

# Key facts about the Wikimedia Foundation

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## Statistics about Wikimedia

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The Wikimedia Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in San Francisco, California operates Wikipedia.org, a top-five global web property. The Wikimedia Foundation was created in **June 2003** by Jimmy Wales to establish a long-term future for Wikipedia and its nine sister projects.

Today the Foundation supports a global volunteer base of approximately **100,000** active editors (known as Wikipedians or Wikimedians) representing over **280 languages**.

The Wikimedia Foundation has conducted annual fundraisers since 2003. The most recent fundraiser (10 –11) raised approximately **\$16.1 million** dollars from over **500,000 donors**, giving an average gift of **\$22**. The Wikimedia Foundation is also funded through **grants** and **large gifts** from individual donors.

As of September 2011 the Wikimedia Foundation has a staff of **90**. The Foundation is further supported by **31** grass-roots Wikimedia chapter organizations around the world. The Foundation is overseen by a Board of Trustees consisting of 10 people selected in part by members of the Wikimedia community.

For the fiscal year 2011–2012, the Wikimedia Foundation has planned for **\$28.3 million** of annual expenses, over half of which will be spent on technology.

## What we do

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The mission of the Wikimedia Foundation is to empower and engage people around the world to collect and develop educational content under free license or in the public domain, and to disseminate it effectively and globally.

The Wikimedia Foundation's free knowledge projects:

Wikipedia.org	Wikisource.org
Commons.wikimedia.org	Wikinews.org
MediaWiki.org	Wikiquote.org
Wiktionary.org	Wikiversity.org
Wikibooks.org	Wikispecies (species.wikipedia.org)

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in which every single  
human being can freely  
share in the sum of all  
knowledge. That's our  
commitment.



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