

NSSE 2006 Overview

Purpose: The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) collects information from approximately 1,200 colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada to measure the extent to which students engage in effective educational practices. First-year and Senior students are surveyed about the nature and quality of their undergraduate experience. The results from the University of Mississippi are then compared to selected peer groups (SUG Peers and Carnegie Peers) to see the empirical differences in student responses in order to make improvements in institutional practices.

Comparison Groups:

Carnegie Peer Group:

Auburn University	University of Arkansas
Baylor University	University of Memphis
Clarkson University	University of Missouri-Rolla
Clemson University	University of Nevada-Las Vegas
Colorado School of Mines	University of Oregon
Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis	University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras Campus
Michigan Technological University	University of Southern Mississippi
Old Dominion University	University of Toledo
The University of Alabama	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
The University of Montana	Utah State University
The University of Texas at Arlington	Western Michigan University
The University of Texas at El Paso	Wright State University

SUG Peer Group:

Auburn University	University of Arkansas
Clemson University	University of Memphis
Emory University	University of Miami
Old Dominion University	University of Southern Mississippi
The University of Alabama	Virginia Commonwealth University
The University of Tennessee	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
University of Alabama at Birmingham	

2006 Response Rates:

	Ole Miss		SUG Group		Carnegie Group	
	First-Yr	Senior	First-Yr	Senior	First-Yr	Senior
Overall	32%		28%		30%	
By Level	28%	34%	27%	28%	27%	33%
Number	2,046	2,368	25,711	25,965	38,932	38,564

Notes: When interpreting the data, not only is the statistical significance given but the effect size is given to indicate the magnitude of significance between means that are being compared. The effect size of .2 is considered “small”, .5 is “moderate”, and .8 is considered “large”. Unless inversely related, a positive effect size indicates that the difference between the means is a confirmatory difference where Ole Miss is above those being compared, while a negative effect size indicates that the University is below the comparison groups.