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As a former librarian at a state university, I consider it vital for the US Government to continue to gather statistics to assist the government in understanding what is going on in universities and colleges as well as helping the universities and colleges to see what is going on elsewhere in the country.

The university and college libraries are willing to cover some or all of the costs to do the survey so it is like throwing away free information and free help. I strongly urge the continued gathering of academic library information since those institutions are still a part of the education system in the US and we can't just work with primary and secondary school library information. We need to keep the academic libraries going with current, relevant information with which to make good decisions.