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Academic libraries use the IPEDS system via the Library survey to budget, and plan, which can help us track and compare basic institution-level data such as graduation rates, expenditures and enrollment. For many institutions, this data gives academic libraries visibility as an integral component of higher education institutions that supports information literacy, faculty research and student success.

"Providing open, publicly accessible data about higher education is critical to transparency and earning and maintaining public trust," the groups said in their letter. "Trust in U.S. higher education is in measurable decline—and media and information literacy is more crucial than ever amid growing crises of misinformation and disruptive emerging technologies." <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/tech-innovation/libraries/2024/05/10/academic-librarians-oppose-plan-eliminate-key-federal>