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**NSSE 2020**  
**Selected Comparison Groups**  
Brenau University

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### Comparison Groups

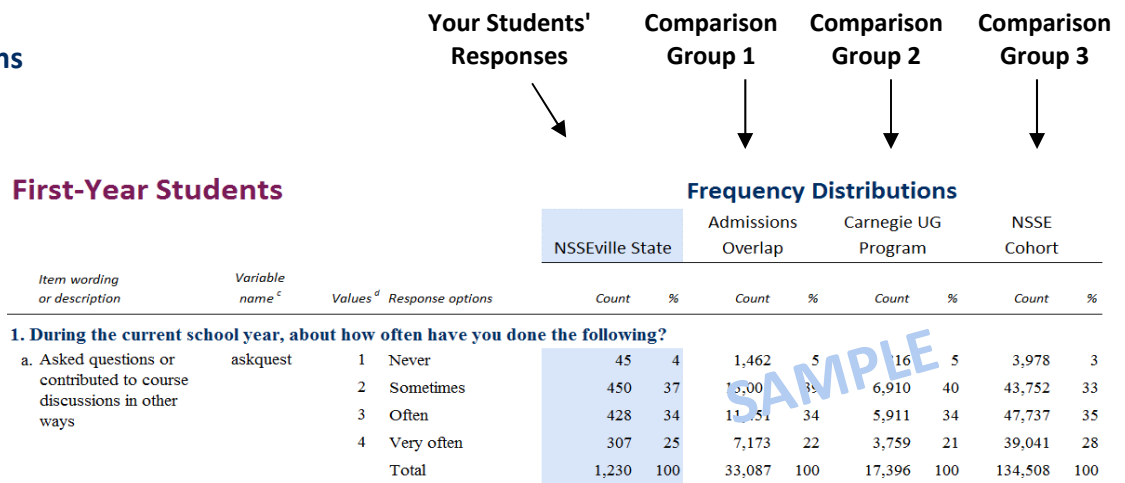
The NSSE *Institutional Report* displays core survey results for your students alongside those of three comparison groups. In May, your institution was invited to customize these groups via a form on the Institution Interface. This report summarizes how your comparison groups were constructed and lists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

NSSE comparison groups may be customized by (a) identifying specific institutions from the list of all 2019 and 2020 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 2019 and 2020 institutions where the questions were administered. 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 "Admissions Overlap," "Carnegie UG Program," and "NSSE Cohort."



### 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 2019 participants are identified with an asterisk.

#### Comparison Group 1: Admissions Overlap

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	5/29/2020
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all NSSE participants.
Group description (as provided by your institution)	All other current- and prior-year participants with the same Carnegie Classification and sector in our region.

#### Admissions Overlap (N=20)

- Albertus Magnus College (New Haven, CT)\*
- American International College (Springfield, MA)
- Anna Maria College (Faxon, MA)
- Bryant University (Smithfield, RI)
- Christy College (Shawingon, VT)\*
- College of Our Lady of the Elms (Chicopee, MA)
- Cary College (Elton, MA)\*
- Franklin Pierce University (Rindge, NH)

a. The default groups are:

- Comparison Group 1: For institutions not in a NSSE consortium, this group contains 2019 and 2020 NSSE institutions in the same geographic region and sector (public/private). For consortium institutions, it contains results for the other 2019 (if applicable) and 2020 consortium members.
- Comparison Group 2: All other 2019 and 2020 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 2019 and 2020 U.S. NSSE institutions (2019 and 2020 Canadian participants are also included in this group for Canadian institutions).

### Comparison Group 1: Aspirant

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	6/5/20
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all 2019 and 2020 NSSE participants.
Group description (as provided by your institution)	Aspirant comparison group

### Aspirant (N=6)

- Elon University (Elon, NC)\*
- Rollins College (Winter Park, FL)
- Samford University (Birmingham, AL)
- University of Richmond (University of Richmond, VA)
- Washington and Lee University (Lexington, VA)
- Wheaton College (Norton, MA)

### Comparison Group 2: Peers

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	6/5/20
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all 2019 and 2020 NSSE participants.
Group description (as provided by your institution)	Peer institutions

### Peers (N=15)

Bay Path University (Longmeadow, MA)\*  
 Campbell University Inc. (Buies Creek, NC)\*  
 Chaminade University of Honolulu (Honolulu, HI)  
 Cornerstone University (Grand Rapids, MI)\*  
 D'Youville College (Buffalo, NY)  
 Loyola University New Orleans (New Orleans, LA)  
 New England College (Henniker, NH)  
 Oklahoma Christian University (Edmond, OK)  
 Our Lady of the Lake University (San Antonio, TX)\*  
 Pfeiffer University (Misenheimer, NC)  
 Samford University (Birmingham, AL)  
 Southern Nazarene University (Bethany, OK)\*  
 Texas Wesleyan University (Fort Worth, TX)  
 Viterbo University (La Crosse, WI)  
 William Woods University (Fulton, MO)\*

\*2019 participant

### Comparison Group 3: Women's Colleges

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	6/5/20
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all 2019 and 2020 NSSE participants.
Group description (as provided by your institution)	Women's College comparison group

#### Women's Colleges (N=13)

- Agnes Scott College (Decatur, GA)\*
- Bay Path University (Longmeadow, MA)\*
- Bennett College (Greensboro, NC)\*
- Brescia University (Owensboro, KY)\*
- Cedar Crest College (Allentown, PA)
- Converse College (Spartanburg, SC)
- Hollins University (Roanoke, VA)
- Judson College (Marion, AL)
- Meredith College (Raleigh, NC)
- Mount St. Mary's University (Emmitsburg, MD)\*
- Notre Dame of Maryland University (Baltimore, MD)\*
- Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame, IN)\*
- Simmons University (Boston, MA)