# NSSE 2017
# Selected Comparison Groups

Tennessee Technological University

## Comparison Groups

The NSSE *Institutional Report* displays core survey results for your students alongside those of three comparison groups. In May, your institution was invited to customize these groups via a form on the Institution Interface. This report summarizes how your comparison groups were constructed and lists the institutions within them.

NSSE comparison groups may be customized by (a) identifying specific institutions from the list of all 2016 and 2017 NSSE participants, (b) composing the group by selecting institutional characteristics, or (c) a combination of these. Institutions that chose not to customize received default groups[a] that provide relevant comparisons for most institutions.

Institutions that appended additional question sets in the form of topical modules or through consortium participation were also invited to customize comparison groups for those reports. The default for those groups was all other 2016 and 2017 institutions where the questions were administered. Please note: Comparison group details for topical module and consortium reports are documented separately in those reports.

## Report Comparisons

Comparison groups are located in the institutional reports as illustrated in the mock report at right. In this example, the three groups are "Private Doc-Granting," "Carnegie UG Program," and "NSSE

**Your Students' Responses** — **Comparison Group 1** — **Comparison Group 2** — **Comparison Group 3**

### First-Year Students

#### Frequency Distributions

| Item wording or description | Variable name[c] | Values[d] | Response options | NSSEville State Count | % | Private Doc-Granting Count | % | Carnegie UG Program Count | % | NSSE 2016 & 2017 Count | % |
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| **1. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a. Asked questions or contributed to course discussions in other ways | askquest | 1 | Never | 45 | 4 | 1,462 | 5 | 816 | 5 | 3,978 | 3 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 450 | 37 | 13,0__ | __ | 6,__0 | 40 | 43,752 | 33 |
| | | 3 | Often | 428 | 34 | _,__1 | 34 | 5,911 | 34 | 47,737 | 35 |
| | | 4 | Very often | 307 | 25 | 7,173 | 22 | 3,759 | 21 | 39,041 | 28 |
| | | | Total | 1,230 | 100 | 33,087 | 100 | 17,396 | 100 | 134,508 | 100 |

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## Reading This Report

This report consists of three sections that provide details for each of your comparison groups, illustrated at right.

**Comparison Group Name**
The name assigned to the comparison group is listed here.

**How Group was Constructed**
Indicates whether your group was drawn from a list, built based on criteria, or is the default group. If institutional characteristics were used to build your comparison group, they are listed here.

**Comparison Group 1: Private Doc-Granting**
This section summarizes how this group was identified, including selection criteria and whether the default group was used. This is followed by the resulting list of institutions in this group.

| Date submitted | 5/2/17 |
|---|---|
| How was this comparison group constructed? | Your institution customized this group by selecting institutional characteristics as follows: Basic Classification (All Doc); Sector (Priv) |
| Group description (as provided by your institution) | All other current- and prior-year participating private Doctoral Universities. |

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**Institution List**
The names, cities and states or provinces of the comparison institutions are listed for your reference. NSSE 2016 participants are identified with an asterisk.

**Private Doc-Granting (N=51)**

Adelphi University (Garden City, NY)
American University (Washington, DC)*
Azusa Pacific University (Azusa, CA)
Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA)*
Boston University (Boston, MA)*
Brigham Young University (Provo, UT)
Capella University (Minneapolis, MN)
Catholic University of America, The (Washington, DC)

Suffolk University (Boston, MA)
Texas Christian University (Fort Worth, TX)*
Trevecca Nazarene University (Nashville, TN)
Trinity International University (Deerfield, IL)
Tulane University (New Orleans, LA)
Union University (Jackson, TN)
University of Dayton (Dayton, OH)*
University of Denver (Denver, CO)*

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a. The default groups are:

Comparison Group 1: For institutions not in a NSSE consortium, this group contains 2016 and 2017 NSSE institutions in the same geographic region and sector (public/private). For consortium institutions, it contains results for the other 2016 (if applicable) and 2017 consortium members.

Comparison Group 2: All other 2016 and 2017 U.S. NSSE institutions sharing your institution's Basic Carnegie Classification. (Canadian institutions are not classified by the Carnegie Foundation, and must identify a comparison group.)

Comparison Group 3: All other 2016 and 2017 U.S. NSSE institutions (2016 and 2017 Canadian participants are also included in this group for Canadian institutions).

## Comparison Group 1: Carnegie Class

This section summarizes how this group was identified, including selection criteria and whether the default group was used. This is followed by the resulting list of institutions in this group.

