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**Grey House Publishing announces the Second Edition of
*Profiles of Texas***

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Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the Second Edition of *Profiles of Texas*. We built this brand new edition based on the concept of Grey House Publishing's *Profiles of America* – a 4-volume compilation of information on more than 42,000 places in the United States. From here, we added entire chapters of specific demographics plus ranking sections, so that *Profiles of Texas* is the most comprehensive portrait ever published of the state of Texas.

This second edition provides data on all populated communities and counties in the state of Texas for which the US Census provides statistics. It includes 7 major sections that cover everything from Education to Ethnic Backgrounds to Climate. All sections include Comparative Statistics or Rankings, and full-color Maps at the back of the book provide valuable information in a quickly processed, visual format.

The first section, **Profiles**, originally drawn from the 2000 Census data, gives detailed profiles of 1,784 places plus 254 counties. This core Census data has been so extensively updated, however, that nearly 80% of this chapter has 2007 numbers. Major fields of information included in this section are:

**Geography... Housing... Education... Religion... Ancestry... Transportation
Population... Weather... Economy... Industry... Health**

The second section is **Education**. This section begins with an *Educational State Profile*, summarizing number of schools, students, diplomas granted and educational dollars spent. Following this summary are *National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Test Scores*, plus *Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) Test Scores*. Following the state profile and tests scores are School District Rankings on 16 topics ranging from *Teacher/Student Ratios* to *High School Drop-Out Rates*.

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The third section, Ancestry, provides a detailed look at the ancestral and racial makeup of Texas. Of the 217 ethnic categories they are ranked 3 ways. First by number, based on all places regardless of population; Second, by percent, based on all places regardless of population; Third, by percent based on places with populations of 10,000 or more.

The fourth section covers Hispanic Population. This section defines Texas' Hispanic population by 23 Hispanic backgrounds from *Argentinean* to *Venezuelan*. It ranks each of 15 categories, from Median Age to Median Home Value, by each Hispanic background. For example, you'll see that Keller has the highest percentage of *Mexicans* who speak English only at home...and Plano has the highest *Puerto Rican* per capita income.

Similar in format to the chapter on Hispanic Population, this fifth section defines Texas' Asian population by 23 Asian backgrounds from *Bangladesh* to *Vietnamese*. It ranks each of 14 categories, from Median Age to Median Home Value, by each Asian background. You will learn that Amarillo has the most *Laotians* and Bunker Hill Village has the highest median household income of all *Asians* in Texas.

In the sixth section the Climate is explored in detail in this chapter, which includes a *State Summary*, and profiles of both *National and Cooperative Weather Stations*. In addition, you'll find *Weather Station Rankings*, where you'll see that, over the 30-year recorded period, El Paso airport has had the lowest annual precipitation and Monahan Weather Station in Ward County has the highest recorded temperature (120 degrees Fahrenheit).

The final section, is devoted to a more visual point of view, there are 16 maps of Texas, most in full-color, at the back of the book. They provide information on topics such as Core-Based Statistical Areas and Counties, Population Demographics, Household size, Median Age, Male/Female Ratio, Income, and Educational Attainment.

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