

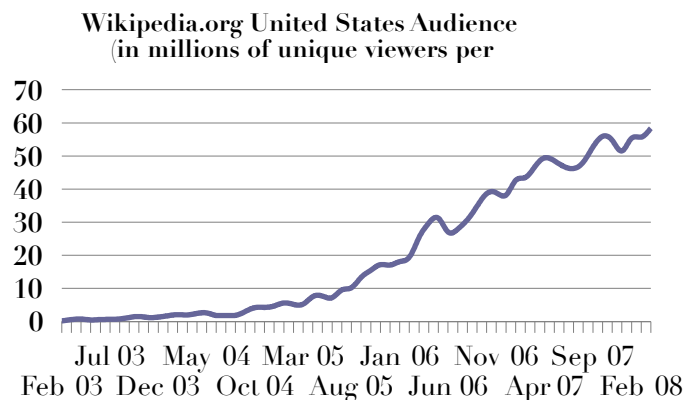
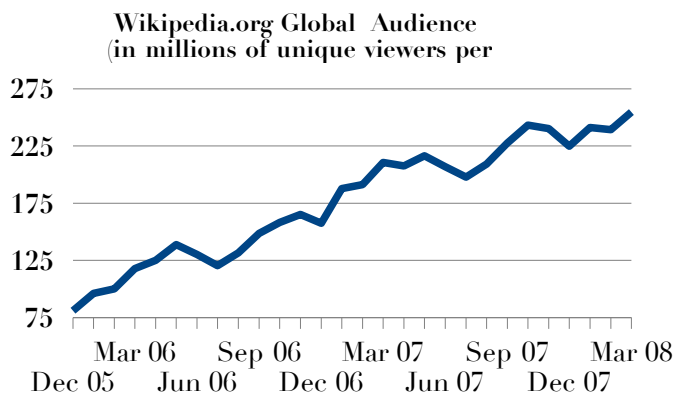
## Wikipedia.org – Key Facts (September 2008)

### Key statistics:

- According to comScore, Wikipedia is the 4th most popular web properties world-wide. In September 2008, Wikipedia served **270 million unique visitors**.
- Wikipedia is available in over **260 languages**.
- It is continually expanded by approximately **100,000 active volunteer editors** world-wide.
- The English version alone contains more than **2.5 million articles**.
- All language editions combined contain more than **11 million articles**.
- Next to English, the largest Wikipedia editions are **German** (800,000 articles), **French** (700,000 articles), **Polish** (530,000 articles), and **Japanese** (515,000 articles).



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### Organizational key facts:

- Wikipedia is operated by the **Wikimedia Foundation**, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in San Francisco.
- Until 2005, Wikipedia was run **entirely by volunteers**.
- The Wikimedia Foundation has run annual fundraisers since 2003. The most recent fundraiser (07-08) raised approximately **\$1.6 million dollars** from nearly **45,000** donors, giving an average gift of **\$35**.
- The Wikimedia Foundation is also funded through **grants and large gifts**.
- As of September 2008, the Wikimedia Foundation has a staff of **22**.
- There are **17** grass-roots Wikimedia chapter organizations around the world.
- For the fiscal year 2008-2009, the Wikimedia Foundation has planned for **\$5.97 million** of annual expenses, most of which will be spent on technology.

