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## **Grey House Publishing announces the Fifth Edition of *The Comparative Guide to American Suburbs***

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*“The Comparative Guide to American Suburbs is a great resource for research on relocating. The comparative data and ranking of these cities makes it easy to compare suburbs in a metro area and to simplify the job relocation decision...This is a great resource for any public or academic reference collection.”*

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Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the fifth edition of *The Comparative Guide to American Suburbs*. This guide is a one-stop source on over 2,700 suburban communities (232 more than in the previous edition) surrounding the 75 largest metropolitan areas in the U.S., and features statistical information on everything from geography and climate to income, housing, and education.

In the 2 years since this last edition, there are **15 new Metro Areas**:

**Akron, OH – Albuquerque, NM – Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA – Bakersfield, CA –  
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*The Comparative Guide to American Suburbs* is arranged alphabetically, first by metro area, from Albany, NY to Washington, DC, then by individual suburb within each metro area. Each metro area chapter contains a state map that outlines the metro area and counties.

Each metro area profile includes six major areas of concentration, two more than in the previous edition: Geography, Climate, Population, Income, Housing, and Education. Each major section is divided into 16 subcategories (five more than in the previous edition), such as Average Household Size, Male/Female Ratio, Per Capita Income, Home Ownership Rate, and Educational Attainment.

Each suburb profile features statistics in as many as twelve areas, such as: Geography, History, Population, Income, Cost-of-Living, Safety, and School Districts. These areas are then divided into as many as 33 subcategories, including: Population Density, Average Household Size, Per Capita Income, Home Ownership Rate, and Percent of Population with High School Diploma.

Following the suburb profiles in each chapter are Ranking Charts that rank all suburbs in each Metro Area according to 26 data points, from Land Area to Unemployment Rate to Median Home Value to Cost-of-Living Index. National Rankings comprise nearly 1,000 pages at the back of the book, and rank all suburbs according to each of these 26 data points. These ranking sections are particularly useful for those looking to compare different suburbs in the same metro area, or looking to compare suburban areas in different parts of the state or country.

*The Comparative Guide to American Suburbs* features two helpful indexes. The Metropolitan Area Index is an alphabetical list of all Metro Areas, along with their Counties and Suburbs, indicating on what page their profiles appear. The second is the Suburb Index, which is an alphabetical list of all suburbs and on what page to their profiles appear.

While there are a variety of sources that present statistics for metropolitan areas or major cities, few have attempted to give comparative data on individual suburbs. The editors of *The Comparative Guide to American Suburbs* have gathered all available statistics, demographics, and contact information to provide consolidated, comprehensive, and up-to-date profiles of each suburban community, profiles that are not available anywhere else. Lending themselves to a variety of applications, from individuals or businesses interested in relocation or opening branch offices, to those doing market or sociological research, even to tourism boards or chambers of commerce, these profiles make this brand new edition a useful supplement to any library's collection.

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