

Fresno State ranks among affordable universities

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Fresno State was ranked among the most affordable universities in the country in a new report by the U.S. Department of Education.

The rankings, listed on the Department of Education's

[College Affordability and Transparency Center](#)

website, are based on tuition and net price, which is calculated by subtracting the average amount of financial aid from the total cost of attendance.

Among the nation's 10 percent most affordable four-year public universities, Fresno State came in at No. 44 with a net price of \$5,894 compared to the national average of \$11,582.

Out of about 25,000 students attending Fresno State, 71 percent receive some form of grant aid.

Miami University-Oxford in Ohio topped the list as the most expensive four-year public university with a net price of \$24,674, 72 percent of its students receiving grant aid.

Reedley College and Fresno City College were listed among the 5 percent of public two-year colleges

nationwide with the lowest tuition at \$1,140.

College of the Sequoias in Visalia was listed among the lowest 5 percent of public two-year colleges for net price of attendance at \$2,813 and 82 percent of its students receiving grants aid, followed by Porterville College at \$2,824 and 89 percent receiving grants.

Congress mandated the U.S. Department of Education to compile the cost rankings as part of the 2008 reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, which determines how federal dollars are awarded to colleges and students.