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Universal Reference Publications announces the Thirteenth Edition of *America's Top-Rated Cities: A Statistical Handbook*

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the Thirteenth Edition of *America's Top-Rated Cities: A Statistical Handbook*. This brand new set offers current, comprehensive statistical information in one easy-to-use source on 100 cities that have been cited as the best for business and living in the United States. Conveniently arranged by city, this Four-Volume Set allows readers to see, at a glance, a concise social, business, economic, demographic and environmental profile of each city, including brief evaluative comments. There are four volumes in the set, each covering a specific region of the United States: Southern, Western, Central and Eastern.

"Top-Rated Cities provides more information. It's a valuable addition to the literature for its concise, varied information, in-depth coverage and clear organization. Recommended for all public, academic, and special libraries."

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"This up-to-date set will prove a useful addition to reference collections."

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Each city chapter is divided into three major sections: Background (updated with significant news in both business and living environments), Rankings (greatly expanded with survey results from dozens more sources), and Statistical Tables (updated with new data plus many new data points). Every chapter is followed by Comparative Statistics in 42 different categories. The five appendices and maps of each region will make finding specific or comparative data easy.

BACKGROUND: Each of the 100 city chapters begins with an informative background essay that combines history with current events. Our revision process updates these narratives to reflect changes that have occurred in the city in the past year. They touch on the city's environment, politics, employment, cultural offerings, climate, and often include interesting trivia.

RANKINGS: This section has grown tremendously over previous editions so that now it contains data from nearly 200 books, articles, and reports. The data are presented in an easy-to-read, bulleted format and include results from both annual surveys and one-shot studies. You'll recognize many topics from previous editions such as America's Healthiest Cities, Most Creative, Picture Perfect, Most Fun, Safest, Most

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Alive, Most Wired, Best to Save Money, Most Polite, Top Arts, Best/Worst for Dating, Most Vegetarian-Friendly, and new ones such as Highest Home Price Appreciation, Best/Worst Nursing Care, Best Bicycling, Finding a Rich Single Man, Coffee Bars, and Most Dangerous for Pedestrians. This new edition features a break-down of the rankings into 10 categories, such as: General, Business/Finance, Women/Minorities, Children/Family and Dating/Romance.

STATISTICAL TABLES: As with the Rankings, the Statistical Tables have been increased and enhanced over the years so that now, each city chapter in this 2006 edition includes 88 tables— 51 in the Business section and 37 in the Living section. This is an increase of three tables over the previous edition and 49 more than were featured in the 1998 edition! The Business Environment section includes hard facts and figures on 13 topics, including City Finances, Demographics, Income, Employment, Taxes, Real Estate, and Transportation. The Living Environment section also includes 13 topics, such as Housing, Health Care, Education, Safety, Recreation, Media, and Climate. New topics include Hate Crimes, Education Level and Median Sale Price of Existing Family Homes.

- APPENDICES:** Each volume contains five helpful appendices:
- Appendix A: Historical Metropolitan Area Definitions: Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) and New England County Metropolitan Areas (NECMA).
 - Appendix B: Current Metropolitan Area Definitions: Core Based Statistical Areas (CBSA), Metropolitan Division (MSAD), and New England City and Town Areas (NECTA).
 - Appendix C: Comparative Statistics. City-by-city comparison of 42 categories that is both an overview of the city and a broad profile of each geographical region of the country. Each volume includes all 100 cities, making for easy comparisons.
 - Appendix D: Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development Organizations. Addresses, phone numbers and fax numbers of these additional resources helps readers find more detailed information on each city.
 - Appendix E: State Departments of Labor and Employment. A source of additional, more specific economic and employment data, with address and phone numbers for easy access.

America's Top-Rated Cities: A Statistical Handbook, 2006 is designed for a wide range of readers: private individuals considering relocating a residence or business; professionals considering expanding their business or changing careers; corporations considering relocation, opening up additional offices or creating new divisions; government agencies; general and market researchers; real estate consultants; human resource personnel; urban planners; investors and urban government students. This outstanding source of information will be widely used in any reference collection.

Individual city reports from *America's Top-Rated Cities: A Statistical Handbook, 2006* can be downloaded for \$14.95 each at www.greyhouse.com.

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