

# Profile of Participants

Comparison of NSSE Institutions to all Four-Year Colleges and Universities

NSSE 2002 schools closely resembled the national profile of four-year colleges and universities in terms of region of the country and location, as demonstrated in Table 1. However, NSSE 2002 institutions included more Doctoral/Research Universities and Baccalaureate Colleges- Liberal Arts and fewer Baccalaureate Colleges-General as defined by the 2000 Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

Doctoral/Research Universities and Master's Colleges and Universities enroll more than three-quarters of all undergraduates. At the same time, ample numbers of smaller, independent colleges also took part in NSSE 2002, insuring that the results reflect the experiences of a broad cross-section of students attending four-year colleges and universities from both the public and private sector, from all regions of the country, and from different types of settings.

<b>Table 1 NSSE 2002 Institutions and all Four-Year Colleges and Universities</b>		
	<b>NSSE 2002</b>	<b>National</b>
<b>Carnegie Classification</b>		
Doc/Res – Ext	14%	10%
DocRes – Int	9%	8%
Master's I & II	44%	43%
Bac – Liberal Arts	20%	16%
Bac – General	13%	23%
<b>Sector</b>		
Public 4-year	45%	37%
Private 4-year	55%	63%
<b>Region</b>		
Far West	11%	10%
Great Lakes	19%	15%
Mideast	20%	19%
New England	8%	9%
Plains	12%	11%
Rocky Mountains	3%	3%
Southeast	19%	26%
Southwest	8%	7%
<b>Location</b>		
Large city (>250,000)	22%	19%
Mid-size city (<250,000)	30%	29%

Urban fringe large city	16%	17%
Urban fringe mid-size city	7%	8%
Large town (>25,000)	4%	4%
Small town (<5,000)	18%	17%
Rural	3%	6%

**Source: National data are from 1999-2000 IPEDS Data File**