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## **Grey House Publishing announces *Profiles of Illinois, Third Edition***

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the new Third Edition of *Profiles of Illinois*. This updated resource provides data on all populated communities and counties in the state of Illinois. It includes seven major sections that cover everything from **Education to Ethnic Backgrounds to Climate**. All sections include **Comparative Statistics or Rankings**, and full-color **Maps** at the back of the book provide valuable information in a quickly processed, visual format.

As with the other titles in our *State Profiles* series, we built *Profiles of Illinois, Third Edition* using content from Grey House Publishing's award-winning *Profiles of America*—a 4-volume compilation of data on more than 42,000 places in the United States. We have updated and included the Illinois chapter from *Profiles of America*, and added entire fresh chapters of demographic information and ranking sections, so that *Profiles of Illinois* provides the most comprehensive portrait of the state of Illinois.

### **Section Overviews:**

**Profiles:** This section, organized by county, gives detailed profiles of 1,436 places plus 102 counties. Based on core Census data, these numbers reflect extensive updates from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, and Nielsen Calritas, a trusted source for up-to-date demographic information. In addition, we have added current government statistics and original research, so that these profiles pull together statistical and descriptive information on every Census-recognized place in the state. Major fields of information included in this section are:

Geography... Housing... Education... Religion... Ancestry... Transportation  
Population... Weather... Economy... Industry... Health

## **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 *Teacher/Student Ratios* to *High School Drop-Out Rates*. Following these rankings are statewide *National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)* results and data from the *Illinois State Report Card*—an overview of student performance by grade and subject.

## **Ancestry & Ethnicity**

This section provides a detailed look at the ancestral and racial makeup of Illinois. 217 ethnic categories are ranked 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 10,000 or more. You will discover, for example, that Moline has the greatest number of *Belgians* in the state (2,686), and that 37.3% of the population of Fulton is of *Dutch* ancestry.

## **Hispanic & Asian Populations**

This section defines Illinois' Hispanic and Asian populations. It ranks each of these categories, from Median Age to Median Home Value, by each Hispanic and Asian background. For example, you'll see that New Lenox has the highest percentage of *Mexicans* who speak English-only at home (76.3%), and that *Koreans* in Buffalo Grove have a median household income of \$83,219.

## **Climate**

This important topic has been greatly expanded and updated since the last edition. Each state chapter includes a State Summary, two new maps—weather stations and a relief map—and profiles of both National and Cooperative Weather Stations. In addition, you'll find Weather Station Rankings with hundreds of interesting details.

## **Maps**

For a more visual point of view, there are 16 full-color maps of Illinois at the back of the book. They provide information on topics such as *Federal Lands and Indian Reservations*, *Core-Based Statistical Areas and Counties*, *Hazard Events*, *Population Demographics*, *Median Age*, *Income*, *Median Home Values*, *Educational Attainment*, *Congressional Districts*, and the *2008 Presidential Election*.

*Profiles of Illinois* 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.

“...This is certainly a useful tool, with its collection of numbers arranged by category and place...”  
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