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**Grey House Publishing announces the 2012/13 Edition of  
*America's Top-Rated Smaller Cities***

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the 2012/13 of *America's Top-Rated Smaller Cities*. This brand new edition offers current, comprehensive statistical information in one easy-to-use source on 124 smaller cities that have been cited as the best for business and living in the United States. Conveniently arranged by state then city, this informative reference allows readers to see, at a glance, a concise social, business, economic, demographic and environmental profile of each city.

*America's Top-Rated Smaller Cities* is arranged in two volumes – Volume 1 has 62 city chapters, Alabama to New Hampshire, and Volume 2 also has 62 city chapters, New Jersey to Wyoming. Each city chapter is divided into three sections: **Background & Rankings; Business Environment; and Living Environment**. Both volumes include **100 Honorable Mention Cities**, one overview and four **Region Maps** that indicate the location of each 124 cities, and five **Appendices**, with comparative rankings and resource information on all cities.

New topics include *Housing Affordability, Metropolitan Area Exports, Consumer Fraud, and Best Law Schools*. Expanded topics include: the breakdown of Mexican, Cuban, Puerto Rican, for *Hispanic Origin*; the addition of American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian to *Race*; metropolitan area data to *Building Permits*; dentists and Dos to *Distribution of Physicians*; and the addition of PSA Testing and Seniors Receiving Flu Shots to *Health Risks*.

Each of the 124 city chapters begins with a **City Background** combining history with current events, and touch on the city's environment, politics, employment, and cultural offerings, along with some interesting trivia.

Next is the **Rankings** section, which has 18 ranking categories including *Business/Finance, Health, Women/Minorities, Retirement, Family, Safety, Recreation, and Dating/Romance*. It contains data from over 300 books, articles, and research reports, and is presented in an easy-to-read, bulleted format. You'll find rankings- and several scores and figures – on a wide variety of topics such as **America's Most Literate Cities, Best Cities for Relocating Families, Best Places for Singles, Best Cities for Starter Homes, Best Sports Cities, Best Places for Business and Career**, and hundreds more.

The city rankings for each of the 124 city chapters now comprise information from hundreds of books, magazine, newspapers and research reports. Interesting "top-city" rankings include... **Best Places for Moviemakers, Best for Commuters, Best Cities for Bargain Shopping, and Most Innovative**. You'll also learn which cities are the most...**Allergy Prone, Greedy, Manly, Stressful, and Underpriced**.

Following the Rankings section is the **Business Environment** section. This section contains 40 statistical tables displaying business-related data such as facts and figures on city finances, population demographics, income, employment and taxes. New topics include *Housing Affordability*, *Metropolitan Area Exports*, *Consumer Fraud*, and *Best Law Schools*.

The final section of each chapter covers the **Living Environment**. This section contains 37 tables with data related to 11 living environment topics such as housing, healthcare, cost of living, education, air quality, and climate.

*America's Top-Rated Smaller Cities* includes five appendices that provide additional information about each city. The first is a **Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Appendix**, which includes the counties that make up each city's MSA and are listed in alphabetical order by city. The second is a **Counties Appendix** with an alphabetical listing of the featured cities and the county in which each is located. **The Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development Organizations Appendix** features listings, in alphabetical order by city, of contact information for each city's Chamber of Commerce and/or Economic Development Organization. The fourth Appendix covers **State Departments of Labor and Employment** and contains further economic and employment data, along with contact information for these State Departments.

The fifth and final Appendix contains **Comparative Statistics**, which puts each city side-by-side for a comparison of hundreds of variables spread out over 73 tables. These comparisons offer an overview of the city and a general geographical profile. Expanded topics include: the breakdown of Mexican, Cuban, Puerto Rican, for *Hispanic Origin*; the addition of American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian to *Race*; metropolitan area data to *Building Permits*; dentists and Dos to *Distribution of Physicians*; and the addition of PSA Testing and Seniors Receiving Flu Shots to *Health Risks*.

Now, buyers of *America's Top-Rated Smaller Cities, Two-Volume Set* get FREE Access to Top-Rated Smaller Cities Online. Here, users can Download City Reports, Sort & Rank Cities by 50+ Data Points and Access Customized Ranking Tables. The Online Access also Provides Data for all 1,700 Cities with 25,000-95,000 Population – 1,500 more cities than the print – and Makes Nationwide City-by-City Comparisons quick and easy.

*America's Top-Rated Smaller Cities* is bigger and better than ever in this 2012/13 edition. It is designed for a wide audience: businesspeople and private individuals, retirees and parents, government workers, market researchers, real estate consultants, urban planners and students, and all will find that *America's Top-Rated Smaller Cities'* unique and comprehensive set of data and statistics will help them locate essential information fast and aid in the making of important decisions. This is the definition of a valuable resource, and it will be a much-used addition to libraries of any size.

*“This work will appeal to private individuals or businesses considering relocation, professionals considering expanding their business or changing careers, or just readers searching for reliable statistical data. Recommended for public and academic libraries and specialized collections.”*

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