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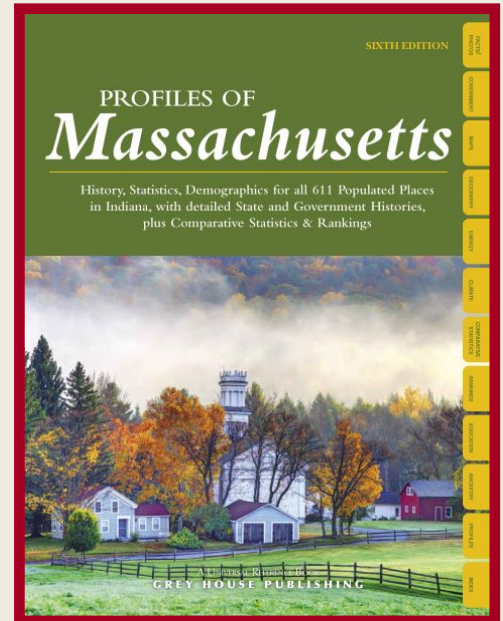
## *Profiles of Massachusetts*

“The fourth edition of this expansive regional resource covers over 600 places, including 351 incorporated municipalities, 104 unincorporated communities, and other lesser-known population centers within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This edition derives most of its information from the U.S. Census Bureau’s 2010 census, but enhances this data from other sources as well, such as the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey 2009-13, Five Year Estimates, County Business Patterns 2012, U.S. Geological Survey, and several others.

**The extensive amount of data gathered for this publication makes it the ‘most comprehensive portrait of the state of Massachusetts ever published.’**

The material is organized into seven clearly marked sections. The four-color About Massachusetts section employs maps, charts, a photo collection, and more to give users an overall sense of the state’s history, government, geography, and demographics. The main Profiles section, organized by county, offers current government statistics in addition to original research for each place in the state (as outlined above) reflecting data on such topics as ancestry, housing, economy, education, and religion. The fourth edition of *Profiles in Massachusetts* includes new categories concerning health insurance, languages spoken at home, military veterans, and residents with disabilities. **There is also a helpful place-name index at the end of this section...**

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Other sections address Comparative Statistics, Community Rankings (also new to the fourth edition), Education, Ancestry and Ethnicity, and Climate. Key to understanding all of this data is the **vastly helpful User Guide** found at the beginning of the book. It, too, is separated into four sections and provides information, such as definitions and sources, for all covered data items.

**Readers looking for historical, demographic, and statistical insight into this New England state will find abundant information in this hefty, recommended resource.”**

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