

Key facts about the Wikimedia Foundation

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Statistics about Wikimedia

The Wikimedia Foundation (WMF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in San Francisco, California, operates Wikipedia.org, a top-five global web property. The WMF was created in **June 2003** by Jimmy Wales to establish a long-term future for Wikipedia and its 12 sister projects.

Today the WMF supports a global volunteer base of approximately **80,000** active editors (known as Wikipedians or Wikimedians) representing over **287 languages**.

The WMF has conducted annual fundraisers since 2003. During the most recent fiscal year (2012 –13), the WMF raised **\$45.3 million** dollars from more than **2,000,000 donors**, giving an average gift of **\$22**. The WMF is also funded through **grants and large gifts** from individual donors.

As of September 2013 the Wikimedia Foundation has a staff of **186**. The WMF is further supported by **39** grass-roots Wikimedia chapter organizations around the world. The WMF is overseen by a Board of Trustees consisting of 10 people selected in part by members of the Wikimedia community.

For the fiscal year 2013–2014, the WMF has planned for **\$50 million** of annual expenses, over half of which will be spent on technology.

What we do

The mission of the Wikimedia Foundation is to empower and engage people around the world to collect and develop educational content under free licenses 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)
Wikivoyage.org	Wikidata.org



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