Peer comparisons are useful in establishing how well the University of Alaska, its main administrative units (MAUs), and associated campuses compare on given measures to institutions of like size, mission, and organization. Peer comparisons are also useful in targeting best practices and are intended to allow for uniform and consistent comparisons among institutions. However, definitional and reporting differences often exist between universities. As a result, peer group comparisons are most useful for examining aggregate relationships, averages, or trends in the data rather than distinct and specific values in any one category.

Below are the two sets of peer institutions typically used for each MAU. Each MAU self-selects a group of peer institutions, and a second NCHEMS-defined, mathematically selected group of peer-institutions is also used for comparison with each MAU’s information. This information was last updated by each MAU in June 2011, and additional details on the various peer groups used can be found online at: http://www.alaska.edu/swbir/ir/

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| UAA | Auburn University-Montgomery  
Boise State University  
Cleveland State University  
Columbus State University  
Indiana State University  
Indiana University-Northeast  
Indiana University-Purdue University-Fort Wayne  
Indiana University-Southeast  
Lamar University  
Northern Kentucky University  
Southern Connecticut State University  
The University of West Florida  
University of Alabama in Huntsville  
University of Arkansas at Little Rock  
University of Massachusetts-Boston  
University of Michigan-Dearborn  
University of Missouri-St Louis  
University of Nebraska at Omaha  
University of North Carolina at Greensboro  
University of Southern Maine  
Weber State University  
Wichita State University  | Austin Peay State University  
Boise State University  
CUNY College of Staten Island  
Eastern Kentucky University  
Indiana State University  
Indiana University-Purdue University-Fort Wayne  
McNeese State University  
Northwestern State University of Louisiana  
Purdue University-Calumet Campus  
Troy University*  
University of North Florida  
University of Southern Maine  
Wichita State University  |
| UAF | Clemson University  
Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus  
Idaho State University  
Kansas State University  
Michigan Technological University  
Montana State University-Bozeman  
North Dakota State University-Main Campus  
Oregon State University  
SUNY at Stony Brook  
SUNY at Binghamton  
The University of Montana  
University of Delaware  
University of Idaho  
University of Maine  
University of Missouri-Rolla  
University of Nevada-Reno  
University of Oklahoma Norman Campus  
University of Wyoming  
Utah State University  | Clemson University  
Montana State University-Bozeman  
New Mexico State University-Main Campus  
North Dakota State University-Main Campus  
University of Arkansas Main Campus  
University of Idaho  
University of Maine  
University of New Hampshire-Main Campus  
University of Wyoming  
Utah State University  |
| UAS | Adams State College  
Bemidji State University  
Eastern Oregon University  
Georgia Southwestern State University  
Lewis-Clark State College  
Longwood University  
SUNY College at Purchase  
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin  
University of Maine at Machias  
University of Maine at Presque Isle  
Western Oregon University  | Adams State College  
Cheyney University of Pennsylvania  
Coppin State University  
Georgia Southwestern State University  
Johnson State College  
Northern State University  
Sul Ross State University  
Texas A & M University-Texarkana  
Troy State University-Montgomery*  
University of Houston-Victoria  
Western New Mexico University  |
MAUs and Peer Groups: Comparison Ratios

- Self-Selected Peers
- NCHEMS Peers

**Research Expenditures ($ per Full-time Faculty**

FY09:
- UAA: 25,741
- UAF: 177,491
- UAS: 105,604

**Instructional Expenditures ($ per Student Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)**

FY09:
- UAA: 8,102
- UAF: 6,932
- UAS: 9,797

**Percent Part-time Students**

Fall 2009:
- UAA: 53.5%
- UAF: 39.1%
- UAS: 67.0%

**6-year Baccalaureate Graduation Rate**

FY10:
- UAA: 33.9%
- UAF: 21.1%
- UAS: 29.2%

**Student Services Expenditures ($) per Student FTE**

FY09:
- UAA: 3,287
- UAF: 3,287
- UAS: 1,202

**Student FTE per Instructional Faculty FTE**

FY10:
- UAA: 14.7
- UAF: 15.1
- UAS: 13.9

Source: Data from National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) IPEDS Datacenter - [http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter/](http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter/)
More information on peer institutions currently in use is available online at: [http://www.alaska.edu/swbir/ir/PeerUpdate_2011.pdf](http://www.alaska.edu/swbir/ir/PeerUpdate_2011.pdf)