



**National Survey  
of Student Engagement**

# Fairmont State University

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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 2009, your institution was invited to select comparison groups via the "Report 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.

*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 2009".

Your Institution's Responses				Comp. Group 1 or Consortium				Comp. Group 2			Comp. Group 3		
				<i>NSSEville State compared with:</i>									
				<b>NSSEville State</b>		<b>Mid East Public</b>		<b>Carnegie Class</b>			<b>NSSE 2009</b>		
Variable	Benchmark	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>	
<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>													
<b>1. Academic and Intellectual Experiences</b>													
a.	Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	CLQUEST	ACL	FY	2.94	2.61 ***	.40	2.64 ***	.35	2.78 ***	.18		
			SR	3.25	2.90 ***	.39	2.91 ***	.39	3.07 ***	.21			
b.	Made a class presentation	CLPRESEN	ACL	FY	2.22	2.11 **	.14	2.14 *	.10	2.27	-.07		
			SR	3.11	2.65 ***	.54	2.65 ***	.54	2.80 ***	.36			

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 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.

**Comparison Group 1 Details**

This report displays the 2009 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 Settings(s):  
Sector(s) (public/private): 1  
Undergraduate enrollment(s):  
Locale(s):  
Geographic Region(s): 2  
State(s):  
Barron'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.

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

## **SUMMARY - Comparison Group Selection**

This page provides an overview of how your three NSSE 2009 comparison groups were selected. These groups were either (a) submitted by your institution through the *Report Form* located on the NSSE Institution Interface or (b) defaults assigned because your institution did not complete the *Report 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: N/A  
 Selection Method: ASSIGNED DEFAULT GROUP - Your institution did not select a comparison group 1.  
 Column Label: Southeast Public  
 Number of Institutions: 63  
 The Reason Your  
 Institution Provided For  
 Choosing This Group:

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### **COMPARISON GROUP 2 SELECTION**

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Date Submitted: N/A  
 Selection Method: ASSIGNED DEFAULT GROUP - Your institution did not select a comparison group 2.  
 Column Label: Carnegie Class  
 Number of Institutions: 108  
 The Reason Your  
 Institution Provided For  
 Choosing This Group:

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### **COMPARISON GROUP 3 SELECTION**

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Date Submitted: N/A  
 Selection Method: ASSIGNED DEFAULT GROUP - Your institution did not select a comparison group 3.  
 Column Label: NSSE2009  
 Number of Institutions: 616  
 The Reason Your  
 Institution Provided For  
 Choosing This Group:

## Comparison Group 1 Details

This report displays the 2009 comparison group 1 institutions for Fairmont State University. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Southeast Public' column of the Respondent Characteristics, Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.

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### 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).

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

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): 5

State(s):

Barron's admissions selectivity ratings(s):

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### COMPARISON GROUP 1 INSTITUTIONS

<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
Alabama A&M University	Normal	AL
Alcorn State University	Alcorn State	MS
Auburn University	Auburn University	AL
Austin Peay State University	Clarksville	TN
Clayton State University	Morrow	GA
Clemson University	Clemson	SC
Dalton State College	Dalton	GA
East Carolina University	Greenville	NC
East Tennessee State University	Johnson City	TN
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond	KY
Elizabeth City State University	Elizabeth City	NC
Fayetteville State University	Fayetteville	NC
Francis Marion University	Florence	SC
George Mason University	Fairfax	VA
Georgia Gwinnett College	Lawrenceville	GA
Kentucky State University	Frankfort	KY

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

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**COMPARISON GROUP 1 INSTITUTIONS**


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<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College	Baton Rouge	LA
Louisiana Tech University	Ruston	LA
Marshall University	Huntington	WV
McNeese State University	Lake Charles	LA
Middle Tennessee State University	Murfreesboro	TN
Mississippi University for Women	Columbus	MS
Morehead State University	Morehead	KY
Murray State University	Murray	KY
Norfolk State University	Norfolk	VA
North Carolina Central University	Durham	NC
North Carolina State University	Raleigh	NC
Northern Kentucky University	Highland Heights	KY
Radford University	Radford	VA
Southern Arkansas University	Magnolia	AR
Tennessee State University	Nashville	TN
Tennessee Technological University	Cookeville	TN
The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina	Charleston	SC
The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga	Chattanooga	TN
The University of Tennessee Martin	Martin	TN
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville	Knoxville	TN
The University of Virginia's College at Wise	Wise	VA
The University of West Florida	Pensacola	FL
University of Alabama at Birmingham	Birmingham	AL
University of Arkansas - Fort Smith	Fort Smith	AR
University of Arkansas at Little Rock	Little Rock	AR
University of Central Arkansas	Conway	AR
University of Kentucky	Lexington	KY
University of Louisville	Louisville	KY
University of Memphis	Memphis	TN
University of Mississippi	University	MS
University of Montevallo	Montevallo	AL
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill	NC
University of North Carolina at Charlotte	Charlotte	NC
University of North Carolina Wilmington	Wilmington	NC
University of North Florida	Jacksonville	FL
University of South Alabama	Mobile	AL
University of South Carolina Columbia	Columbia	SC
University of South Carolina Upstate	Spartanburg	SC
University of South Florida	Tampa	FL
University of Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg	MS
Virginia Commonwealth University	Richmond	VA
Virginia Military Institute	Lexington	VA
West Liberty University	West Liberty	WV
Western Carolina University	Cullowhee	NC
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green	KY
Winston-Salem State University	Winston-Salem	NC
Winthrop University	Rock Hill	SC

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

## Comparison Group 2 Details

This report displays the 2009 comparison group 2 institutions for Fairmont State University. 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

Your institution did not identify a comparison group 2. The default group includes all institutions in your 2005 Basic Carnegie Classification.

