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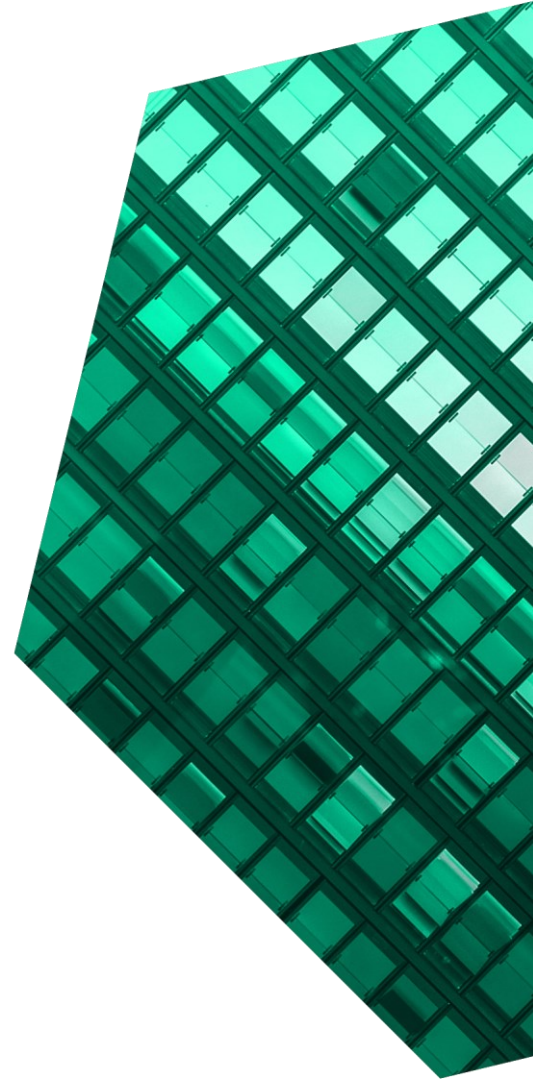
Cost Savings And Business Benefits
Enabled By Mac

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Executive Summary

Organizations invest heavily to improve customer experience and drive engagement. But with so much focus on customers, they often deprioritize the employee experience and the technology that employees use. This is a mistake. Practically every technology that employees interact with can impact employee experience, and having a good experience delivers better business outcomes, such as higher employee engagement, enhanced customer experience, fewer security vulnerabilities, and reduced costs.¹

In 2019, Apple commissioned Forrester Consulting to conduct a Total Economic Impact™ (TEI) study and examine the potential return on investment (ROI) enterprises may realize by deploying [Mac devices to their employees](#). In 2021, Apple commissioned Forrester Consulting to update the 2019 study to include the impact that the new M1 processors have on enterprise Mac deployments. The purpose of this study is to provide readers with a framework to evaluate the potential financial impact of deploying Mac — including Macs with the Apple M1 chip — on their organizations.

Apple introduced its M1 chip in 2020, and it improved the performance, power efficiency, and battery life of Apple devices that use it. Macs with M1 chips are compatible with iOS and iPadOS applications, which enables organizations to run iPhone and iPad applications natively on their laptops or desktops for the first time. In addition to the M1 chip, Apple also released new versions of its Mac operating system (macOS) that build on and expand the security and collaboration capabilities highlighted in the original study.

To better understand the benefits, costs, and risks associated with this investment, Forrester interviewed decision-makers from 10 organizations with experience deploying both M1-based and non-M1-based Mac computers. For the purposes of this study, Forrester aggregated the experiences of the interviewees' organizations and combined the results into a single [composite organization](#).

KEY STATISTICS



Return on investment (ROI)

336%



Net present value (NPV)

\$101 million

Prior to using Macs, the organizations were largely PC-based. However, interviewees said their focus on enterprise PC deployments introduced common challenges. Managing and deploying PCs (especially remotely) was manual and time-consuming for IT FTEs, and employees wanted to use Macs and were using their own personal Mac devices in unsupported states. Decision-makers looked for ways to improve employee engagement and retention and to attract new talent. They also hoped to improve the security reliability and performance of their organization's hardware.

For organizations that already had Mac deployments, device costs were the biggest factor that limited more widespread adoption. But as Apple improved the performance and power efficiency with M1, customers were able to deploy more Macs while staying in the same price range of a baseline PC that most workers used.

“The M1 Macs are just better in every conceivable way. We are getting a much better laptop with much more power and much longer battery life at a lower price point.”

