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**Grey House Publishing announces the Eighteenth Edition of
*America's Top-Rated Cities: A Statistical Handbook***

"...Where someone chooses to live may be based on the heart, but America's Top-Rated Cities provides plenty of statistics to guide the analytical thinkers among readers... One real strength to this set is the wide range of information provided in a concise and well-organized format. A valuable tool for any library, America's Top-Rated Cities meets the quick reference needs of the business community and general public."

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Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the Eighteenth Edition of *America's Top-Rated Cities: A Statistical Handbook*. This new set offers current, comprehensive statistical information in one easy-to-use source on 100 cities that have been cited as the best for business and living in the United States. Conveniently arranged by city, this four-volume set allows readers to see, at a glance, a concise social, business, economic, demographic and environmental profile of each city, including brief evaluative comments.

This new edition of *America's Top Rated Cities* includes cities that ranked highest and received the most points, using our unique weighting system. Two cities in this edition – Gainesville, FL and Cambridge, MA – have never before been included as a top rated city. Note that three cities do not meet our population criteria of 100,000 (Boulder, Edison and Fargo) but their extraordinarily high rankings prevailed.

Cities new to this edition are:

**New Orleans, LA ~ Overland Park, KS ~ Irvine, CA
Naperville, IL ~ Cary, NC ~ Plano, TX
Gainesville, FL ~ Cambridge, MA ~ Bellevue, WA**

Each city chapter is divided into three major sections: Background (updated with significant news in both business and living environments), Rankings (enhanced with survey results from over 200 sources), and Statistical Tables (updated with new data plus many new data points). Every chapter is followed by Comparative Statistics, which arrange the data across 73 tables. The six appendices and maps of each region will make finding specific or comparative data easy.

BACKGROUND ESSAY: Each of the 100 city chapters begins with an informative background essay that combines history with current events. Our revision process updates these narratives to reflect changes that have occurred in the city in the past year. They touch on the city's environment, politics, employment, cultural offerings, climate, and often include interesting trivia.

RANKINGS INFORMATION: This section has rankings from a possible 289 books, articles, and reports. For easy reference, these Rankings are categorized into 17 topics, 2 more than last edition: General; Business/Finance; Children/Family; Culture/Performing Arts; Dating/Romance; Education; Environment; Health (moved from Environment)/Fitness; Pet; Real Estate (NEW); Safety; Seniors/Retirement; Sports/Recreation; Technology; Transportation; Women/Minorities; Miscellaneous.

STATISTICAL TABLES: Each city chapter includes 115 tables (24 more than previous edition) – 65 in BUSINESS and 50 in LIVING. An average of 95% of statistical data has been updated. New topics include *Metropolitan Area Exports* and *Best Law Schools*. Expanded topics include the addition of: asian/white and hispanic/white to *Segregation* statistics; Black-owned Asset Management Firms to *Minority Business Opportunity*; metropolitan area data to *Building Permits*; and dentists and DOs to *Distribution of Physicians*.

APPENDICES: Each volume contains six helpful appendices.

Appendix A: Historical Metropolitan Area Definitions: Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) and New England County Metropolitan Areas (NECMA).

Appendix B: Current Metropolitan Area Definitions: Core Based Statistical Areas (CBSA), Metropolitan Division (MSAD), and New England City and Town Areas (NECTA).

Appendix C: Counties

Appendix D: Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development Organizations: Includes addresses, phone numbers, and fax numbers of these additional resources to help readers find more detailed information on each city.

Appendix E: State Departments of Labor and Employment: A source of additional, more specific economic and employment data, with address and phone numbers for easy access.

Appendix F: Comparative Statistics: Shows city-by-city comparison within 73 tables. Each volume includes all 100 cities, making for easy comparisons.

America's Top-Rated Cities: A Statistical Handbook is designed for a wide range of readers: private individuals considering relocating a residence or business; professionals considering expanding their business or changing careers; corporations considering relocation, opening up additional offices or creating new divisions; government agencies; general and market researchers; real estate consultants; human resource personnel; urban planners; investors and urban government students. This outstanding source of information will be widely used in any reference collection.

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