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Grey House Publishing Announces the 2026 Edition of *America's Top-Rated Cities: In-Depth Statistics & Comparative Rankings on the Best Big Cities in America*

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the 2026 edition of *America's Top-Rated Cities*. This new four-volume set offers current, comprehensive statistical information in one easy-to-use source on 100 cities that have been cited as the best for business and living in the United States. Conveniently arranged by city, this four-volume set allows readers to see—at a glance—a concise social, business, economic, demographic, and environmental profile of each city, including brief evaluative comments.

This 2026 edition of *America's Top-Rated Cities* includes cities that ranked highest and received the most points, using our unique weighing system. Hundreds of new rankings have been added, and each city chapter has been extensively updated to make sure the hundreds of charts and tables contain the most current information available, to give readers up-to-date data and rankings on these important business and cultural centers. Cities new to this edition include**: Laredo, TX**; **Bakersfield, CA**; **Grand Rapids, MI**; **Allentown, PA** and **Worcester, MA**.

Each city chapter is divided into three major sections: Background (updated with significant news in both business and living environments), Rankings (fun-to-read, bulleted survey results from over 250 books, magazines, and online articles), and Statistical Tables (updated with new data plus many new data points). Every chapter is followed by Comparative Statistics, which arrange the data across 90 tables. The five appendices and maps of each region will make finding specific or comparative data easy.

Each of the 100 city chapters begins with an informative **Background Essay** that combines history with current events. All city narratives have been updated to reflect changes that have occurred in the past year, and touch on the city's environment, politics, employment, cultural offerings, climate, and interesting trivia.

A section of **Rankings Information** includes rankings from a variety of books, magazines, and online articles. For easy reference, these Rankings are categorized into topics including: Fastest Growing Economies, Most Cultured, Least Stressful, Best for Families, Best for Bikes, and more. Topics in this section range from general to specific while covering a variety of geographic areas.

Each city chapter includes 90 **Statistical Tables** and detailed topics that offer an unparalleled view of each city's Business and Living Environments. They are carefully organized with data that is easy to read and understand. *Business Environment* includes hard facts and figures on 8 major categories, including City Finances, Demographics, Income, Economy, Employment, and Taxes. *Living Environment* includes 12 topics, such as Cost of Living, Housing, Health, Education, Safety, Recreation, and Climate. Over 90% of statistical data has been updated.

APPENDICES: Each volume contains five helpful appendices:

Appendix A: **Comparative Statistics.** Shows city-by-city comparisons between cities. Each volume includes all 97 cities, making for easy comparisons.

Appendix B: **Metropolitan Area Definitions.** Features Core Based Statistical Areas (CBSA), Metropolitan Division (MSAD), and New England City and Town Areas (NECTA).

Appendix C: Lists **Government Types** and **Counties.**

Appendix D: **Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development Organizations.** Includes addresses, phone numbers, and fax numbers of these additional resources to help readers find more detailed information on each city.

Appendix E: **State Departments of Labor.** A source of additional, more specific economic and employment data, with address and phone numbers for easy access.

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America's Top-Rated Cities is designed for a wide range of readers: private individuals considering relocating a residence or business; professionals considering expanding their business or changing careers; corporations considering relocation, opening up additional offices, or creating new divisions; government agencies; general and market researchers; real estate consultants; human resource personnel; urban planners; investors; and urban government students. This outstanding source of information is guaranteed to be widely used in any reference collection.

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