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Grey House Publishing Announces the Fifth Edition of *Profiles of Massachusetts*

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the fifth edition of *Profiles of Massachusetts*. This volume in Grey House Publishing's *Profiles of...* Series provides data on all populated communities and counties in the state of Massachusetts. This edition also includes profiles of 104 unincorporated places based on US Census Data by zip code, as well as communities that span multiple zip codes.

Profiles of Massachusetts is designed to provide just the right data and insight into the makeup of the state of Massachusetts. It provides the detail and demographic information that researchers or grant writers need and can also act as curriculum support for high school and college research papers. This data provides the critical information that can mean success in projects whether in community or government grants and funding or political science, sociology, history, civics and current events and more.

This premier reference work includes eleven major sections that cover everything from Education to Ethnic Backgrounds to Climate. All sections include Comparative Statistics or Rankings, allowing users to quickly and easily compare locations within the state.

Section I, **About Massachusetts**, gives researchers a real sense of the state and its history. This section includes the State Emblems, Key Facts, a Locator Map, a Photo Gallery, the History of Massachusetts, and a Timeline of Massachusetts History.

Section II focuses primarily on Massachusetts **Government**. The chapter summarizes how the government of Massachusetts works, including details of the state's legislative, judicial, and executive branches. The chapter also includes a Congressional District map.

Section III, **Demographic Maps**, provides 11 maps in colors that provide clear visual representations, illustrating the diversity of Massachusetts—from concentration of general population, racial centers, and age groups, to regions of the state's wealthiest and most educated citizens. This chapter also includes maps based on household incomes and values, as well as a map detailing the voting results for the 2016 election.

Section IV, **Geography**, identifies Federal lands, Native American Reservations, physical characteristics, and an account of Massachusetts' land and natural resources, and ends with a satellite view of the state.

Section V, **Energy**, offers a state summary of this crucial industry, from a general overview to details about the major energy sources. Categories include Facts, a quick Overview, Electricity, Renewable Energy, Petroleum, Natural Gas, and Coal.

Section VI, **Climate**, includes a description of Massachusetts Physical Features and Climate Narrative, State Summary, a state relief map, and profiles of both National and Cooperative Weather Stations. In addition, Weather Stations are listed by County, City, and Elevation, and are also ranked with hundreds of statistical details included.

Section VII, **Comparative Statistics**, includes tables that compare Massachusetts' 100 largest communities by 68 data points, such as language, ancestry, employment, education, and crime.

Section VIII, **Community Rankings**, features tables that use dozens of categories to rank the top 150 and bottom 150 communities with populations over 2,500 people.

Section IX, **Education**, begins with an Educational State Profile, summarizing the number of schools, students, diplomas granted, and educational dollars spent. School District Rankings follow and cover 16 topics, ranging from Teacher/Student Ratios to High School Drop-Out Rates. Following these rankings are statewide assessment results from the *Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS)*.

Section X, **Ancestry and Ethnicity**, provides a detailed look at the ancestral, Hispanic, and racial makeup of Massachusetts' 200+ ethnic categories. Profiles are included for the state, for all counties, and for all places with 50,000 or more residents. In the ranking section, data is displayed by number, based on all places regardless of population; by percent, based on all places regardless of population; and by percent, based on all places with populations of 50,000 or more.

Section XI contains the detailed **Profiles** of 617 places plus 14 counties, based on the U.S. Census Bureau's data from the American Community Survey. Major fields of information include: Geography, Ancestry, Economy, Housing, Transportation, Industry, Education, Population, Health, Region, and Climate. New categories to this edition include: data on selected monthly owner costs with and without a mortgage, the number of dentists per capita, and annual median and maximum Air Quality Index values.

Profiles of Massachusetts ends with an **Index of County and Place Names**. This index makes it easy to find a specific profile for a specific county or place.

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

Profiles of Massachusetts goes beyond Census statistics, beyond metro area coverage, and beyond the 100 Best Places to Live. This comprehensive resource is a remarkable compilation that offers overviews and insights into every corner of the state.

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