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## **Grey House Publishing announces the 24<sup>th</sup> Edition of *America's Top-Rated Cities: A Statistical Handbook***

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the 2017 edition of *America's Top-Rated Cities: A Statistical Handbook*. This new four-volume 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.

This 2017 edition of *America's Top-Rated Cities* includes cities that ranked highest and received the most points, using our unique weighing system. Cities new to this edition include: **Albany, NY; Greely, CO; Las Cruces, NM; College Station, TX and San Angelo, TX.**

Each city chapter is divided into three major sections: Background (updated with significant news in both business and living environments), Rankings (enhanced with survey results from over 300 sources), and Statistical Tables (updated with new data plus many new data points). Every chapter is followed by Comparative Statistics, which arrange the data across 124 tables. The five appendices and maps of each region will make finding specific or comparative data easy.

Each of the 100 city chapters begins with an informative **Background Essay** that combines history with current events. All city narratives have been updated to reflect changes that have occurred in the past year, and touch on the city's environment, politics, employment, cultural offerings, climate, and interesting trivia.

A section of **Rankings Information** includes rankings from 293 books, articles, and reports. For easy reference, these Rankings are categorized into 16 topics, including Business/Finance, Dating/Romance, and Health/Fitness. Sources for these rankings include well-known magazines and other media, such as *Forbes*, *BusinessWeek*, *Fortune*, *Men's Journal*, and more.

Each city chapter includes up to 124 **Statistical Tables**—69 in BUSINESS and 55 in LIVING. Over 95% of statistical data has been updated. New topics include *Commuter Stress Index* and expanded topics include the addition of American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander to *Minority- and Women-Owned Businesses*. *Business Environment* includes hard facts and

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**APPENDICES:** Each volume contains five helpful appendices:

Appendix A: **Comparative Statistics.** Shows city-by-city comparisons within 73 tables. Each volume includes all 100 cities, making for easy comparisons.

Appendix B: **Current Metropolitan Area Definitions.** Features Core Based Statistical Areas (CBSA), Metropolitan Division (MSAD), and New England City and Town Areas (NECTA).

Appendix C: Lists of **Government Types and Counties.**

Appendix D: **Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development Organizations.** Includes addresses, phone numbers, and fax numbers of these additional resources to help 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.

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*America's Top-Rated Cities: A Statistical Handbook* 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 is guaranteed to be widely used in any reference collection.

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