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## **Grey House Publishing Announces the Sixth Edition of *Profiles of Texas***

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the sixth edition of *Profiles of Texas*. This edition is updated with the latest Census and American Community Survey data and 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.

Starting with this edition, all the state profiles will 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. Here is an overview of the new chapter arrangement:

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

**Profiles:** This chapter is arranged alphabetically by county, then by place—for a total of 2,015 places and 254 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. These unique place profiles pull together statistical and descriptive information on every Census-recognized place in Texas plus 307 unincorporated communities.

**Government: A State Guide:** This is an important and detailed look at the history and structure of Texas'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 Texas's 36 US Congressional Districts.

**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.

**Geography:** This chapter explores Texas'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:** This is a detailed look at Texas's energy needs, uses and available resources—including petroleum, natural gas, coal, electricity and renewable energy. The energy sector is a significant economic driver for the state, and plays a big part in the overall lifestyle of its residents.

**Comparative Statistics:** This chapter makes it easy to compare statistics for Texas'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. The chapter **Top/Bottom Rankings of Texas Places with Population over 2,500** includes rankings for dozens of categories, for both the top 150 and bottom 150 communities with population over 2,500.

**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 assessment results.

**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 the highest annual snowfall—reported at 21.6 inches at Borger.

### **FREE ONLINE ACCESS**

Purchasers of the new sixth 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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