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| Date submitted | 5/2/17 |
| How was this comparison group constructed? | Your institution customized this group by selecting institutional characteristics as follows:<br><br>Basic Classification (Doc/Mod) |
| Group description (as provided by your institution) | Carnegie Classification- Doc/Moderate: Doctoral Universities (Moderate Research Activity) |

## Carnegie Class (N=65)

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|---|---|
| Adelphi University (Garden City, NY) | Seton Hall University (South Orange, NJ) |
| ASU Online (Scottsdale, AZ) | Shenandoah University (Winchester, VA) |
| Azusa Pacific University (Azusa, CA) | Spalding University (Louisville, KY) |
| California State University, Fresno (Fresno, CA) | St. John Fisher College (Rochester, NY) |
| California State University, Fullerton (Fullerton, CA)* | St. John's University-New York (Queens, NY)* |
| Capella University (Minneapolis, MN) | Suffolk University (Boston, MA) |
| Clark University (Worcester, MA) | SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (Syracuse, NY) |
| Clarkson University (Potsdam, NY)* | Tennessee State University (Nashville, TN) |
| East Tennessee State University (Johnson City, TN)* | Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi (Corpus Christi, TX) |
| Eastern Michigan University (Ypsilanti, MI)* | Texas A&M University-Kingsville (Kingsville, TX) |
| Gardner-Webb University (Boiling Springs, NC)* | Texas Woman's University (Denton, TX) |
| Georgia Southern University (Statesboro, GA) | Trevecca Nazarene University (Nashville, TN) |
| Grand Canyon University (Phoenix, AZ)* | Trinity International University (Deerfield, IL) |
| Idaho State University (Pocatello, ID)* | Union University (Jackson, TN) |
| Immaculata University (Immaculata, PA) | University of Arkansas at Little Rock (Little Rock, AR)* |
| Indiana State University (Terre Haute, IN)* | University of La Verne (La Verne, CA) |
| Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Indiana, PA)* | University of Louisiana Monroe (Monroe, LA)* |
| Inter American University of Puerto Rico-Metro Campus (San Juan, PR) | University of Maryland-Eastern Shore (Princess Anne, MD) |
| Kennesaw State University (Kennesaw, GA) | University of Nebraska at Omaha (Omaha, NE)* |
| Lamar University (Beaumont, TX) | University of Phoenix - Arizona/ONLINE (Tempe, AZ) |
| Liberty University (Lynchburg, VA)* | University of San Francisco (San Francisco, CA) |
| Lipscomb University (Nashville, TN) | University of St. Thomas (Saint Paul, MN) |
| Louisiana Tech University (Ruston, LA)* | University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, The (Edinburg, TX) |
| Mercer University (Macon, GA)* | University of the Cumberlands (Williamsburg, KY) |
| Middle Tennessee State University (Murfreesboro, TN)* | University of the Pacific (Stockton, CA)* |
| Morgan State University (Baltimore, MD) | University of West Florida, The (Pensacola, FL) |
| Oakland University (Rochester Hills, MI)* | University of West Georgia (Carrollton, GA) |
| Pace University (New York, NY)* | Valdosta State University (Valdosta, GA) |
| Prairie View A&M University (Prairie View, TX) | Widener University (Chester, PA) |
| Regent University (Virginia Beach, VA) | Wright State University (Dayton, OH) |
| Robert Morris University (Moon Township, PA)* | |
| Rochester Institute of Technology (Rochester, NY) | |
| Rowan University (Glassboro, NJ)* | |
| Sam Houston State University (Huntsville, TX)* | |
| San Francisco State University (San Francisco, CA) | |

## Comparison Group 2: THEC Peer Group

This section summarizes how this group was identified, including selection criteria and whether the default group was used. This is followed by the resulting list of institutions in this group.

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| Date submitted | 5/2/17 |
| How was this comparison group constructed? | Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all 2016 and 2017 NSSE participants. |
| Group description (as provided by your institution) | Quality Assurance Funding Peer Group |

### THEC Peer Group (N=6)

East Tennessee State University (Johnson City, TN)*

Louisiana Tech University (Ruston, LA)*

Tennessee State University (Nashville, TN)

University of Arkansas at Little Rock (Little Rock, AR)*

University of Louisiana Monroe (Monroe, LA)*

University of West Georgia (Carrollton, GA)

## Comparison Group 3: NSSE 2016 & 2017

This section summarizes how this group was identified, including selection criteria and whether the default group was used. This is followed by the resulting list of institutions in this group.

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| Date submitted | 5/2/17 |
| How was this comparison group constructed? | Your institution retained the default comparison group (NSSE 2016 and 2017 U.S. institutions). |
| Group description (as provided by your institution) | All other current- and prior-year NSSE institutions |

### NSSE 2016 & 2017 (N=961)

All other NSSE 2016 and 2017 U.S. participants

View list at nsse.indiana.edu/pdf/nsse2016and2017_list.pdf