Purpose: The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) collects information from approximately 1,400 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
Boston College
Bowling Green State University
Brigham Young University
Clark Atlanta University
Clark University
Clarkson University
Clemson University
Colorado School of Mines
Drexel University
Florida Institute of Technology
George Mason University
Howard University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis
Lehigh University
Loyola University Chicago
Miami University-Oxford
Michigan Technological University
North Dakota State University
Northeastern University
Northern Illinois University
Oklahoma State University
Polytechnic Institute of New York University
Saint Louis University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas Tech University
The Catholic University of America
The University of Akron
The University of Montana
The University of Texas at Arlington
The University of Texas at Dallas
The University of Texas at El Paso
University of Alaska Fairbanks
University of Denver
University of Houston
University of Louisville
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
University of Memphis
University of Missouri-Kansas City
University of Missouri-St Louis
University of Nevada-Las Vegas
University of Nevada-Reno
University of North Dakota
University of Oregon
University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras Campus
University of Southern Mississippi
University of Toledo
University of Wyoming
Virginia Commonwealth University
Western Michigan University
Wichita State University
Wright State University
SUG Peer Group:
Auburn University
Clemson University
LSU and Agricultural & Mech. College
North Carolina State University
Oklahoma State University
Texas A&M University
Texas Tech University
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
The University of Texas at Austin
University of Alabama-Birmingham
University of Kentucky

2009 Response Rates:

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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.