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

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the sixth edition of *Profiles of Massachusetts*. This volume in Grey House Publishing's *Profiles of...* Series includes all the valuable, in-depth and up-to-date information that these works are known for, but now, this rich content has been reorganized and rearranged, and is fully illustrated with images to support the text and statistics. It is easier to use and more accessible for a variety of users—from high school students to relocation professionals.

*Profiles of Massachusetts* is designed to provide just the right data and insight into the makeup of the state of Massachusetts. All the state profiles now benefit 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 Massachusetts* 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 the new chapter arrangement:

**Section I, About Massachusetts: Facts & Photos.** This 4-color chapter provides a real sense of the state from a variety of historical and physical vantage points. It includes Massachusetts 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 Massachusetts's founding to the present day.

**Section II Government: A State Guide,** This is an important and detailed look at the history and structure of Massachusetts's government, including discussion of the state's legislative, judicial and executive branches and various types of local government. The chapter ends with a map of Massachusetts's nine US Congressional Districts.

Section III, **Demographic Maps**. These 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..

Section IV, **Geography**. This chapter explores Massachusetts'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.

Section V, **Energy**. This is a detailed look at Massachusetts's energy needs, uses and available resources—including petroleum, natural gas, coal, electricity and renewable energy.

Section VI, **Climate**. This chapter starts with a summary of Massachusetts'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 as the highest annual snowfall—reported at 62.4 inches at Milton Blue Hill Observatory.

Section VII, **Comparative Statistics for Massachusetts's 100 Largest Communities**. This chapter makes it easy to compare statistics for Massachusetts's 100 largest communities by dozens of data points, including density of people per square mile, land area, population size, ethnic percentages, household size, education level and much more. This is a treasure trove of data for grant writers, government researchers and demographers.

Section VIII, **Top and Bottom Rankings of Massachusetts Places Over 2,500**. This chapter includes rankings for dozens of categories, for both the top 150 and bottom 150 communities with population over 2,500. Explore everything from places at highest elevation (Lenox at 1,257 feet above sea level) to lowest per capita income (Lawrence at \$21,655). Other topics ranked include employment, crime rate, household income, population size and many more

Section IX, **Education**. This chapter begins with an Educational State Profile that summarizes number of schools, students, diplomas granted and educational dollars spent. Also included are School District Rankings for 16 topics 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, Ethnicity and Race**. This chapter gives details about the ancestral, Hispanic and racial makeup of Massachusetts's 200+ ethnic categories. Profiles are included for the state, its 14 counties, and its 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 Newton has the greatest number of *Iranians* in the state (788), and that 10.4% of the population of Framingham are of *Brazilian* ancestry.

Section XI, **Profiles**. This chapter is arranged alphabetically by county, then by place—for a total of 611 places and 14 counties. 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. 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. These unique place profiles pull together statistical and descriptive information on every Census-recognized place in Massachusetts plus 103 unincorporated communities.

*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.

### **FREE ONLINE ACCESS**

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