— IT director, retail industry

Interviewees said their organizations chose to implement employee choice programs and deploy enterprise Mac because: 1) decision-makers believe Macs are easier to deploy and to manage; 2) they wanted to improve the employee experience (EX) at their organizations; and 3) they believe Mac is a more secure platform than PC.

By introducing the more powerful M1 Macs (specifically the MacBook Air and 13-inch MacBook Pro) into their employee choice programs, the organizations had a new baseline device that could serve a larger percentage of their employees at a lower starting point than previous Macs and/or PC devices. Additionally, according to early tests that the interviewees' organizations conducted, M1 Macs

outperform all of their PC devices and even some of their previous-generation Macs regardless of price point.

In addition to the benefits outlined in the 2019 study, organizations using M1 Macs were able to further reduce IT management costs, accelerate the adoption/deployment of Mac devices, and improve employee productivity for all employees who leverage Mac.

KEY FINDINGS

Quantified benefits. The following benefits reflect the three-year financial analysis associated with the composite organization. Although the M1 Macs are relatively new, Forrester leveraged data and the financial model framework from the 2019 study along with new data collected through additional interviews to forecast the following results:

- **Reduced IT support costs saves \$12.4 million over three years.** During the three-year device lifecycle, organizations save \$635 per Mac when comparing the cost of support and operation of

Average device lifecycle cost savings (3 years):

\$843 per Mac



PCs. Interviewees reported that the zero-touch deployment process and mobile device management (MDM) enrollment is just as simple on M1 Macs as it is on their legacy Macs, and it is still considerably simpler than deploying PCs. Additionally, consistent with the 2019 study, organizations can manage more Mac devices per IT FTE, and the organizations receive fewer

“From my perspective, Mac is easier to deploy, it’s easier to maintain applications, and it’s easier to keep up the security.”

Team lead of end user computing, healthcare industry

service tickets from Mac users.

- **Reduced and avoided costs related to PC deployment save \$37.5 million over three years.** During the three-year device lifecycle, Mac costs \$207.75 less than comparable PCs when comparing hardware and software costs. Because of M1’s improved power, organizations can deploy baseline devices to more of their employees. This reduces the average device cost while giving more employees more computing power than they had before.

Additionally, there is no need to purchase an operating system license or a software maintenance contract for Mac, and the underlying architecture and included security features obviate the need for some additional endpoint security licenses.

The energy consumption of M1 Macs is even lower than that of previous Macs, which means that deploying Mac leads to more energy savings

than those detailed in the original study. With M1, organizations are able to reduce the average Mac device cost by \$300 in Year 3 and by \$200 when looking at all devices purchased during the three-year period.

- **Reduced risk of a data breach by 50% per deployed Mac.** Interviewees said they are excited to explore the full security implications of M1, and they consider their organizations’ M1 Macs to be just as secure (if not more secure) than legacy their Macs and significantly more secure than their PC counterparts. They said built-in security features like automatic data encryption, anti-malware capabilities, and the ease of enrollment into MDM technology keep their M1 Macs secure.

A head of corporate IT in the financial services industry said: “We haven’t had any malware incidents in the three years since we moved to a 100% Mac deployment. We can see the traction and retention benefits, the productivity, and the innovation that Macs enable. But, ultimately, we went with Mac for security, and it’s very strong.”

“We rotated the 13-inch MacBook Pro with M1 and the MacBook Air with M1 around our developer team and there was the same perception about both devices; they were great, able to get XCode, and our developers felt they could do their regular work on those devices.”

Director, technology industry

- **Improved employee performance and engagement.** With M1 Macs, the composite organization improves its retention rate by 20% and the productivity of all employees by 5%, which leads to 48 hours of increased productivity over three years. Interviewees generally reported increased employee satisfaction, and they said employees who choose Mac are less likely to leave. Additionally, the performance improvements across all tasks in the MacBook Air M1, the extended battery life, and the elimination of a fan make employees more productive and decreases the number of interruptions per day.

An IT director in the retail industry said: “Everything is just faster, and you spend less time waiting for small things on M1. By eliminating all of those pain points, it feels much more powerful, and it really improves the experience overall.”

