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**NSSE 2017**  
**Selected Comparison Groups**  
University of South Carolina Columbia

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### 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<sup>a</sup> 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 2016 & 2017."

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

**First-Year Students**

**Frequency Distributions**

Item wording or description	Variable name <sup>c</sup>	Values <sup>d</sup>	Response options	NSSEville State		Private Doc-Granting		Carnegie UG Program		NSSE 2016 & 2017	
				Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
<b>1. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?</b>											
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	13,000	35	6,200	40	43,752	33
		3	Often	428	34	11,411	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

### 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.

**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.

#### 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.

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

Adelphi University (Garden City, NY)	Suffolk University (Boston, MA)
American University (Washington, DC)*	Texas Christian University (Fort Worth, TX)*
Azusa Pacific University (Azusa, CA)	Trevecca Nazarene University (Nashville, TN)
Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA)*	Trinity International University (Deerfield, IL)
Boston University (Boston, MA)*	Tulane University (New Orleans, LA)
Brigham Young University (Provo, UT)	Utsumi University (Jackson, TN)
Capella University (Minneapolis, MN)	University of Dayton (Dayton, OH)*
Catholic University of America, The (Washington, DC)	University of Denver (Denver, CO)*

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: SEC

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	5/17/17
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)	Schools from the Southeastern Conference

### SEC (N=5)

Auburn University (Auburn University, AL)  
 Mississippi State University (Mississippi State, MS)\*  
 University of Arkansas (Fayetteville, AR)\*  
 University of Georgia (Athens, GA)  
 University of Mississippi (University, MS)

### Comparison Group 2: Doc Rsh / Highest

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	5/17/17
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)	Schools from Carnegie Classification Doc/Highest

### Doc Rsh / Highest (N=45)

Clemson University (Clemson, SC)*	University of South Florida (Tampa, FL)
Colorado State University (Fort Collins, CO)*	University of Tennessee, Knoxville, The (Knoxville, TN)*
Florida International University (Miami, FL)*	University of Texas at Arlington, The (Arlington, TX)
Florida State University (Tallahassee, FL)	University of Texas at Dallas, The (Richardson, TX)
Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta, GA)	University of Utah (Salt Lake City, UT)*
Georgia State University (Atlanta, GA)	University of Wisconsin-Madison (Madison, WI)
Iowa State University (Ames, IA)*	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (Milwaukee, WI)
Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS)*	Virginia Commonwealth University (Richmond, VA)
Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (Baton Rouge, LA)	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Blacksburg, VA)
Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI)*	Washington State University (Pullman, WA)
North Carolina State University (Raleigh, NC)	
Ohio State University, The (Columbus, OH)*	
Oregon State University (Corvallis, OR)*	
Stony Brook University (Stony Brook, NY)	
Temple University (Philadelphia, PA)*	
Texas Tech University (Lubbock, TX)	
University at Albany, SUNY, The (Albany, NY)	
University at Buffalo, State University of New York (Buffalo, NY)	
University of Alabama at Birmingham (Birmingham, AL)*	
University of Arkansas (Fayetteville, AR)*	
University of Central Florida (Orlando, FL)	
University of Cincinnati (Cincinnati, OH)	
University of Colorado Boulder (Boulder, CO)	
University of Connecticut (Storrs, CT)*	
University of Delaware (Newark, DE)	
University of Georgia (Athens, GA)	
University of Houston (Houston, TX)	
University of Illinois at Chicago (Chicago, IL)	
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Urbana, IL)*	
University of Massachusetts Amherst (Amherst, MA)	
University of Mississippi (University, MS)	
University of Nebraska at Lincoln (Lincoln, NE)*	
University of North Texas (Denton, TX)*	
University of Oklahoma (Norman, OK)*	
University of Oregon (Eugene, OR)	

\*2016 participant

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### 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.

Date submitted	Not applicable; comparison group not customized.
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution did not customize this comparison group; the default group (NSSE 2016 and 2017 U.S. institutions) was used.
Group description (as provided by your institution)	Default comparison group

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

All other NSSE 2016 and 2017 U.S. participants

View list at [nsse.indiana.edu/pdf/nsse2016and2017\\_list.pdf](https://nsse.indiana.edu/pdf/nsse2016and2017_list.pdf)