



**National Survey
of Student Engagement**

Marshall University

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 2008, your institution was invited to select comparison groups via the "Report Info 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 and is not customizable.

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 2008".

				Your Institution's Responses		Comp. Group 1 or Consortium			Comp. Group 2			Comp. Group 3		
				NSSEville State		Mid East Public			Carnegie Class			NSSE 2008		
Variable	Benchmark	Class		Mean ^a	Mean ^a	Sig ^b	Effect Size ^c	Mean ^a	Sig ^b	Effect Size ^c	Mean ^a	Sig ^b	Effect Size ^c	
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. Academic and Intellectual Experiences														
a.	Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	CLQUEST	ACL	FY	2.84	2.65	***	.23	2.62	***	.27	2.74	**	.12
				SR	3.27	2.90	***	.43	2.91	***	.41	3.03	***	.27
b.	Made a class presentation	CLPRESEN	ACL	FY	2.33	2.09	***	.33	2.08	***	.33	2.21	***	.15
				SR	2.85	2.62	***	.27	2.65	***	.24	2.77	*	.10

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 Info 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.

How Group was Selected
Indicates whether your group was drawn from a list, built based on criteria, or is the default group.

Institution Names
The name, city and state of the comparison institutions are listed for your review.

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 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: 6/4/08
 Selection Method: Comparators for this column were picked from a list of NSSE2008 participants.
 Column Label: Selected Peers
 Number of Institutions: 33
 The Reason Your
 Institution Provided For
 Choosing This Group:

COMPARISON GROUP 2 SELECTION

Date Submitted: 6/4/08
 Selection Method: DEFAULT GROUP - Institution Selected
 Column Label: Carnegie Class
 Number of Institutions: 172
 The Reason Your
 Institution Provided For
 Choosing This Group:

COMPARISON GROUP 3 SELECTION

Date Submitted: 6/4/08
 Selection Method: DEFAULT GROUP - Institution Selected
 Column Label: NSSE 2008
 Number of Institutions: 714
 The Reason Your
 Institution Provided For
 Choosing This Group:

Comparison Group 1 Details

This report displays the 2008 comparison group 1 institutions for Marshall University. 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 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
Ball State University	Muncie	IN
Central Michigan University	Mount Pleasant	MI
East Carolina University	Greenville	NC
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond	KY
Eastern Washington University	Cheney	WA
Fayetteville State University	Fayetteville	NC
Ferris State University	Big Rapids	MI
Georgia Southern University	Statesboro	GA
James Madison University	Harrisonburg	VA
Kennesaw State University	Kennesaw	GA
Kent State University	Kent	OH
McNeese State University	Lake Charles	LA
Mercer University	Macon	GA
Middle Tennessee State University	Murfreesboro	TN
Ohio University	Athens	OH
Radford University	Radford	VA

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

COMPARISON GROUP 1 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	Shippensburg	PA
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	Slippery Rock	PA
Southeastern Louisiana University	Hammond	LA
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	Edwardsville	IL
Tennessee State University	Nashville	TN
University of Arkansas at Little Rock	Little Rock	AR
University of Central Florida	Orlando	FL
University of Mississippi	University	MS
University of North Alabama	Florence	AL
University of South Dakota	Vermillion	SD
University of Toledo	Toledo	OH
University of West Georgia	Carrollton	GA
Valdosta State University	Valdosta	GA
West Chester University of Pennsylvania	West Chester	PA
Western Carolina University	Cullowhee	NC
Wright State University	Dayton	OH
Xavier University	Cincinnati	OH

Comparison Group 2 Details

This report displays the 2008 comparison group 2 institutions for Marshall University. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Carnegie Class' column of the Respondent Characteristics, Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.

HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

Your institution selected the default group of all institutions with the same 2005 Basic Carnegie Classification.

