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Pennsylvania State System of Higher Educ. Comparison Group

This section summarizes how your consortium comparison group was identified, including selection criteria and whether the default option was taken. This is followed by the resulting list of institutions represented in the 'PASSHE' column of this report.

Group label	PASSHE
Date submitted	Not applicable; comparison group not customized.
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution did not customize this comparison group; the default group (all consortium participants) was used.
Group description	Default comparison group

'PASSHE' institutions (N=13)

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (Bloomsburg, PA)
 California University of Pennsylvania (California, PA)
 Cheyney University of Pennsylvania (Cheyney, PA)
 East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania (East Stroudsburg, PA)
 Edinboro University of Pennsylvania (Edinboro, PA)
 Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Indiana, PA)
 Kutztown University of Pennsylvania (Kutztown, PA)
 Lock Haven University (Lock Haven, PA)
 Mansfield University of Pennsylvania (Mansfield, PA)
 Millersville University of Pennsylvania (Millersville, PA)
 Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania (Shippensburg, PA)
 Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Slippery Rock, PA)
 West Chester University of Pennsylvania (West Chester, PA)

First-Year Students

Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Frequency Distributions ^a				Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				Clarion University		PASSHE		Clarion University	PASSHE	Effect size ^d
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
1. In the current school year, about how often have you:										
a. Used a web-based course management system (e.g. Moodle, D2L, etc.) to access the course syllabus, notes or assignments	PAS1301a	1	Never	3	2	61	2	3.6	3.6	-.03
		2	Sometimes	12	7	190	6			
		3	Often	40	22	558	19			
		4	Very often	188	70	2,428	73			
		Total		243	100	3,237	100			
b. Enrolled in a course at this institution that was offered entirely on-line	PAS1301b	1	Never	167	63	2,461	76	1.6	1.4 **	.20
		2	Sometimes	40	20	333	10			
		3	Often	16	8	219	7			
		4	Very often	20	9	216	7			
		Total		243	100	3,229	100			
c. Attended a university athletic event	PAS1301c	1	Never	71	27	903	28	2.2	2.2	-.04
		2	Sometimes	100	41	1,236	38			
		3	Often	44	21	591	18			
		4	Very often	27	11	494	15			
		Total		242	100	3,224	100			
d. Participated in a community-based project (e.g., service learning) as part of an organized university or student government project (not through a course)	PAS1301d	1	Never	128	49	1,724	55	1.7	1.7	.02
		2	Sometimes	72	33	884	26			
		3	Often	31	15	395	12			
		4	Very often	11	3	223	7			
		Total		242	100	3,226	100			
e. Participated in a club or organization at your university	PAS1301e	1	Never	57	21	959	31	2.5	2.4 *	.13
		2	Sometimes	67	31	796	25			
		3	Often	52	21	659	20			
		4	Very often	67	27	811	24			
		Total		243	100	3,225	100			
f. Received tutoring in any subject while a student at this institution	PAS1301f	1	Never	146	61	1,834	57	1.6	1.7	-.11
		2	Sometimes	51	22	725	23			
		3	Often	26	11	362	11			
		4	Very often	16	6	290	9			
		Total		239	100	3,211	100			
g. Asked a librarian or library staff member for assistance	PAS1301g	1	Never	120	51	1,420	44	1.7	1.8	-.13
		2	Sometimes	90	35	1,278	39			
		3	Often	22	11	354	11			
		4	Very often	9	3	168	5			
		Total		241	100	3,220	100			
h. Used the university counseling and human development center (services) and/or accessed information from its webpage	PAS1301h	1	Never	168	67	2,187	67	1.5	1.5	-.06
		2	Sometimes	47	21	607	19			
		3	Often	22	10	256	8			
		4	Very often	6	2	167	5			
		Total		243	100	3,217	100			

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed)

