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This data is extremely important for academic libraries. I use this data in collaboration with college administration to determine our annual budgets for staffing, operations, and digital and print library resources. While I can continue to collect this data independently for our library's use, we also need the comparison data with other colleges. This comparison data supports the accreditation process. By comparing our staffing, collections, and budgets to other similar colleges, we can show that our institution provides adequate and appropriate library and learning/information resources and services; ensures an adequate number of professional and other staff with appropriate education or experiences in library and/or other learning/information resources; provides student and faculty access and user privileges to its library services and access to regular and timely instruction in the use of the library and other learning/information resources, all in support of our college's mission. Finally, the discontinuation of collecting this data devalues the need for library services and resources to support academic credentials.