SELECTED COMPARISON GROUP CRITERIA ^a

Basic 2005 Carnegie Classification(s): 18

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
Adams State College	Alamosa	CO
Alabama A&M University	Normal	AL
Armstrong Atlantic State University	Savannah	GA
Ashland University	Ashland	OH
Auburn University at Montgomery	Montgomery	AL
Baldwin-Wallace College	Berea	OH
Bellevue University	Bellevue	NE
Belmont University	Nashville	TN
Benedictine University	Lisle	IL
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania	Bloomsburg	PA
Boise State University	Boise	ID
Bradley University	Peoria	IL
Bridgewater State College	Bridgewater	MA
California Lutheran University	Thousand Oaks	CA
California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo	CA
California State Polytechnic University-Pomona	Pomona	CA

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

COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
California State University-Bakersfield	Bakersfield	CA
California State University-Chico	Chico	CA
California State University-Long Beach	Long Beach	CA
California State University-San Bernardino	San Bernardino	CA
California State University, East Bay	Hayward	CA
California State University, Sacramento	Sacramento	CA
Cardinal Stritch University	Milwaukee	WI
Central Connecticut State University	New Britain	CT
Central Washington University	Ellensburg	WA
Chaminade University of Honolulu	Honolulu	HI
Clarion University of Pennsylvania	Clarion	PA
College of Notre Dame of Maryland	Baltimore	MD
Columbus State University	Columbus	GA
Converse College	Spartanburg	SC
Cumberland University	Lebanon	TN
CUNY Bernard M Baruch College	New York	NY
CUNY Herbert H. Lehman College	Bronx	NY
CUNY John Jay College Criminal Justice	New York	NY
CUNY Queens College	Flushing	NY
Dominican University	River Forest	IL
Drake University	Des Moines	IA
East Central University	Ada	OK
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	East Stroudsburg	PA
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond	KY
Eastern Michigan University	Ypsilanti	MI
Eastern Washington University	Cheney	WA
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania	Edinboro	PA
Emerson College	Boston	MA
Emporia State University	Emporia	KS
Fairfield University	Fairfield	CT
Fairleigh Dickinson University-College at Florham	Madison	NJ
Fairleigh Dickinson University-Metropolitan Campus	Teaneck	NJ
Florida Gulf Coast University	Fort Myers	FL
Fontbonne University	Saint Louis	MO
Fort Hays State University	Hays	KS
Friends University	Wichita	KS
Gardner-Webb University	Boiling Springs	NC
Georgia College & State University	Milledgeville	GA
Hamline University	Saint Paul	MN
Indiana University South Bend	South Bend	IN
Jacksonville State University	Jacksonville	AL
James Madison University	Harrisonburg	VA
John Carroll University	Cleveland	OH
Kennesaw State University	Kennesaw	GA
Lamar University	Beaumont	TX
Lawrence Technological University	Southfield	MI
Lesley University	Cambridge	MA
Lewis University	Romeoville	IL
Lindenwood University	Saint Charles	MO
Loyola University New Orleans	New Orleans	LA
Madonna University	Livonia	MI
Manhattanville College	Purchase	NY

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COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Maryville University of Saint Louis	Saint Louis	MO
Marywood University	Scranton	PA
McDaniel College	Westminster	MD
McNeese State University	Lake Charles	LA
Medaille College	Buffalo	NY
Mercer University	Macon	GA
Mercy College	Dobbs Ferry	NY
Metropolitan College of New York	New York	NY
Middle Tennessee State University	Murfreesboro	TN
Millersville University of Pennsylvania	Millersville	PA
Missouri State University	Springfield	MO
Monmouth University	West Long Branch	NJ
Naropa University	Boulder	CO
New Jersey City University	Jersey City	NJ
New York Institute of Technology-Manhattan Campus	New York	NY
New York Institute of Technology-Old Westbury	Old Westbury	NY
Niagara University	Niagara University	NY
Norfolk State University	Norfolk	VA
Northeastern Illinois University	Chicago	IL
Northwestern State University of Louisiana	Natchitoches	LA
Oklahoma City University	Oklahoma City	OK
Olivet Nazarene University	Bourbonnais	IL
Our Lady of the Lake University-San Antonio	San Antonio	TX
Penn State University - Harrisburg	Middletown	PA
Pfeiffer University	Misenheimer	NC
Pittsburg State University	Pittsburg	KS
Providence College	Providence	RI
Radford University	Radford	VA
Regis University	Denver	CO
Rider University	Lawrenceville	NJ
Robert Morris University	Moon Township	PA
Rockhurst University	Kansas City	MO
Rollins College	Winter Park	FL
Sacred Heart University	Fairfield	CT
Sage College of Albany	Albany	NY
Saint Xavier University	Chicago	IL
Salem State College	Salem	MA
Salisbury University	Salisbury	MD
Sam Houston State University	Huntsville	TX
San Francisco State University	San Francisco	CA
San Jose State University	San Jose	CA
Santa Clara University	Santa Clara	CA
Seattle University	Seattle	WA
Shenandoah University	Winchester	VA
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	Shippensburg	PA
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	Slippery Rock	PA
Sonoma State University	Rohnert Park	CA
Southeastern Louisiana University	Hammond	LA
Southern Connecticut State University	New Haven	CT
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	Edwardsville	IL
Southern Oregon University	Ashland	OR
Southern University and A&M College	Baton Rouge	LA

