Wikipedia.org – Key Facts (November 2008)

Key statistics:
- According to comScore, Wikipedia is the fourth most popular web property, world-wide. In September 2008, it served 272 million unique visitors.
- Wikipedia is available in 265 languages.
- It is continually expanded by approximately 100,000 active volunteer editors world-wide.
- The English version alone contains more than 2.6 million articles.
- All language editions combined contain more than 11 million articles.
- Next to English, the largest Wikipedia editions are German (825,000 articles), French (725,000 articles), Polish (550,000 articles), and Japanese (535,000 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 November 2008, the Wikimedia Foundation has a staff of 23.
- There are 21 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.