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An interesting article on "University Registration and Statistics" appears in *Science* on January 21. The registrations from thirty of the larger universities, including the large endowed universities and most of the state universities of the middle west, are compiled. These tables show a total registration in September, 1915, of 100,514 students, or approximately one student from each thousand of population in the United States. This student body is governed and instructed by more than 12,000 officers and instructors, or about one officer or instructor to every eight students. During the summer sessions of 1915, the thirty institutions report registrations of 35,652 students. For the year 1915-16, the following are the eight universities with largest registrations: Columbia (7,042); Pennsylvania (6,655); California (5,977); New York University (5,853); Michigan (5,821); Illinois (5,511); Harvard (5,435); Cornell (5,392).

[The 30 biggest U.S. colleges in Fall 2013 together enrolled 2,708,792 students. -Eds.]

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