First-Year Students

Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Frequency Distributions ^a				Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				Clarion University		PASSHE		Clarion University	PASSHE	Effect size ^d
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
2. As a student at your current institution, how often have you:										
a. Changed your major	PAS1302a	0	Never	185	78	2,332	73	0.3	0.3	-.05
		1	Once	46	17	661	20			
		2	Twice	4	1	72	2			
		3	Three or more times	4	2	21	1			
		—	Not applicable	3	2	131	4			
			Total	242	100	3,217	100			
b. Delayed your graduation plans because courses were not available when needed	PAS1302b	0	Never	205	86	2,442	77	0.0	0.1 **	-.14
		1	Once	5	2	118	4			
		2	Twice	1	1	32	1			
		3	Three or more times	0	0	24	1			
		—	Not applicable	32	11	571	17			
			Total	243	100	3,187	100			
3. To what extent does your institution emphasize:										
a. A safe environment for students by providing features and services (lighting, emergency phones, escorts, adequate police patrol, etc.) that enhance safety	PAS1303a	1	Very little	6	3	99	3	3.4	3.3 *	.16
		2	Some	23	8	416	13			
		3	Quite a bit	75	31	1,086	34			
		4	Very much	137	57	1,568	49			
		—	Not applicable	1	1	34	1			
			Total	242	100	3,203	100			
b. A residential experience that facilitates adjustment to college	PAS1303b	1	Very little	8	4	179	6	3.2	3.0 **	.20
		2	Some	39	15	585	18			
		3	Quite a bit	80	33	1,041	32			
		4	Very much	101	43	1,078	33			
		—	Not applicable	14	5	310	10			
			Total	242	100	3,193	100			
4. During the current school year, about how often have you attended events or activities that encouraged you to examine your understanding of the following:										
a. Economic or social inequality	PAS1304a	1	Never	125	47	1,714	53	1.7	1.7	.03
		2	Sometimes	74	33	914	28			
		3	Often	38	17	405	13			
		4	Very often	7	3	190	6			
			Total	244	100	3,223	100			
b. Issues of race, ethnicity or nationality	PAS1304b	1	Never	110	45	1,767	55			
		2	Sometimes	84	36	896	28			
		3	Often	41	17	370	12			
		4	Very often	7	2	188	6			
			Total	242	100	3,221	100			
c. Religious or philosophical differences	PAS1304c	1	Never	142	56	1,919	59	1.6	1.6	.01
		2	Sometimes	61	29	775	24			
		3	Often	30	12	337	11			
		4	Very often	10	4	180	6			
			Total	243	100	3,211	100			

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First-Year Students

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				Clarion University		PASSHE		Clarion University	PASSHE	Effect size ^d
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
d. Different political viewpoints	PAS1304d	1	Never	143	55	1,907	59	1.6	1.6	.02
		2	Sometimes	61	29	806	25			
		3	Often	31	13	324	10			
		4	Very often	9	3	173	6			
		Total		244	100	3,210	100			
e. Issues of gender or sexual orientation	PAS1304e	1	Never	132	53	1,880	59	1.7	1.6	.06
		2	Sometimes	66	28	789	24			
		3	Often	35	15	337	11			
		4	Very often	10	4	197	6			
		Total		243	100	3,203	100			
5. How satisfied are you with:										
a. The academic rigor of this institution	PAS1305a	1	Very dissatisfied	1	0	35	1	4.0	4.0	.02
		2	Dissatisfied	6	2	99	3			
		3	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	40	17	537	17			
		4	Satisfied	141	58	1,742	53			
		5	Very satisfied	56	23	814	25			
Total		244	100	3,227	100					
b. The academic programs at this institution	PAS1305b	1	Very dissatisfied	1	0	31	1	4.1	4.0	.05
		2	Dissatisfied	6	4	106	3			
		3	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	30	13	489	15			
		4	Satisfied	143	57	1,709	54			
		5	Very satisfied	63	27	877	27			
Total		243	100	3,212	100					
c. The cost of your education after financial aid	PAS1305c	1	Very dissatisfied	12	5	226	7	3.4	3.4	.03
		2	Dissatisfied	35	14	500	15			
		3	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	82	30	939	29			
		4	Satisfied	78	35	990	31			
		5	Very satisfied	37	16	561	18			
Total		244	100	3,216	100					

