



**National Survey
of Student Engagement**

**Hobart and William Smith
Colleges**

Selected Peer Groups
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NSSE reports enable participating institutions to compare their students with their counterparts attending institutions in three selected peer groups. The composition of these peer groups were determined by your institution as the most relevant, appropriate peers from the available pool of 2007 participants. In May and June of 2007, institutions were invited to customize their peer groups via the "Report Info Form" on the Institution Interface. The Selected Peer Groups Report summarizes how your institution selected its peer groups and lists the institutions within them.

The standard NSSE reports display results for your institution and three comparison groups. In past years these groups were comprised of (1) selected peer or consortium institutions, (2) peers based on Carnegie classifications, and (3) all current-year NSSE participants. In 2007, institutions had the option to customize all three columns (see below) by either (a) choosing a default peer group for each column or (b) selecting institutions from a list or based on institution-level criteria (enrollment size, sector, region, etc.).

Institutions that did not complete the Report Info Form received the following default peer groups:

Column 1 - NSSE 2007 institutions in your institution's geographic region and sector (private/public).

Column 2 - NSSE 2007 institutions with the same Basic 2005 Carnegie classification as your institution.

Column 3 - All NSSE 2007 institutions.

The terms "column 1," "column 2," and "column 3" correspond to the selected peer group locations in the institutional reports. In NSSEville's example below, column 1 is "Selected Peers", column 2 "Carnegie Peers" and column 3 "NSSE2007".

Your Institution's Responses	Column 1 Selected Peer Group/Consortium			Column 2 Selected Peer Group			Column 3 Selected Peer Group						
	Variable	Bench- mark	Class	NSSEville State			NSSEville State compared with:						
				Mean ^a	Mean ^a	Sig ^b	Effect Size ^c	Mean ^a	Sig ^b	Effect Size ^c	Mean ^a	Sig ^b	Effect Size ^c
1. Academic and Intellectual Experiences <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>													
a.	Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	CLQUEST	ACL	FY	2.94	2.76	***	.22	2.88	.07	2.78	***	.19
				SR	3.28	3.08	***	.24	3.20	.10	3.06	***	.26
b.	Made a class presentation	CLPRESEN	ACL	FY	2.27	2.24	.04		2.34	-.09	2.23		.05
				SR	2.82	2.77	.07		2.87	-.06	2.80		.03

The Selected Peer Groups report consists of a summary page that details when and how your peer groups were selected (or if you received the default due to not completing the Report Info Form) and three sections that provide peer group details for each of the three report columns.

Report Column Criteria
Criteria for how your institution created each of your three peer groups.

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

COLUMN 1 - Peer Group Details

This report displays the 2007 COLUMN 1 comparison institutions for NSSEville State 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

Your Institution did not identify a column 1 peer group. Your default criteria were all institutions in your IPEDS geographic region and sector (private/public).

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):
 IPEDS: Sector(s): 1
 IPEDS: Undergraduate enrollment(s):
 IPEDS: Locale(s):
 IPEDS: Region(s): 2
 IPEDS: State(s):

SELECTED COLUMN 1 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Chadron State College	Chadron	NE
Illinois State University	Normal	IL
Indiana University-South Bend	South Bend	IN

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 peer group, they are listed here. The criterion codes are explained on the Comparison Criteria Selection Criteria Codelist.

SUMMARY - Peer Group Selection

This page provides an overview of how your three NSSE 2007 peer 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, the number of institutions in each group, and a short description of the group written by the contact when he/she constructed the group. The following pages list the institutions selected for each peer group.

COLUMN 1 PEER GROUP SELECTION

Date Submitted: 5/24/07
 Selection Method: Peers for this column were picked from a list of NSSE2007 participants.
 Column Label: Selected Peers
 Number of Institutions: 7
 The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group: Includes members of ongoing comparison group and past peers from NSSE.

COLUMN 2 PEER GROUP SELECTION

Date Submitted: 5/24/07
 Selection Method: DEFAULT GROUP - Institution Selected
 Column Label: Carnegie Peers
 Number of Institutions: 111
 The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group:

COLUMN 3 PEER GROUP SELECTION

Date Submitted: 5/24/07
 Selection Method: DEFAULT GROUP - Institution Selected
 Column Label: NSSE 2007
 Number of Institutions: 585
 The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group:

COLUMN 1 - Peer Group Details

This report displays the 2007 COLUMN 1 comparison institutions for Hobart and William Smith Colleges. 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 2007 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):

IPEDS - Sector(s):

IPEDS - Undergraduate enrollment(s):

IPEDS - Locale(s):

IPEDS - Region(s):

IPEDS - State(s):

Barron's admissions selectivity ratings(s):

SELECTED COLUMN 1 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Colgate University	Hamilton	NY
College of the Holy Cross	Worcester	MA
Earlham College	Richmond	IN
Franklin and Marshall College	Lancaster	PA
Goucher College	Baltimore	MD
Vassar College	Poughkeepsie	NY
Wheaton College (MA)	Norton	MA

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

COLUMN 2 - Peer Group Details

This report displays the 2007 COLUMN 2 comparison institutions for Hobart and William Smith Colleges. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Carnegie Peers' 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 PEER GROUP CRITERIA ^a

Basic 2005 Carnegie Classification(s): 21

Carnegie - Undergraduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Graduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Enrollment Profile(s):

Carnegie - Undergraduate Profile(s):

Carnegie - Size and Setting(s):

IPEDS - Sector(s):

IPEDS - Undergraduate enrollment(s):

IPEDS - Locale(s):

