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## **Grey House Publishing announces the Fifth Edition of *Profiles of Texas***

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the fifth edition of *Profiles of Texas*. Completely updated with the latest Census and American Community Survey data and the addition of several new chapters of demographic information and ranking sections, *Profiles of Texas* is the most comprehensive portrait of the state of Texas ever published.

This fifth edition of *Profiles of Texas* includes data on all populated communities and counties in the state of Texas for which the US Census provides individual statistics. This edition also includes profiles of 313 unincorporated places on US Census data by zip code and, for the first time, includes communities that span multiple zip codes. This premier reference work includes five major sections that cover everything from **Education** to **Ethnic Backgrounds** to **Climate**. All sections include **Comparative Statistics** or **Rankings**. Newly incorporated is a section called **About Texas** at the front of the book, comprised of detailed narrative and colorful photos and maps. Here is an overview of each section:

**About Texas**, this updated 4-color section gives the researcher a real sense of the state and its history. It includes a Photo Gallery, and comprehensive sections on Texas' Government, Land and Natural Resources, and Demographic maps. With charts and maps, these 40 pages help to anchor the researcher to the state, both physically and politically.

**Profiles**, gives detailed profiles of 2,004 places plus 254 counties based on 2010 census data and the 2011-2015 American Community Survey. New to this edition is data on Health Insurance and Homeowner/Rental Vacancy Rates. Together with current government statistics and original research the profiles pull together statistical and descriptive information on every Census-recognized place in the state. Major fields of information included in this section are:

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

**Comparative Statistics**, includes tables that compare Texas's 100 largest incorporated communities by dozens of data points.

**Community Rankings**, this section includes tables that rank the top 150 and bottom 150 incorporated communities with population over 2,500, in dozens of categories.

**Education**, this section begins with an **Educational State Profile**, summarizing number of schools, students, diplomas granted and educational dollars spent. Following the state profile are **School District Rankings** on 16 topics ranging from *Student/Teacher Ratios* to *Current Expenditures per Student*. Following these rankings are statewide *National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)* results and data from the *State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR)*, the *Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS)* and the *Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS)*—which are overviews of student performance by subject, including easy-to-read charts and graphs.

**Ancestry and Ethnicity**, this section provides a detailed look at the ancestral, Hispanic and racial makeup of Texas's 200+ ethnic categories. Profiles are included for the state, for all counties with 100,000 or more residents, and for all places with 50,000 or more residents. In the ranking section, data is displayed three ways: 1) by number, based on all places regardless of population; 2) by percent, based on all places regardless of population; 3) by percent, based on places with populations of 50,000 or more. You will discover, for example, that Taylor Lake Village has the greatest number of Icelanders in the state (156), and that 25.9% of the population of Blue Berry Hill is of Dutch ancestry.

**Climate**, this section includes a State Summary, three colorful maps and profiles of both National and Cooperative Weather Stations. In addition, you'll find Weather Station Rankings with hundreds of interesting details, such as Amarillo International Airport, Anson, and Penwell reporting the lowest annual extreme minimum temperatures (-12° F). This section also includes Significant Storm Event data from January 2000 through December 2009. Here you will learn that a hailstorm caused \$100 million in property damage in El Paso in September 2009 and that extreme heat was responsible for 49 deaths in Chambers, Harris, Houston, and Montgomery Counties in September 2005.

### **FREE ONLINE ACCESS**

Purchasers of the new fifth edition of *Profiles of Texas* get free online access to all the comparative ranking statistics in *Profiles of Texas* in easy-to-use storable ranking tables.

*Profiles of Texas* goes beyond Census statistics, beyond metro area coverage, beyond the 100 best places to live. Drawn from official census information, other government statistics and original research, you will have at your fingertips data that's available nowhere else in one single source.

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