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.