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

Basic 2005 Carnegie Classification(s): 22

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

<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
Adrian College	Adrian	MI
Barton College	Wilson	NC
Bay Path College	Longmeadow	MA
Belmont Abbey College	Belmont	NC
Bethany College	Lindsborg	KS
Bluefield College	Bluefield	VA
Brescia University	Owensboro	KY
Campbellsville University	Campbellsville	KY
Carthage College	Kenosha	WI
Catawba College	Salisbury	NC
Cedarville University	Cedarville	OH
Central Baptist College	Conway	AR
Central Methodist University	Fayette	MO
Chadron State College	Chadron	NE
Champlain College	Burlington	VT
Chowan University	Murfreesboro	NC

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

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**COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS**

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<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
Claflin University	Orangeburg	SC
Clayton State University	Morrow	GA
Colby-Sawyer College	New London	NH
College of Saint Mary	Omaha	NE
Concordia University Texas	Austin	TX
Covenant College	Lookout Mountain	GA
Culver-Stockton College	Canton	MO
CUNY York College	Jamaica	NY
Curry College	Milton	MA
Dana College	Blair	NE
Defiance College	Defiance	OH
Dickinson State University	Dickinson	ND
Dordt College	Sioux Center	IA
Edward Waters College	Jacksonville	FL
Elizabeth City State University	Elizabeth City	NC
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott	Prescott	AZ
Endicott College	Beverly	MA
Eureka College	Eureka	IL
Faulkner University	Montgomery	AL
Felician College	Lodi	NJ
Flagler College	Saint Augustine	FL
Florida Southern College	Lakeland	FL
Grace College and Theological Seminary	Winona Lake	IN
Grand View University	Des Moines	IA
Harris-Stowe State University	Saint Louis	MO
High Point University	High Point	NC
Howard Payne University	Brownwood	TX
Humphreys College	Stockton	CA
Indiana University East	Richmond	IN
Indiana University Kokomo	Kokomo	IN
Iowa Wesleyan College	Mount Pleasant	IA
John Brown University	Siloam Springs	AR
Kent State University-Stark Campus	Canton	OH
Kentucky State University	Frankfort	KY
King College, Inc.	Bristol	TN
LaGrange College	Lagrange	GA
Lake Erie College	Painesville	OH
Lake Superior State University	Sault Ste Marie	MI
Lenoir-Rhyne University	Hickory	NC
Limestone College	Gaffney	SC
Lourdes College	Sylvania	OH
Lyndon State College	Lyndonville	VT
MacMurray College	Jacksonville	IL
Maranatha Baptist Bible College	Watertown	WI
Mars Hill College	Mars Hill	NC
Mayville State University	Mayville	ND
Methodist University	Fayetteville	NC
Midway College	Midway	KY
Milligan College	Milligan College	TN
Milwaukee School of Engineering	Milwaukee	WI
Missouri Southern State University	Joplin	MO
Missouri Valley College	Marshall	MO

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**COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS**


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<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
Missouri Western State University	Saint Joseph	MO
Morningside College	Sioux City	IA
Nevada State College at Henderson	Henderson	NV
Newbury College-Brookline	Brookline	MA
Northwest University	Kirkland	WA
Oregon Institute of Technology	Klamath Falls	OR
Ouachita Baptist University	Arkadelphia	AR
Pennsylvania State University - Hazleton	Hazleton	PA
Peru State College	Peru	NE
Philander Smith College	Little Rock	AR
Quincy University	Quincy	IL
Roger Williams University	Bristol	RI
Saint Joseph's College	Brooklyn	NY
Saint Josephs College	Rensselaer	IN
San Diego Christian College	El Cajon	CA
Seton Hill University	Greensburg	PA
Shaw University	Raleigh	NC
Southern Adventist University	Collegedale	TN
Southern Arkansas University	Magnolia	AR
Southwestern Assemblies of God University	Waxahachie	TX
Thomas College	Waterville	ME
Trine University	Angola	IN
Trinity Christian College	Palos Heights	IL
United States Merchant Marine Academy	Kings Point	NY
Unity College	Unity	ME
University of Maine at Farmington	Farmington	ME
University of Pittsburgh-Bradford	Bradford	PA
University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown	Johnstown	PA
University of Puerto Rico in Ponce	Ponce	PR
University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma	Chickasha	OK
University of South Carolina Upstate	Spartanburg	SC
University of the Ozarks	Clarksville	AR
University of the Virgin Islands	Charlotte Amalie	VI
Valley City State University	Valley City	ND
Waldorf College	Forest City	IA
Wesley College	Dover	DE
West Liberty University	West Liberty	WV
Wilmington College	Wilmington	OH
Wilson College	Chambersburg	PA
Winston-Salem State University	Winston-Salem	NC

## Comparison Group 3 Details

This report displays the 2009 comparison group 3 institutions for Fairmont State University. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'NSSE2009' 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 did not identify a comparison group 3. The default group includes all U.S. NSSE 2009 institutions.

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### SELECTED COMPARISON 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 3 INSTITUTIONS

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Institution Name	City	State
ALL U.S. NSSE 2009 INSTITUTIONS		
View list at <a href="http://nsse.iub.edu/nsse_2009/2009-colleges.cfm">http://nsse.iub.edu/nsse_2009/2009-colleges.cfm</a>		

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