



**National Survey  
of Student Engagement**

**Hobart and William Smith  
Colleges**

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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 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 compared with: |                  |                          |                   |                  |                          |     |
|---|--|----------|-------|--|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----|
|   |  |          |       | NSSEville State  | Mid East Public             | Carnegie Class   | NSSE 2008                |                                |                  |                          |                   |                  |                          |     |
|   |  |          |       | 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> |     |
|   |  |          |       | <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> |                             |                  |                          |                                |                  |                          |                   |                  |                          |     |
| Variable  | Benchmark  | Class    | 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> |     |
| <b>1. Academic and Intellectual Experiences</b> |  |          |       |  |                             |                  |                          |                                |                  |                          |                   |                  |                          |     |
| 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.

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

**Comparison Group 1 Details**

This report displays the 2008 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 rating(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 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.

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### **COMPARISON GROUP 1 SELECTION**

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Date Submitted: 6/5/08  
 Selection Method: Comparators for this column were picked from a list of NSSE2008 participants.  
 Column Label: Selected Peers  
 Number of Institutions: 9  
 The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group: Members of Financial Comparison Group

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### **COMPARISON GROUP 2 SELECTION**

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Date Submitted: 6/5/08  
 Selection Method: DEFAULT GROUP - Institution Selected  
 Column Label: Carnegie Class  
 Number of Institutions: 142  
 The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group:

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### **COMPARISON GROUP 3 SELECTION**

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Date Submitted: 6/5/08  
 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 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.

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### HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

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You selected specific institutions from a list of NSSE 2008 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> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Colgate University            | Hamilton    | NY           |
| College of the Holy Cross     | Worcester   | MA           |
| Connecticut College           | New London  | CT           |
| Franklin and Marshall College | Lancaster   | PA           |
| Gettysburg College            | Gettysburg  | PA           |
| Hamilton College              | Clinton     | NY           |
| Kenyon College                | Gambier     | OH           |
| St. Lawrence University       | Canton      | NY           |
| Wheaton College               | Norton      | MA           |

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

## Comparison Group 2 Details

This report displays the 2008 comparison group 2 institutions for Hobart and William Smith Colleges. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Carnegie Class' 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 institutions with the same 2005 Basic Carnegie Classification.

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### SELECTED COMPARISON GROUP CRITERIA <sup>a</sup>

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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):

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 2 INSTITUTIONS

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| <b>Institution Name</b>                     | <b>City</b> | <b>State</b> |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| Albion College                              | Albion      | MI           |
| Albright College                            | Reading     | PA           |
| Allegheny College                           | Meadville   | PA           |
| American Jewish University                  | Los Angeles | CA           |
| Amherst College                             | Amherst     | MA           |
| Beloit College                              | Beloit      | WI           |
| Bennington College                          | Bennington  | VT           |
| Berry College                               | Mount Berry | GA           |
| Bethany College                             | Bethany     | WV           |
| Birmingham-Southern College                 | Birmingham  | AL           |
| Bloomfield College                          | Bloomfield  | NJ           |
| Brigham Young University-Hawaii             | Laie        | HI           |
| Bryn Mawr College                           | Bryn Mawr   | PA           |
| California State University-Channel Islands | Camarillo   | CA           |
| California State University, Monterey Bay   | Seaside     | CA           |
| Cedar Crest College                         | Allentown   | PA           |

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**COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS**

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| <b>Institution Name</b>          | <b>City</b>      | <b>State</b> |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Centre College                   | Danville         | KY           |
| Charter Oak State College        | New Britain      | CT           |
| Claremont McKenna College        | Claremont        | CA           |
| Clarke College                   | Dubuque          | IA           |
| Colby College                    | Waterville       | ME           |
| Colgate University               | Hamilton         | NY           |
| College of the Atlantic          | Bar Harbor       | ME           |
| College of the Holy Cross        | Worcester        | MA           |
| Colorado College                 | Colorado Springs | CO           |
| Colorado State University-Pueblo | Pueblo           | CO           |
| Connecticut College              | New London       | CT           |
| Denison University               | Granville        | OH           |
| DePauw University                | Greencastle      | IN           |
| Dillard University               | New Orleans      | LA           |
| Doane College                    | Crete            | NE           |
| Drew University                  | Madison          | NJ           |
| Earlham College                  | Richmond         | IN           |
| Eckerd College                   | Saint Petersburg | FL           |
| Excelsior College                | Albany           | NY           |
| Fisk University                  | Nashville        | TN           |
| Fort Lewis College               | Durango          | CO           |
| Franklin and Marshall College    | Lancaster        | PA           |
| Furman University                | Greenville       | SC           |
| Georgetown College               | Georgetown       | KY           |
| Gettysburg College               | Gettysburg       | PA           |
| Goucher College                  | Baltimore        | MD           |
| Granite State College            | Concord          | NH           |
| Green Mountain College           | Poultney         | VT           |
| Greensboro College               | Greensboro       | NC           |
| Grinnell College                 | Grinnell         | IA           |
| Grove City College               | Grove City       | PA           |
| Guilford College                 | Greensboro       | NC           |
| Hamilton College                 | Clinton          | NY           |
| Hanover College                  | Hanover          | IN           |
| Hartwick College                 | Oneonta          | NY           |
| Hendrix College                  | Conway           | AR           |
| Hollins University               | Roanoke          | VA           |
| Hope College                     | Holland          | MI           |
| Houghton College                 | Houghton         | NY           |
| Huston-Tillotson University      | Austin           | TX           |
| Illinois College                 | Jacksonville     | IL           |
| Jarvis Christian College         | Hawkins          | TX           |
| Johnson C Smith University       | Charlotte        | NC           |
| Judson College                   | Marion           | AL           |
| Juniata College                  | Huntingdon       | PA           |
| Kenyon College                   | Gambier          | OH           |
| Knox College                     | Galesburg        | IL           |
| Lake Forest College              | Lake Forest      | IL           |
| Lawrence University              | Appleton         | WI           |
| Luther College                   | Decorah          | IA           |
| Lyon College                     | Batesville       | AR           |
| Macalester College               | Saint Paul       | MN           |

