

Reviewing Your NSSE 2007 Selected Peer Groups Report

NSSE reports enable participating institutions to compare their students with their counterparts attending institutions in three selected peer groups. The composition of these peer groups were determined by your institution as the most relevant, appropriate peers from the available pool of 2007 participants. In May and June of 2007, institutions were invited to customize their peer groups via the "Report Info Form" on the Institution Interface. The Selected Peer Groups Report summarizes how your institution selected its peer groups and lists the institutions within them.

The standard NSSE reports display results for your institution and three comparison groups. In past years these groups were comprised of (1) selected peer or consortium institutions, (2) peers based on Carnegie classifications, and (3) all current-year NSSE participants. In 2007, institutions had the option to customize all three columns (see below) by either (a) choosing a default peer group for each column or (b) selecting institutions from a list or based on institution-level criteria (enrollment size, sector, region, etc.).

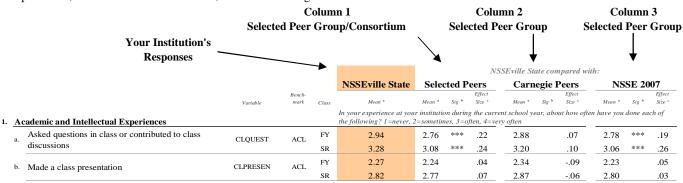
Institutions that did not complete the Report Info Form received the following default peer groups:

Column 1 - NSSE 2007 institutions in your institution's geographic region and sector (private/public).

Column 2 - NSSE 2007 institutions with the same Basic 2005 Carnegie classification as your institution.

Column 3 - All NSSE 2007 institutions.

The terms "column 1," "column 2," and "column 3" correspond to the selected peer group locations in the institutional reports. In NSSEville's example below, column 1 is "Selected Peers", column 2 "Carnegie Peers" and column 3 "NSSE2007".



The Selected Peer Groups report consists of a summary page that details when and how your peer groups were selected (or if you received the default due to not completing the Report Info Form) and three sections that provide peer group details for each of the three report columns.

