Evidence of a Publication's Readership

Almost any time you are including published material in your petition — whether it be for a printed newspaper, magazine, or digital media of some kind — you will want to include evidence of the publication's readership. Evidence of readership tells USCIS that the published materials featuring you or your work are important. Without this kind of evidence, the officer will not likely be able to credit you for the full extent of your accomplishments.

The best way to document readership is with a publication's own Media Kit. We discuss what these look like, where to find them, and what to do if you can't.

Media Kits

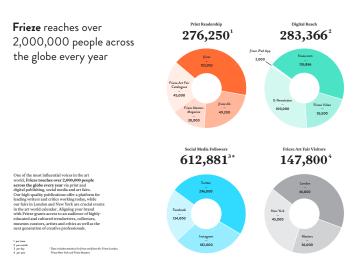
Media Kits are documents that newspapers and magazines provide to potential advertisers (as well as, usually, the public at large, via a publication's website) that give figures regarding a publication's audience and circulation. Here are some examples.



Audience



TIME media kit



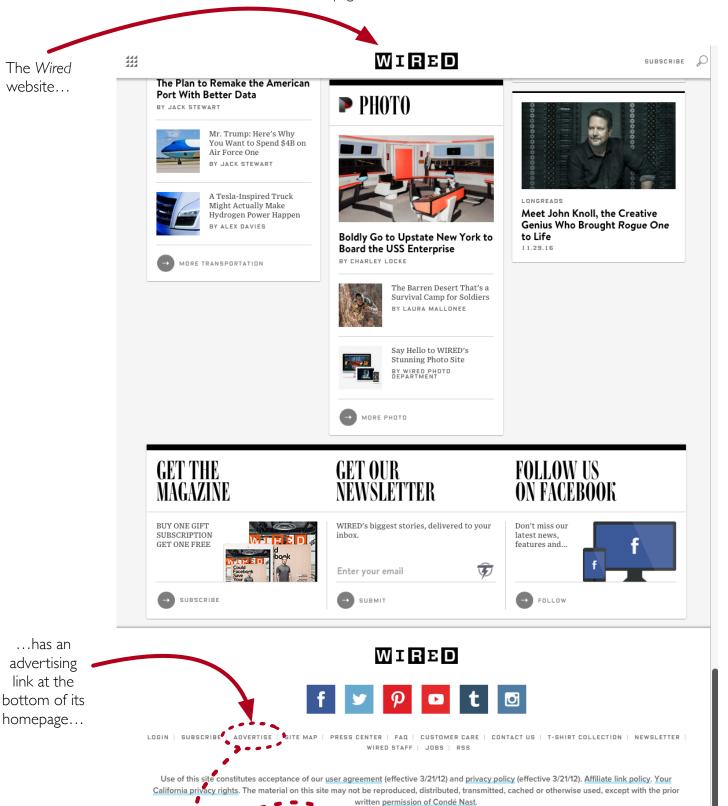
frieze magazine media kit



Rolling Stone media kit

How to find a media kit

The best way to find a media kit for a particular publication is to go to the publication's website and look for an Advertising link, which will often be located at the bottom of the homepage.



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What if I can't find the media kit?

If you can't find a publication's media kit through an advertising link on its website, the next best thing is to check for any "About" links, which may also provide you with readership or distribution information, or at the very very least, additional information about the publication, which can't hurt.