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COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Spring Arbor University	Spring Arbor	MI
Springfield College	Springfield	MA
Sul Ross State University	Alpine	TX
SUNY-Buffalo State College	Buffalo	NY
SUNY College at Brockport	Brockport	NY
SUNY College at Cortland	Cortland	NY
SUNY College at New Paltz	New Paltz	NY
SUNY College at Oswego	Oswego	NY
SUNY College at Plattsburgh	Plattsburgh	NY
SUNY Fredonia	Fredonia	NY
SUNY Potsdam	Potsdam	NY
The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina	Charleston	SC
The College of Saint Scholastica	Duluth	MN
The College of St. Catherine	Saint Paul	MN
The University of Texas-Pan American	Edinburg	TX
The University of Texas at San Antonio	San Antonio	TX
The University of Texas at Tyler	Tyler	TX
Touro College	New York	NY
University of Baltimore	Baltimore	MD
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs	Colorado Springs	CO
University of Detroit Mercy	Detroit	MI
University of Houston-Clear Lake	Houston	TX
University of Illinois at Springfield	Springfield	IL
University of Indianapolis	Indianapolis	IN
University of Mary	Bismarck	ND
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth	North Dartmouth	MA
University of Nebraska at Omaha	Omaha	NE
University of New England	Biddeford	ME
University of New Haven	West Haven	CT
University of North Alabama	Florence	AL
University of Northern Iowa	Cedar Falls	IA
University of Phoenix - Southern California Campus	Costa Mesa	CA
University of St. Thomas	Houston	TX
University of the Incarnate Word	San Antonio	TX
University of West Georgia	Carrollton	GA
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse	La Crosse	WI
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh	Oshkosh	WI
University of Wisconsin-Stout	Menomonie	WI
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater	Whitewater	WI
Valdosta State University	Valdosta	GA
Webster University Worldwide	Saint Louis	MO
West Chester University of Pennsylvania	West Chester	PA
West Texas A&M University	Canyon	TX
Western Carolina University	Cullowhee	NC
Western Connecticut State University	Danbury	CT
Western Illinois University	Macomb	IL
Western Oregon University	Monmouth	OR
Western Washington University	Bellingham	WA
William Paterson University of New Jersey	Wayne	NJ
William Woods University	Fulton	MO
Winthrop University	Rock Hill	SC
Xavier University	Cincinnati	OH

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Comparison Group 3 Details

This report displays the 2008 comparison group 3 institutions for Marshall University. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'NSSE 2008' column of the Respondent Characteristics, Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.

HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

Your institution selected the default group of all U.S. NSSE 2008 institutions

SELECTED COMPARISON GROUP CRITERIA ^a

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Undergraduate enrollment(s):

Locale(s):

Geographic Region(s):

State(s):

Barron's admissions selectivity ratings(s):

COMPARISON GROUP 3 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
ALL U.S. NSSE 2008 INSTITUTIONS		
View list at http://nsse.iub.edu/nsse_2008/2008-colleges.cfm		

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