

Measuring the Economic Value of Open Source

Respondents rate these benefits of open source the highest:

- **Cost saving**
- **Faster development speed**
- **Open standards and interoperability**



Almost 2/3 of respondents report that **the benefits of open source exceed the costs.**



Most respondents believe **it costs significantly less money to use OSS** than to provide the software functionality themselves.



The ratio of benefits to costs appears to be rising for nearly half of respondents.



The median respondents report that **the economic value of OSS is 1 to 2 times the cost** of its use.



31% of respondents reported that paying for equivalent software functionality **would incur 4X the cost of OSS.**

