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Salem Press Announces The New Fourth Edition of *The Fifty States*

The Fourth Edition of Salem Press' *The Fifty States* is designed to serve the needs of students, researchers and the general public seeking basic and up-to-date information on individual American states and the District of Columbia. This edition remains a two-volume work, making handling easy and research focused. Each chapter opens with a profile listing of key facts on population, geography, history and other points of interest. This section is followed by a brief state history, state timeline, and notes for further study.

Content in this fourth edition is completely revised. State chapters include several new features, including information on how each state has handled the COVID-19 pandemic as of publication, and a brand new section in each state entitled the Formation of the State, which goes into greater depth about the history of each state's creation.

The chapters are arranged alphabetically and contain lists of all the counties in the state, including their population and geographic area. Each chapter also has a list of cities and towns with at least 10,000 residents. Included in each chapter is the state flag, the state seal, 5-6 photos of places of significant interest, and maps that depict the state's geography, its counties, and its cities.

Each chapter is made up of 57 statistical tables, arranged under these subject headings:

- Demographics
- Vital Statistics
- Economy
- Land Use
- Government and Finance
- Politics
- Health and Medical Care
- Housing
- Education
- Transportation and Travel
- Crime and Law Enforcement

These tables draw primarily on the latest federal government statistics, most notably, the results of the U.S. Census 2020 that are, in many cases, compared with data from as long as 40 years ago.

Following the state chapters is a section that shows how each state ranks nationally in important statistical categories and figures showing each state's share of national totals. *The 50 States* ends with an Annotated Bibliography, which covers publications on the states collectively, a Guide to Web Resources, and a General Index.

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