



**National Survey
of Student Engagement**

Saint Michaels College

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	Mid East Public			Carnegie Class			NSSE 2008		
				Mean ^a	Mean ^a	Sig ^b	Effect Size ^c	Mean ^a	Sig ^b	Effect Size ^c	Mean ^a	Sig ^b	Effect Size ^c
				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									
Variable	Benchmark	Class											
1. Academic and Intellectual Experiences													
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):
- Barnes's admissions selectivity ratings(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.

COMPARISON GROUP 1 SELECTION

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: 10
 The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group: These institutions are among the top destinations for non-enrolling admitted students for Fall 2007.

COMPARISON GROUP 2 SELECTION

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: This group represents our Carnegie Classification: Baccalaureate Colleges - Arts & Sciences

COMPARISON GROUP 3 SELECTION

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: Good Baseline Comparison Group

Comparison Group 1 Details

This report displays the 2008 comparison group 1 institutions for Saint Michaels College. 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 2008 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):

Sector(s) (public/private):

Undergraduate enrollment(s):

Locale(s):

Geographic Region(s):

State(s):

Barron's admissions selectivity ratings(s):

COMPARISON GROUP 1 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Assumption College	Worcester	MA
Fairfield University	Fairfield	CT
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Geneva	NY
Providence College	Providence	RI
Roger Williams University	Bristol	RI
Saint Anselm College	Manchester	NH
Salve Regina University	Newport	RI
Siena College	Loudonville	NY
St. Lawrence University	Canton	NY
Stonehill College	Easton	MA

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

Comparison Group 2 Details

This report displays the 2008 comparison group 2 institutions for Saint Michaels College. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Carnegie Class' 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 COMPARISON 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):

Sector(s) (public/private):

Undergraduate enrollment(s):

Locale(s):

Geographic Region(s):

State(s):

Barron's admissions selectivity ratings(s):

COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
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

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

COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
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
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Geneva	NY
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

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COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Macalester College	Saint Paul	MN
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
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

Institution Name	City	State
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 Saint Michaels College. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'NSSE 2008' 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 U.S. NSSE 2008 institutions

SELECTED COMPARISON GROUP CRITERIA ^a

Basic 2005 Carnegie Classification(s):

Carnegie - Undergraduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Graduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Enrollment Profile(s):

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Sector(s) (public/private):

Undergraduate enrollment(s):

Locale(s):

Geographic Region(s):

State(s):

Barron's admissions selectivity ratings(s):

COMPARISON GROUP 3 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
ALL U.S. NSSE 2008 INSTITUTIONS		
View list at http://nsse.iub.edu/nsse_2008/2008-colleges.cfm		

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