Wikipedia.org – Key Facts (January 2009)

Key statistics:
- According to comScore, Wikipedia is the fourth most popular web property, world-wide. In December 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** (855,000 articles), **French** (754,000 articles), **Polish** (571,000 articles), and **Japanese** (556,000 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 (08-09) raised approximately **$6.5 million dollars** from over **138,000** donors, giving an average gift of **$35**.
- The Wikimedia Foundation is also funded through **grants and large gifts**.
- As of January 2009, the Wikimedia Foundation has a staff of **24**.
- 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.