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Grey House Publishing announces the Sixth Edition of *Profiles of Illinois*

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the sixth edition of *Profiles of Illinois*. 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 Illinois* is the most comprehensive portrait of the state of Illinois ever published.

This sixth edition of *Profiles of Illinois* includes data on all populated communities and counties in the state of Illinois for which the US Census provides individual statistics. This new edition benefits from a new design, more data, more photos, and a new, thoughtful arrangement that makes the content more accessible and easy-to-use. There are more helpful features, like thumb tabs to help keep you oriented in each chapter—now 11—and chapter leader pages that include a specific Introduction, Table of Contents and, in many cases, a unique User Guide, paving the way for the researcher to take full advantage of every last piece of data presented. *Profiles of Illinois* includes hundreds of statistical data points, tables and charts that provide solid, fact-based research, and dozens of maps and photos. Here is an overview of each section:

About Illinois: Facts & Photos, this updated 4-color section gives the researcher a real sense of the state and its history. It includes Illinois history and geography, plus a photo gallery that includes not only sights unique to the state, but also its state flag, seal, motto, bird, flower, and more. This chapter also includes a timeline of political and newsworthy events from Illinois's founding to the present day.

Government: A State Guide is an important and detailed look at the history and structure of Illinois's government, including discussion of the state's Constitution and legislative, judicial and executive branches. The chapter ends with a map of Illinois's 18 U.S. Congressional Districts.

Profiles gives detailed profiles of 1,490 places plus 102 counties based on 2010 census data and the 2011-2015 American Community Survey. These detailed place profiles compile dozens of data points based on the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey and other current government sources such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Department of Education, and the U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency. These unique place profiles pull together statistical and descriptive information on every Census-recognized place in Illinois plus 122 unincorporated communities.

The **Geography** section explores Illinois's physical features, natural resources, federal land, and Indian reservations, including a satellite view of the state. In addition to providing a visual sense of the state, this data contributes to a better understanding of settlement patterns, economic development, and state resources that are vital for the state's continued growth. **Energy** gives a detailed look at Illinois's energy needs, uses and available resources—including petroleum, natural gas, coal, electricity and renewable energy.

Comparative Statistics includes tables that compare Illinois's 100 largest incorporated communities by dozens of data points. The **Community Rankings** 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 *High School Drop-Out Rates*. Following these rankings are statewide *National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)* results and data from the *Illinois State Report Card*.

Ancestry and Ethnicity, this section provides a detailed look at the ancestral, Hispanic and racial makeup of Illinois' 200+ ethnic categories. Profiles are included for the state, for all counties with 50,000 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.

The **Climate** section starts with a summary of Illinois's climate, which is followed by three colorful climate maps and profiles of both National and Cooperative Weather Stations. In addition, there are Weather Station Rankings with hundreds of interesting details, such the highest annual snowfall—reported at 39.2 inches at Antioch.

Demographic Maps are 11 colorful, full-page maps help to anchor the researcher to the state's diverse population, illustrating population, race and ethnic makeup (white, black, Asian, Hispanic), age, home values, household income, high school graduates, college graduates, and presidential election results.

FREE ONLINE ACCESS

Buyers of the sixth edition of *Profiles of Illinois* receive Three Years of **FREE ONLINE ACCESS** to *Profiles of Illinois* Online. Online users can access customized Ranking Tables that make sorting and comparing all places across the whole state of Illinois quick and easy. Visit gold.greyhouse.com or call (800) 562-2139 to set up a free trial.

Profiles of Illinois 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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