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).

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.