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By removing this the government is indicating that it devalues the important work academic libraries commit to student success and the academy as a whole. This is at a time that libraries across the country are under attack and when the value that libraries add through access and information literacy instruction and the work to teach student to critical think about the role that information plays in our lives is essential. Libraries budgets and staffing are quite often one of the first places post-secondary administrators target during budget cuts because they say they value libraries, but do not take the time to understand our work. The Academic Libraries survey makes it possible to understand budget, staffing, and service trends in college and university libraries to help those administrators. These data points also allow individual academic libraries to benchmark compared to their institutional peers. They are widely used by academic libraries, the federal government is planning to stop collecting them will have a negative affect on post-secondary libraries, and the institutions that they serve.