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Seniors

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				Clarion University		PASSHE		Clarion University	PASSHE	Effect size ^d
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
1. In the current school year, about how often have you:										
a. Used a web-based course management system (e.g. Moodle, D2L, etc.) to access the course syllabus, notes or assignments	PAS1301a	1	Never	4	2	111	3	3.8	3.6 ****	.26
		2	Sometimes	5	4	316	8			
		3	Often	14	9	764	18			
		4	Very often	135	85	3,208	71			
		Total		158	100	4,399	100			
b. Enrolled in a course at this institution that was offered entirely on-line	PAS1301b	1	Never	47	29	2,668	60	2.5	1.7 ***	.74
		2	Sometimes	48	29	908	21			
		3	Often	11	6	345	8			
		4	Very often	52	36	476	12			
		Total		158	100	4,397	100			
c. Attended a university athletic event	PAS1301c	1	Never	80	54	2,035	47	1.8	1.8	-.04
		2	Sometimes	41	25	1,486	34			
		3	Often	18	11	451	10			
		4	Very often	18	10	415	9			
		Total		157	100	4,387	100			
d. Participated in a community-based project (e.g., service learning) as part of an organized university or student government project (not through a course)	PAS1301d	1	Never	73	49	2,200	51	1.8	1.8	.04
		2	Sometimes	50	31	1,248	28			
		3	Often	17	10	577	13			
		4	Very often	17	10	367	8			
		Total		157	100	4,392	100			
e. Participated in a club or organization at your university	PAS1301e	1	Never	46	32	1,307	31	2.6	2.5	.05
		2	Sometimes	27	17	926	21			
		3	Often	21	14	763	17			
		4	Very often	62	37	1,403	31			
		Total		156	100	4,399	100			
f. Received tutoring in any subject while a student at this institution	PAS1301f	1	Never	115	74	2,936	67	1.3	1.5 **	-.19
		2	Sometimes	33	21	974	22			
		3	Often	4	3	287	6			
		4	Very often	4	2	188	4			
		Total		156	100	4,385	100			
g. Asked a librarian or library staff member for assistance	PAS1301g	1	Never	69	45	1,652	38	1.7	1.8	-.15
		2	Sometimes	67	43	2,044	46			
		3	Often	11	7	461	10			
		4	Very often	8	5	235	5			
		Total		155	100	4,392	100			
h. Used the university counseling and human development center (services) and/or accessed information from its webpage	PAS1301h	1	Never	107	70	2,955	68	1.4	1.5	-.09
		2	Sometimes	37	23	909	21			
		3	Often	6	4	307	7			
		4	Very often	6	3	196	4			
		Total		156	100	4,367	100			

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Seniors

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				Clarion University		PASSHE		Clarion University	PASSHE	Effect size ^d
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
2. As a student at your current institution, how often have you:										
a. Changed your major	PAS1302a	0	Never	89	58	2,627	60	0.5	0.5	.03
		1	Once	46	29	1,274	29			
		2	Twice	13	8	310	7			
		3	Three or more times	4	2	115	3			
		—	Not applicable	4	3	43	1			
			Total	156	100	4,369	100			
b. Delayed your graduation plans because courses were not available when needed	PAS1302b	0	Never	119	77	2,909	66	0.3	0.5 *	-.17
		1	Once	15	11	766	18			
		2	Twice	5	3	313	7			
		3	Three or more times	8	5	167	4			
		—	Not applicable	7	5	186	5			
			Total	154	100	4,341	100			
3. To what extent does your institution emphasize:										
a. A safe environment for students by providing features and services (lighting, emergency phones, escorts, adequate police patrol, etc.) that enhance safety	PAS1303a	1	Very little	2	1	234	5	3.3	3.1 **	.26
		2	Some	25	16	841	19			
		3	Quite a bit	40	26	1,615	37			
		4	Very much	67	41	1,505	35			
		—	Not applicable	21	16	177	4			
			Total	155	100	4,372	100			
b. A residential experience that facilitates adjustment to college	PAS1303b	1	Very little	8	4	312	7	2.9	2.8	.14
		2	Some	29	18	919	21			
		3	Quite a bit	35	21	1,126	25			
		4	Very much	38	23	914	21			
		—	Not applicable	47	34	1,084	26			
			Total	157	100	4,355	100			
4. During the current school year, about how often have you attended events or activities that encouraged you to examine your understanding of the following:										
a. Economic or social inequality	PAS1304a	1	Never	81	54	2,339	54	1.7	1.7	.02
		2	Sometimes	43	27	1,285	29			
		3	Often	21	13	535	12			
		4	Very often	9	6	242	6			
			Total	154	100	4,401	100			
b. Issues of race, ethnicity or nationality	PAS1304b	1	Never	79	53	2,396	55			
		2	Sometimes	45	28	1,235	27			
		3	Often	23	14	512	12			
		4	Very often	8	6	242	5			
			Total	155	100	4,385	100			
c. Religious or philosophical differences	PAS1304c	1	Never	90	60	2,690	62	1.7	1.6	.11
		2	Sometimes	35	22	1,096	25			
		3	Often	19	11	403	9			
		4	Very often	10	7	187	4			
			Total	154	100	4,376	100			