IPEDS - Region(s):

IPEDS - State(s):

Barron's admissions selectivity ratings(s):

SELECTED COLUMN 2 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Agnes Scott College	Decatur	GA
Alma College	Alma	MI
Antioch College	Yellow Springs	OH
Baker University	Baldwin City	KS
Bennett College for Women	Greensboro	NC
Bennington College	Bennington	VT
Berea College	Berea	KY
Berry College	Mount Berry	GA
Bethany College	Bethany	WV
Bloomfield College	Bloomfield	NJ
Bridgewater College	Bridgewater	VA
Brigham Young University-Hawaii	Laie	HI
Carroll College (MT)	Helena	MT
Central College	Pella	IA
Centre College	Danville	KY
Christopher Newport University	Newport News	VA
Colgate University	Hamilton	NY
College of the Atlantic	Bar Harbor	ME
College of the Holy Cross	Worcester	MA
Concordia College	Bronxville	NY

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SELECTED COLUMN 2 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Concordia College at Moorhead	Moorhead	MN
DePauw University	Greencastle	IN
Earlham College	Richmond	IN
Eastern Mennonite University	Harrisonburg	VA
Eckerd College	St. Petersburg	FL
Ferrum College	Ferrum	VA
Franklin and Marshall College	Lancaster	PA
Furman University	Greenville	SC
Gordon College	Wenham	MA
Goucher College	Baltimore	MD
Hampden-Sydney College	Hampden-Sydney	VA
Hampshire College	Amherst	MA
Hanover College	Hanover	IN
Hastings College	Hastings	NE
Hendrix College	Conway	AR
Hiram College	Hiram	OH
Hope College	Holland	MI
Houghton College	Houghton	NY
Huntingdon College	Montgomery	AL
Illinois College	Jacksonville	IL
Illinois Wesleyan University	Bloomington	IL
Judson College (AL)	Marion	AL
Lake Forest College	Lake Forest	IL
Lawrence University	Appleton	WI
Lewis & Clark College	Portland	OR
Lindsey Wilson College	Columbia	KY
Linfield College	Mcminnville	OR
Marlboro College	Marlboro	VT
Marymount Manhattan College	New York	NY
Maryville College	Maryville	TN
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	North Adams	MA
McPherson College	Mcpherson	KS
Meredith College	Raleigh	NC
Merrimack College	North Andover	MA
Millikin University	Decatur	IL
Millsaps College	Jackson	MS
Monmouth College	Monmouth	IL
Moravian College and Moravian Theological Seminary	Bethlehem	PA
Morehouse College	Atlanta	GA
New College of Florida	Sarasota	FL
New England College	Henniker	NH
Ohio Wesleyan University	Delaware	OH
Peace College	Raleigh	NC
Presbyterian College	Clinton	SC
Randolph-Macon College	Ashland	VA
Saint Anselm College	Manchester	NH
Saint Mary's College	Notre Dame	IN
Saint Michaels College	Colchester	VT
Saint Vincent College	Latrobe	PA
Scripps College	Claremont	CA
Sewanee: The University of the South	Sewanee	TN
Siena College	Loudonville	NY
Simpson College	Indianola	IA
Skidmore College	Saratoga Springs	NY
Southwestern University	Georgetown	TX

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SELECTED COLUMN 2 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Spelman College	Atlanta	GA
St. Andrews Presbyterian College	Laurinburg	NC
St. Francis College (NY)	Brooklyn Heights	NY
St. Mary's College of Maryland	St. Mary's City	MD
SUNY College at Purchase	Purchase	NY
Sweet Briar College	Sweet Briar	VA
The University of Virginia's College at Wise	Wise	VA
Thiel College	Greenville	PA
Transylvania University	Lexington	KY
University of Hawaii-West Oahu	Pearl City	HI
University of Hawaii at Hilo	Hilo	HI
University of Maine at Machias	Machias	ME
University of Maine at Presque Isle	Presque Isle	ME
University of North Carolina at Asheville	Asheville	NC
University of Puget Sound	Tacoma	WA
University of the Ozarks	Clarksville	AR
Ursinus College	Collegeville	PA
Vassar College	Poughkeepsie	NY
Virginia Military Institute	Lexington	VA
Virginia Wesleyan College	Norfolk	VA
Wabash College	Crawfordsville	IN
Warren Wilson College	Swannanoa	NC
Wartburg College	Waverly	IA
Washington & Jefferson College	Washington	PA
Wells College	Aurora	NY
Wesleyan College	Macon	GA
West Virginia State University	Institute	WV
Westminster College (MO)	Fulton	MO
Westmont College	Santa Barbara	CA
Wheaton College (IL)	Wheaton	IL
Wheaton College (MA)	Norton	MA
Whittier College	Whittier	CA
William Jewell College	Liberty	MO
Wingate University	Wingate	NC
Wisconsin Lutheran College	Milwaukee	WI
Wofford College	Spartanburg	SC

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

COLUMN 3 - Peer Group Details

This report displays the 2007 COLUMN 3 comparison institutions for Hobart and William Smith Colleges. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'NSSE 2007' 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 NSSE 2007 institutions

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):

IPEDS - Sector(s):

IPEDS - Undergraduate enrollment(s):

IPEDS - Locale(s):

IPEDS - Region(s):

IPEDS - State(s):

Barron's admissions selectivity ratings(s):

SELECTED COLUMN 3 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
ALL NSSE 07 INSTITUTIONS		
View list at http://nsse.iub.edu/nsse_2007/2007-colleges.cfm		