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Universal Reference Publications announces the First Edition of *Profiles of Pennsylvania—Facts, Figures and Statistics for All 3,385 Populated Places in Pennsylvania*

Universal Reference Publications, an imprint of Grey House Publishing, is proud to announce the publication of the First Edition of *Profiles of Pennsylvania—Facts, Figures & Statistics for all 3,385 Populated Places in Pennsylvania*.

Profiles of Pennsylvania is the eighth volume in our *Profiles of...* series. This new work is 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. From here, we added entire chapters of specific demographics plus ranking sections, so that *Profiles of Pennsylvania* is the most comprehensive portrait ever published of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

This first edition provides data on all populated communities and counties in the state of Pennsylvania, from bustling urban centers to the hard-to-find outposts. It includes seven major chapters that cover everything from Education to Ethnic Backgrounds to Climate. All chapters include Comparative Statistics or Rankings, and 4-color Maps at the back of the book provide valuable information in a quickly processed, visual format. Here's an overview of each chapter:

1. Profiles

Originally drawn from the 2000 Census data, this chapter gives detailed profiles of 3,385 places organized into 67 counties. This core Census data has been so extensively updated, however, that nearly 80% of this chapter has 2005 numbers. It also contains an alphabetical place index and comparative statistics that organize Pennsylvania's 100 largest communities according to dozens of criteria.

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2. Education

This chapter 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 results from the *2005 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)* and the *Pennsylvania System of Schools Assessment (PSSA)*.

3. Ancestry

This chapter provides a detailed look at the ancestral and racial makeup of Pennsylvania. 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.

4. Hispanic Population

This chapter defines Pennsylvania's Hispanic population by 23 Hispanic backgrounds from *Argentinian* to *Venezuelan*. It ranks each of 15 categories, from Median Age to Median Home Value, by each Hispanic background.

5. Asian Population

Similar in format to the chapter on Hispanic Population, this chapter defines Pennsylvania's Asian population by 21 Asian backgrounds from *Bangladeshi* to *Vietnamese*. It ranks each of 14 categories, from *Median Age* to *Median Home Value*, by each Asian background.

6. Weather

This important topic is explored in detail in this chapter, which includes a *State Summary*, and profiles of both *National* and *Cooperative Weather Stations*. In addition, you'll find *Weather Station Rankings*.

7. Maps

For a more visual point of view, there are 16 color maps of Pennsylvania at the back of the book. They provide information on topics such as Core-Based Statistical Areas and Counties, Population Demographics, Household Size, Median Age, Income, Educational Attainment, Median Home Values and Congressional Districts, as well as another look at who voted for George Bush and John Kerry in 2004.

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