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Seniors

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				Clarion University		PASSHE		Clarion University	PASSHE	Effect size ^d
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
d. Different political viewpoints	PAS1304d	1	Never	84	56	2,548	59	1.7	1.6	.08
		2	Sometimes	43	27	1,201	27			
		3	Often	17	10	434	10			
		4	Very often	10	7	201	5			
		Total		154	100	4,384	100			
e. Issues of gender or sexual orientation	PAS1304e	1	Never	84	57	2,522	59	1.7	1.6	.06
		2	Sometimes	44	27	1,154	26			
		3	Often	13	8	436	10			
		4	Very often	13	8	248	6			
		Total		154	100	4,360	100			
5. How satisfied are you with:										
a. The academic rigor of this institution	PAS1305a	1	Very dissatisfied	1	1	71	2	4.1	3.9 **	.25
		2	Dissatisfied	4	2	260	6			
		3	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	22	14	772	18			
		4	Satisfied	82	52	2,342	53			
		5	Very satisfied	47	30	956	22			
		Total		156	100	4,401	100			
b. The academic programs at this institution	PAS1305b	1	Very dissatisfied	1	1	81	2	4.1	3.9 ***	.28
		2	Dissatisfied	4	2	305	7			
		3	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	23	14	697	16			
		4	Satisfied	75	48	2,289	52			
		5	Very satisfied	54	34	1,019	23			
		Total		157	100	4,391	100			
c. The cost of your education after financial aid	PAS1305c	1	Very dissatisfied	10	6	280	7	3.6	3.4	.15
		2	Dissatisfied	17	11	694	16			
		3	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	36	22	1,149	25			
		4	Satisfied	57	37	1,464	33			
		5	Very satisfied	37	24	803	19			
		Total		157	100	4,390	100			

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed)

First-Year Students

Variable name	N	Mean		Standard error ^f		Standard deviation ^g		DF ^h	Sig. ⁱ	Effect size ^d
	Clarion University	Clarion University	PASSHE	Clarion University	PASSHE	Clarion University	PASSHE	Comparisons with: PASSHE		
PAS1301a	242	3.6	3.6	.04	.01	0.7	0.7	4,813	.643	-.03
PAS1301b	240	1.6	1.4	.06	.01	1.0	0.9	261	.005	.20
PAS1301c	240	2.2	2.2	.06	.02	1.0	1.0	4,793	.520	-.04
PAS1301d	240	1.7	1.7	.05	.01	0.8	0.9	4,797	.793	.02
PAS1301e	240	2.5	2.4	.07	.02	1.1	1.2	4,791	.043	.13
PAS1301f	239	1.6	1.7	.06	.01	0.9	1.0	4,774	.096	-.11
PAS1301g	240	1.7	1.8	.05	.01	0.8	0.8	4,786	.057	-.13
PAS1301h	240	1.5	1.5	.05	.01	0.8	0.9	273	.329	-.06
PAS1302a	236	0.3	0.3	.04	.01	0.6	0.5	4,598	.489	-.05
PAS1302b	214	0.0	0.1	.02	.01	0.2	0.4	288	.001	-.14
PAS1303a	239	3.4	3.3	.05	.01	0.8	0.8	4,713	.016	.16
PAS1303b	228	3.2	3.0	.06	.01	0.9	0.9	4,281	.003	.20
PAS1304a	242	1.7	1.7	.05	.01	0.8	0.9	4,794	.686	.03
PAS1304b	241	1.8	1.7	.05	.01	0.8	0.9	272	.141	.09
PAS1304c	242	1.6	1.6	.05	.01	0.8	0.9	4,777	.924	.01
PAS1304d	242	1.6	1.6	.05	.01	0.8	0.9	4,776	.795	.02
PAS1304e	240	1.7	1.6	.06	.01	0.9	0.9	4,765	.352	.06
PAS1305a	242	4.0	4.0	.05	.01	0.7	0.8	4,799	.756	.02
PAS1305b	242	4.1	4.0	.05	.01	0.8	0.8	4,781	.454	.05
PAS1305c	242	3.4	3.4	.07	.02	1.1	1.1	4,783	.673	.03

