

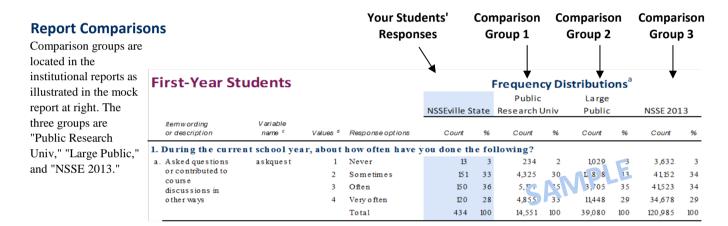
# NSSE 2013 Selected Comparison Groups Interpreting Your Report

## **Customized Comparison Groups**

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

NSSE comparison groups may be customized by (a) identifying specific institutions from the list of all current-year participants, (b) composing the group by selecting institutional characteristics, or (c) a combination of these. Institutions that choose not to customize receive 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 the corresponding reports by choosing from the institutions where the question sets were administered. The default for these groups is all other institutions where the questions were included. Please note: Comparison groups for additional questions are (topical modules and consections) are decompared within those property.



### **Reading This Report**

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

#### **Comparison Group Name** Comparison Group 1: Public Research Univ This section summarizes how this group was identified, including selection criteria and whether the default group The name assigned to the used. This is followed by the resulting list of institutions in this group comparison group is listed here. Date submitted How was this Your institution customized this group by selecting institutional characteristics as follows **How Group was Selected** Indicates whether your group was Sector (Pub); Basic Classification (RU/VH, RU/H) group constructed? drawn from a list, built based on criteria, or is the default group. If description institutional characteristics were used to build your comparison group, they are listed here. 'Public Research Univ' institutions (N=57) Aubum University (Aubum University, AL) Bowling Green State University (Bowling Green, OH) University of Montana (Missoula, MT) **Institution List** University of Nebraska at Lincoln (Lincoln, NE) Clemson University (Clemson, SC) University of Nevada, Reno (Reno, NV) The names, cities and states or College of William & Mary (Williams burg, VA) Colorado School of Mines (Golden, CO) University of New Hamps hire (Durham, NH) University of North Dakota (Grand Forks, ND) provinces of the comparison Florida Atlantic University (Boca Raton, FL) University of North Texas (Denton, TX) institutions are listed for your reference Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS University of Rhode Island (Kingston, RI

#### a. The default groups are:

Comparison Group 1 - For institutions not in a NSSE consortium, this group contains current-year institutions in the same geographic region and sector (public/private). For consortium institutions, it contains results for the other consortium members.

Comparison Group 2 - All other current-year 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 current-year U.S. NSSE institutions (Canadian participants are also included in this group for Canadian institutions).