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|   Giant newspapers |
|   (Average daily circulation above 325,000) |
|   The New York Times |
|   Star Tribune (Minneapolis) |
|   [The Washington Post](http://www.lexisnexis.com/lnacui2api/search/XMLCrossLinkSearch.do?bct=A&risb=21_T17073417378&returnToId=20_T17073689027&csi=8054&A=0.7937809365382541&sourceCSI=3652&indexTerm=%23CC000254Q%23&searchTerm=The%20Washington%20Post&indexType=C) |
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|   Large newspapers |
|   (circulation from 225,000 to 325,000) |
|   Detroit Free Press |
|   Rocky Mountain News |
|   Kansas City Star |
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|   Mid-sized newspapers |
|   (circulation from 125,000 to 225,000) |
|   Miami Herald |
|   The Grand Rapids Press |
|   Seattle Post-Intelligencer |
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|   Small newspapers |
|   (circulation under 125,000) |
|   Arizona Daily Star (Tucson.) |
|   Salt Lake Tribune |
|   The Patriot Ledger (Quincy, MA.) |
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|   Weekly business newspapers |
|   Indianapolis Business Journal |
|   Cincinnati Business Courier |
|   Philadelphia Business Journal |
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|   Small magazines |
|   (circulation under 500,000) |
|   Bloomberg Markets |
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|   Large magazines |
|   (circulation 500,000 and over) |
|   Business Week |
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|   Small websites |
|   (up to 500,000 average monthly unique visitors) |
|   Crain's Chicago Business |
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|   Mid-sized websites |
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|   (more than 2.5 million average monthly unique visitors) |
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|   BNET.com |
|   St. Petersburg Times |
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|   Steven Pearlstein, [The Washington Post](http://www.lexisnexis.com/lnacui2api/search/XMLCrossLinkSearch.do?bct=A&risb=21_T17073417378&returnToId=20_T17073689027&csi=8054&A=0.7937809365382541&sourceCSI=3652&indexTerm=%23CC000254Q%23&searchTerm=The%20Washington%20Post&indexType=C) |
|   Gretchen Morgenson, The New York Times |
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|   Large publications |
|   David Nicklaus, St. Louis Post-Dispatch |
|   Al Lewis, Denver Post |
|   Tom Walsh, Detroit Free Press |
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|   Mid-sized publications |
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