Unquantified benefits. Benefits that are not quantified for this study include:

- **Compatibility with iOS and iPadOS applications.** Some interviewees said their organizations tested app compatibility between iOS and iPadOS applications and M1 Macs, and saw promising results. The IT director in retail said: “We have quite a few operational iOS apps, and those are the apps that we could see some real benefits from being able to run them natively on M1 Macs. It would reduce the need for custom development work and also reduce the total number of devices because an employee would be able to do everything they need on the Mac.”
- **Reduced carbon footprint compared to previous Macs and PC options.** Organizations are increasingly setting environmental, social, and governance (ESG) goals or other environmental goals both publicly and internally in an attempt to reduce their impacts on the environment. In the 2019 study, Forrester found

that Mac devices generally consume less electricity than their PC counterparts, and studies on the new M1 Macs show that M1 Macs create significantly less carbon dioxide (CO₂) than previous Macs and PCs. Extrapolated to hundreds or thousands of devices, these savings can lead to significant ESG improvements.

One interviewee said their organization used the reduced CO₂ consumption data to help drive Mac adoption internally. Each department head had a portion of their bonus tied to ESG goals, and decision-makers considered using Mac to be an easy win to reduce environmental impacts and to show improvements.

A director in the technology industry said: “We have sustainability goals across all units, and people haven’t yet thought about the impact that their actual devices can have. So that is where we are trying to focus. We look at each group’s most commonly deployed PC devices, and we bring data to show how Macs can improve their ESG performance with recycled aluminum and reduced power consumption.”

“We’re getting computing power to entry-level positions that is on par with what we used to provide to only our high-end users. So, a lot of extra productivity comes with that.”

IT director, retail industry

- **Improve time-to-value for mergers and acquisitions of organizations with Mac deployments.** When organizations set up mergers or make acquisitions, integrating human

and IT resources is a crucial step in realizing value from the investment.

For organizations with an existing Mac deployment, integrating new Macs can be as simple as enrolling each device in the MDM. But integrating new Mac devices without an existing Mac deployment may be more challenging, may take longer, and may reduce the effectiveness of the Macs if unnecessary tools and software are loaded onto the devices.

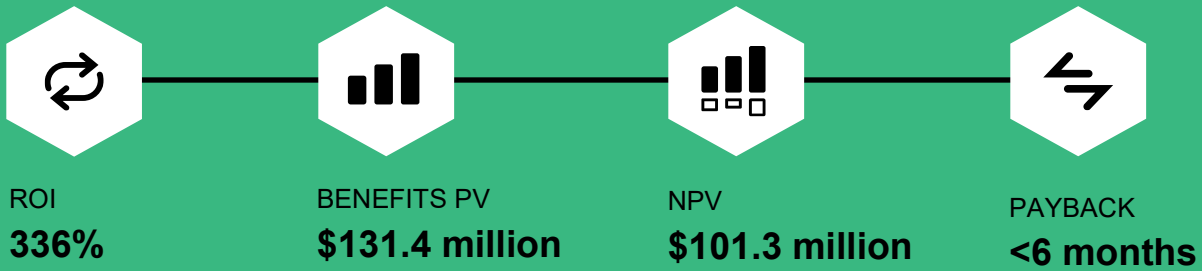
The director in the technology industry said: “We made a significant acquisition, but nobody stopped to consider that the company we acquired was a Mac shop. Luckily, we had our choice program in place with experience managing Macs. So, the first thing we were able to do as part of the [acquisition] was integrate the Mac devices. We simply enrolled all of the devices in our MDM and Apple Business Manager so all the Mac users at the acquired company could use our resources as long as they had an internet connection. This easy integration was not possible with PC devices.”

Costs. The following costs reflect the three-year financial analysis associated with the composite organization to support 33,000 Macs:

