadelphia	PA

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

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**COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS**

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<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
Texas A&M University	College Station	TX
Texas Tech University	Lubbock	TX
The University of Akron	Akron	OH
The University of Arizona	Tucson	AZ
The University of Montana	Missoula	MT
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville	Knoxville	TN
The University of Texas at Arlington	Arlington	TX
The University of Texas at Austin	Austin	TX
The University of Texas at Dallas	Richardson	TX
The University of Texas at El Paso	El Paso	TX
University of Alabama at Birmingham	Birmingham	AL
University of Alaska Fairbanks	Fairbanks	AK
University of California-Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz	CA
University of Cincinnati	Cincinnati	OH
University of Colorado at Boulder	Boulder	CO
University of Connecticut	Storrs	CT
University of Hawaii at Manoa	Honolulu	HI
University of Houston	Houston	TX
University of Kentucky	Lexington	KY
University of Louisville	Louisville	KY
University of Maryland-College Park	College Park	MD
University of Memphis	Memphis	TN
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	Ann Arbor	MI
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	Minneapolis	MN
University of Mississippi	University	MS
University of Missouri-Columbia	Columbia	MO
University of Missouri-Kansas City	Kansas City	MO
University of Missouri-St. Louis	Saint Louis	MO
University of Nevada-Las Vegas	Las Vegas	NV
University of Nevada, Reno	Reno	NV
University of New Mexico	Albuquerque	NM
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill	NC
University of North Dakota	Grand Forks	ND
University of Oregon	Eugene	OR
University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras Campus	Rio Piedras	PR
University of South Carolina Columbia	Columbia	SC
University of South Florida	Tampa	FL
University of Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg	MS
University of Toledo	Toledo	OH
University of Utah	Salt Lake City	UT
University of Washington-Seattle	Seattle	WA
University of Wyoming	Laramie	WY
Virginia Commonwealth University	Richmond	VA
Wayne State University	Detroit	MI
Western Michigan University	Kalamazoo	MI
Wichita State University	Wichita	KS
Wright State University	Dayton	OH

<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 Maryland, Baltimore County. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'NSSE2009' 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 2009 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
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ALL U.S. NSSE 2009 INSTITUTIONS

View list at [http://nsse.iub.edu/nsse\\_2009/2009-colleges.cfm](http://nsse.iub.edu/nsse_2009/2009-colleges.cfm)