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The most important group that a large class size can affect is the students. Youth is the way of the future. Everyone wants to try and succeed in life and become all they can be, but sometimes objects can get in the way. I know that sometimes I cannot work properly in an environment where there are too many kids in a class. The reason is that there are too many distractions and interruptions, which can cause me to feel stressed. I have found that larger group sizes have a tremendous impact on student achievement. Student's academic engagement can increase, as the instructional group size diminishes. This means that students are coming to class and being more involved in school. Small class sizes enhance safety, discipline and order for the students. The most important aspect, in my opinion, is having smaller class sizes where more independence can occur. This means that there is more of an opportunity that a student will succeed. It also means that many students will feel more comfortable and start to ask more questions, which is the best way to learn and become intelligent. The only thing I would like to see is that more teachers be hired to cope with the increasing enrollment.

Although having a smaller class size would be the best for everyone, there is just not enough money in education to give grounds for smaller class sizes. I know throughout the years of my education, I would have accomplished more, if there were fewer students in my class. I am happy to enroll in a college next year, which will have less people in a class, than a university that can go up to over a hundred students.