

# RECENT REVIEWS

## *Profiles of America*

### **A Library Journal Best Reference Source**

“Combining official census information and other public domain statistics with original research, this set provides the most comprehensive portrait of America ever published. It includes basic information on geography, weather, economic data, industries, housing, education, population, hospitals, crime rates, election results, newspapers and contact numbers for municipalities, counties, etc...While large academic and public libraries will want to acquire the entire set, smaller libraries can purchase regional volumes. An outstanding compilation.”

- *Library Journal*

“Originally published by Toucan Valley (1995), Profiles has been expanded and put on a regular timetable by Grey House. It covers 42,282 places in the US, and while coverage is more complete for counties than small towns, and for large cities than counties, coverage of even the smallest locations is significant and difficult to find elsewhere. The volumes are arranged alphabetically by state, then by county, and within county by place-name. Each state section has an alphabetical index of place-names and a state map showing all counties, large cities, and Metropolitan Statistical Areas (including those that cross state lines). The last volume has a complete place-name index...the set is scheduled for updating every ten years, following the release of decennial census figures.

Information is comprehensive and touches virtually all those topics at the county level...The great value of this set is its thorough treatment of every inhabited place in the US. Though it is often easy to find data for cities, metro areas, and sometimes countries from multiple sources, no other work offers this level of consistent and well-organized information about small places. It provides comparable information for both Hatfield, MA, a town of 3,249, and McCoy, Texas, and unincorporated postal area of 151, including: specific location (coordinates); basic geography; ethnic breakdown, including ancestry by specific country; population density; marriage rates; labor force and employment statistics; income; city taxes if any; education levels; home ownership; crime rate if any, and commuting information. Arrangement by county makes comparison of neighboring towns and regions easy, as well as inferences about town population, religious makeup, health and weather from the more complete county data. When the area includes a school district, college, or chamber of commerce, phone numbers are listed...Data are drawn primarily from the Census Bureau and other federal agencies, but other reliable information sources are used...and cited in the front matter of each volume, including URLs for many. Summing Up: Highly Recommended. All Collections.”

- *Choice*

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