

# Omaha, Lincoln ranked among top 10 most affordable big cities

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Nebraska's largest cities have landed another top 10 ranking. This time, Omaha was ranked the third most-affordable big city in a Kiplinger list. Lincoln claimed No. 8 on the list.

The ranking identified 10 U.S. cities with populations above 250,000 with the lowest costs of living. It also factored in household incomes, home values, unemployment rates and commute times for workers.

Kiplinger has previously named Omaha the best city for cheapskates. The city was just behind Memphis (No. 1) and Columbus, Ohio (No. 2) on this list.

The analysis noted that Omaha's cost of living is 12.8 percent below the U.S. average, with a median household income of \$46,978 and a median home value of \$132,900. The average Omahan's commute to work is 18 minutes. The analysis also noted the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo, the College World Series and an abundance of public libraries and museums that host free or inexpensive events.

Lincoln, the "smallest big city" to make the top 10 with a population of 268,738, boasts the highest median household income of the cities ranked at \$49,504.

Other cities to make the list included Nashville at No. 4; Tulsa, Oklahoma at No. 5; San Antonio at No. 6; Lexington, Kentucky at No. 7; Oklahoma City at No. 9; and Louisville, Kentucky at No. 10.