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## **Universal Reference Publications announces the Sixth Edition of *America's Top-Rated Smaller Cities***

Universal Reference Publications, an imprint of Grey House Publishing, is proud to announce the publication of the Sixth Edition of *America's Top-Rated Smaller Cities*. This brand new edition offers current, comprehensive statistical information in one easy-to-use source on 110 smaller cities that have been cited as the best for business and living in the United States. Conveniently arranged by city, this informative reference allows readers to see, at a glance, a concise social, business, economic, demographic and environmental profile of each city, including brief evaluative comments.

The biggest change in this 2006/07 edition is the increase in size to two volumes. This has enabled the inclusion of more cities and more data than ever before! The two-volume set now features profiles of 110 smaller cities, 10 more than the previous edition. It also includes a significantly expanded Rankings section with 10 new topics, such as Roadway Congestion and Economic Growth.

Cities were selected for this new edition using both Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and Minor Civil Division (towns, townships, etc.) designations, and all have a population between 25,000 and 99,000. Four main criteria were considered in making our selections: population growth, income, crime rate and unemployment.

Each chapter begins with a City Background combining history, current events, city environment, politics, employment and cultural offerings. Cities that have been featured in previous editions have revised and updated City Backgrounds, including significant changes from recent years.

Next comes the Rankings section, which is much larger than that of the previous edition. It features rankings from more than 50 sources on a wide range of topics, including: Where to Retire, America's Most Wired Cities and Towns, Top Real Estate Markets, Best Cities to Earn and Save Money, Best Places for Business and Career and many more.

Following the Rankings section is the Business Environment section. This section contains 33 statistical tables displaying business-related data such as facts and figures on city finances, population demographics, income, employment and taxes.

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