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**COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS**


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| <b>Institution Name</b>                | <b>City</b>       | <b>State</b> |
|--|-------------------|--------------|
| Marlboro College                       | Marlboro          | VT           |
| Marymount Manhattan College            | New York          | NY           |
| Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts  | North Adams       | MA           |
| McPherson College                      | McPherson         | KS           |
| Meredith College                       | Raleigh           | NC           |
| Mesa State College                     | Grand Junction    | CO           |
| Metropolitan State College of Denver   | Denver            | CO           |
| Middlebury College                     | Middlebury        | VT           |
| Millikin University                    | Decatur           | IL           |
| Millsaps College                       | Jackson           | MS           |
| Monmouth College                       | Monmouth          | IL           |
| Morehouse College                      | Atlanta           | GA           |
| Mount Holyoke College                  | South Hadley      | MA           |
| Muhlenberg College                     | Allentown         | PA           |
| Nebraska Wesleyan University           | Lincoln           | NE           |
| New College of Florida                 | Sarasota          | FL           |
| Oglethorpe University                  | Atlanta           | GA           |
| Peace College                          | Raleigh           | NC           |
| Penn State University - Abington       | Abington          | PA           |
| Pennsylvania State University - Berks  | Reading           | PA           |
| Pikeville College                      | Pikeville         | KY           |
| Pine Manor College                     | Chestnut Hill     | MA           |
| Presbyterian College                   | Clinton           | SC           |
| Randolph-Macon College                 | Ashland           | VA           |
| Randolph College                       | Lynchburg         | VA           |
| Ripon College                          | Ripon             | WI           |
| Russell Sage College                   | Troy              | NY           |
| Saint Anselm College                   | Manchester        | NH           |
| Saint Mary's College                   | Notre Dame        | IN           |
| Saint Michaels College                 | Colchester        | VT           |
| Salem College                          | Winston Salem     | NC           |
| Sewanee: The University of the South   | Sewanee           | TN           |
| Siena College                          | Loudonville       | NY           |
| Simpson College                        | Indianola         | IA           |
| Smith College                          | Northampton       | MA           |
| St. Andrews Presbyterian College       | Laurinburg        | NC           |
| St. Lawrence University                | Canton            | NY           |
| St. Mary's College of Maryland         | Saint Mary's City | MD           |
| St. Olaf College                       | Northfield        | MN           |
| Stonehill College                      | Easton            | MA           |
| SUNY College at Old Westbury           | Old Westbury      | NY           |
| SUNY College at Purchase               | Purchase          | NY           |
| Susquehanna University                 | Selinsgrove       | PA           |
| Swarthmore College                     | Swarthmore        | PA           |
| Thiel College                          | Greenville        | PA           |
| Transylvania University                | Lexington         | KY           |
| United States Military Academy         | West Point        | NY           |
| United States Naval Academy            | Annapolis         | MD           |
| University of Maine at Machias         | Machias           | ME           |
| University of Minnesota, Morris        | Morris            | MN           |
| University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg | Greensburg        | PA           |
| University of Puget Sound              | Tacoma            | WA           |

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**COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS**

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| <b>Institution Name</b>           | <b>City</b>    | <b>State</b> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| University of Richmond            | Richmond       | VA           |
| University of Wisconsin-Green Bay | Green Bay      | WI           |
| University of Wisconsin-Parkside  | Kenosha        | WI           |
| Ursinus College                   | Collegeville   | PA           |
| Vassar College                    | Poughkeepsie   | NY           |
| Virginia Military Institute       | Lexington      | VA           |
| Wabash College                    | Crawfordsville | IN           |
| Washington and Lee University     | Lexington      | VA           |
| Washington College                | Chestertown    | MD           |
| Wellesley College                 | Wellesley      | MA           |
| Wells College                     | Aurora         | NY           |
| Wesleyan College                  | Macon          | GA           |
| West Virginia Wesleyan College    | Buckhannon     | WV           |
| Westminster College               | Fulton         | MO           |
| Wheaton College                   | Norton         | MA           |
| Whitman College                   | Walla Walla    | WA           |
| Whittier College                  | Whittier       | CA           |
| Willamette University             | Salem          | OR           |
| William Jewell College            | Liberty        | MO           |
| Williams College                  | Williamstown   | MA           |
| Wingate University                | Wingate        | NC           |
| Wofford College                   | Spartanburg    | SC           |

## Comparison Group 3 Details

This report displays the 2008 comparison group 3 institutions for Hobart and William Smith Colleges. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'NSSE 2008' 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 2008 institutions

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### SELECTED COMPARISON GROUP CRITERIA <sup>a</sup>

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Basic 2005 Carnegie Classification(s):

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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 2008 INSTITUTIONS

View list at [http://nsse.iub.edu/nsse\\_2008/2008-colleges.cfm](http://nsse.iub.edu/nsse_2008/2008-colleges.cfm)