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## **Universal Reference Publications announces the First Edition of *Profiles of Virginia—History, Statistics, and Demographics for 759 Populated Places in Virginia.***

Universal Reference Publications, an imprint of Grey House Publishing, is proud to announce the publication of the First Edition of *Profiles of Virginia—History, Statistics, Demographics for 759 Populated Places in Virginia including Comparative Statistics & Rankings*.

*Profiles of Virginia* is a new work based on Grey House Publishing's *Profiles of America*, a 4-volume compilation of information on more than 42,000 places in the United States. We have updated and included the Virginia chapter from *Profiles of America*, and added entire fresh chapters of demographic information and ranking sections, so that *Profiles of Virginia* is the most comprehensive portrait of the state of Virginia, ever published.

This first edition is divided into separate sections for each state and provides data on all populated communities and counties in the state of Virginia, from bustling urban centers to hard-to-find outposts. It includes seven chapters that cover everything from Education to Ancestry to Climate. Preceding the chapters is an extensive User's Guide that is segmented into 6 sections and examines in some detail, each data field in the individual profiles and comparative sections for all chapters. All the following 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. Here's an overview of each section:

Section 1 *Profiles*, organized by county for easy navigation, gives detailed profiles of 759 places plus 59 counties, and is based on the 2000 census. This core census data has been so extensively updated, however nearly 80% of this section has 2006 numbers. In addition to place profiles, this section includes an **Alphabetical Place Index** and **Comparative Statistics** that compare Virginia's 100 largest communities by dozens of data points.

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Section 2 *Education*, begins with an *Educational State Profile*. This Profile summarizes the number of schools, students, diplomas granted and educational dollars spent. Following this, are **School District Rankings** on 16 topics ranging from *Teacher/ Student Ratios* to *High School Drop-Out Rates*. Finishing up this section are rankings from the *National Assessment of Educational Progress* (NAEP) and *Virginia Assessment Program* results.

Section 3, *Ancestry*, provides a detailed look at the ancestral and racial makeup of Virginia. With just over 200 ethnic categories, they are ranked three ways: First by number, based on all places regardless of population; Second by percent, based on all places regardless of population; and Third by percent, based on places with populations of 10,000 or more.

The fourth section defines Virginia's Hispanic population by 23 Hispanic backgrounds from Argentinean to Venezuelan. It ranks each of the 15 categories, from *Median Age* to *Median Home Value*, by each Hispanic background.

The fifth section, similar in format to the fourth section, defines Virginia's Asian population by 21 Asian backgrounds from *Bangladeshi* to *Vietnamese*. It ranks each of the 14 categories, from *Median Age* to *Median Home Value*, by each Asian background.

Section 6, *Climate*, has become an important topic and is discussed in detail. This section includes a *State Summary*, a map of this state's weather stations, and profiles of both *National* and *Cooperative Weather Stations*. In addition you will find *Weather Station Rankings* where, for example, over the 30-year recorded period Burkes Garden reported the highest annual snowfall in the state with 51.8 inches. This section also includes current Storm Data from 1982-2007, with the most destructive weather events ranked by both fatalities and property damage.

The seventh and final section gives a more visual point of view with 16 full-color maps of Virginia. They provide information on topics such as Core-Based Statistical Areas and Counties, Population Demographics, Household Size, Median Age, Income, Median Home Values, Educational Attainment, Congressional Districts, and another look at who voted for George Bush in 2004.

Praise for other volumes in the *Profiles of...Series*:

"{*Profiles of Indiana*}... is the most thoroughgoing, statistically rich publication on Indiana now available. Recommended for collections focusing on Indiana history, individual states, and domestic sociology."

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"{*Profiles of California*}...an impressive listing of geography, history, population, economics, education, housing, and transportation for all of California's counties and incorporated municipalities, along with nearly 1,000 harder-to-research census-designated places and unincorporated areas... Other useful sections in *Profiles* include comparative statistics about places, educational statistics, ancestry and ethnic distributions by place, and weather averages."

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