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Seniors

Variable name	N	Mean		Standard error ^f		Standard deviation ^g		DF ^h	Sig. ⁱ	Effect size ^d
	Clarion University	Clarion University	PASSHE	Clarion University	PASSHE	Clarion University	PASSHE	Comparisons with: PASSHE		
PAS1301a	159	3.8	3.6	.05	.01	0.6	0.8	171	.000	.26
PAS1301b	159	2.5	1.7	.10	.01	1.2	1.0	164	.000	.74
PAS1301c	158	1.8	1.8	.08	.01	1.0	1.0	5,972	.619	-.04
PAS1301d	157	1.8	1.8	.08	.01	1.0	1.0	5,977	.633	.04
PAS1301e	157	2.6	2.5	.10	.02	1.3	1.2	5,989	.499	.05
PAS1301f	156	1.3	1.5	.05	.01	0.6	0.8	169	.005	-.19
PAS1301g	155	1.7	1.8	.06	.01	0.8	0.8	5,976	.074	-.15
PAS1301h	156	1.4	1.5	.06	.01	0.7	0.8	166	.249	-.09
PAS1302a	152	0.5	0.5	.06	.01	0.7	0.7	5,876	.704	.03
PAS1302b	148	0.3	0.5	.06	.01	0.8	0.8	155	.039	-.17
PAS1303a	130	3.3	3.1	.07	.01	0.8	0.9	5,671	.004	.26
PAS1303b	104	2.9	2.8	.09	.01	0.9	1.0	4,380	.159	.14
PAS1304a	155	1.7	1.7	.07	.01	0.9	0.9	5,987	.847	.02
PAS1304b	155	1.7	1.7	.07	.01	0.9	0.9	5,967	.446	.06
PAS1304c	155	1.7	1.6	.08	.01	0.9	0.8	160	.224	.11
PAS1304d	155	1.7	1.6	.07	.01	0.9	0.8	5,963	.308	.08
PAS1304e	154	1.7	1.6	.08	.01	0.9	0.9	5,932	.443	.06
PAS1305a	156	4.1	3.9	.06	.01	0.8	0.9	5,989	.002	.25
PAS1305b	158	4.1	3.9	.06	.01	0.8	0.9	5,977	.001	.28
PAS1305c	158	3.6	3.4	.09	.02	1.2	1.2	5,975	.057	.15

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed)

Endnotes

- a. Column percentages are weighted by gender and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups). Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. Counts are unweighted; column percentages cannot be replicated from counts.
- b. All statistics are weighted by gender and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups). Unless otherwise noted, statistical comparisons are two-tailed independent t-tests. Items with categorical response sets are left blank.
- c. These are the values used to calculate means. For the majority of items, these values match the codes in the data file and codebook.
- d. Effect size for independent t-tests uses Cohen's *d*.
- e. Statistics are weighted by gender and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups). Categorical items are not listed.
- f. The 95% confidence interval for the population mean is equal to the sample mean plus or minus 1.96 times the standard error of the mean.
- g. A measure of the amount individual scores deviate from the mean of all the scores in the distribution.
- h. Degrees of freedom used to compute the t-tests. Values differ from Ns due to weighting and whether equal variances were assumed.
- i. Statistical comparisons are two-tailed independent t-tests. Statistical significance represents the probability that the difference between your students' mean and that of the comparison group is due to chance.