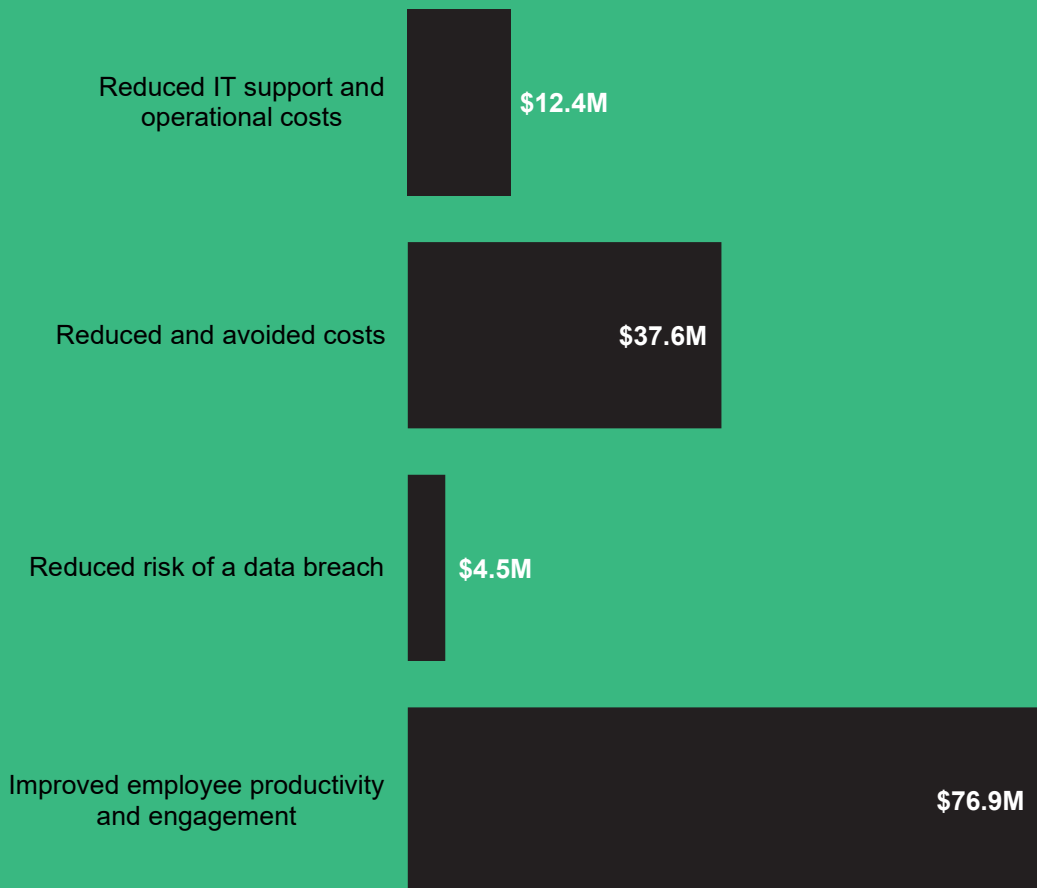
- **Implementation and labor costs totaling \$904,000.** These costs come from professional services for implementation, internal labor for implementation, and internal labor for ongoing platform support. Interviewees from organizations with experience deploying Macs or iOS devices said their firms typically required no professional services or less than would have been previously required. However, interviewees also noted that it is important to ensure Macs are deployed according to Apple’s best practices to maximize the value of the Mac deployment, and they recommended working with a third party or internal advisor.
- **Hardware and hardware deployment costs totaling \$29.2 million.** These costs include hardware and deployment costs associated with Macs, third-party MDM costs, incremental costs for additional Mac peripherals (e.g., dongles, connectors), and AppleCare extended warranties and enterprise support.

The composite organization reduces the average device cost per Mac from \$1,700 (as detailed in the 2019 study) to \$1,500 in 2021 because it now has the ability to deploy a MacBook Air with M1 at a lower price point to more employees. This reduces overall costs while delivering more computing power to workers.

The customer interviews and financial analysis found that a composite organization experiences benefits of \$131.4 million over three years versus costs of \$30.1 million, adding up to a net present value (NPV) of \$101.3 million and an ROI of 336%.



Benefits (Three-Year)



TEI FRAMEWORK AND METHODOLOGY

From the information provided in the interviews, Forrester constructed a Total Economic Impact™ framework for those organizations considering an investment in the Mac.

The objective of the framework is to identify the cost, benefit, flexibility, and risk factors that affect the investment decision. Forrester took a multistep approach to evaluate the impact that the Mac can have on an organization.

DISCLOSURES

Readers should be aware of the following:

This study is commissioned by Apple and delivered by Forrester Consulting. It is not meant to be used as a competitive analysis.

Forrester makes no assumptions as to the potential ROI that other organizations will receive. Forrester strongly advises that readers use their own estimates within the framework provided in the study to determine the appropriateness of an investment in the Mac.

Apple reviewed and provided feedback to Forrester, but Forrester maintains editorial control over the study and its findings and does not accept changes to the study that contradict Forrester's findings or obscure the meaning of the study.

Apple provided the customer names for the interviews but did not participate in the interviews.



DUE DILIGENCE

Interviewed Apple stakeholders and Forrester analysts to gather data relative to the Mac.



CUSTOMER INTERVIEWS

Interviewed decision-makers at organizations using the Mac to obtain data with respect to costs, benefits, and risks.



COMPOSITE ORGANIZATION

Designed a composite organization based on characteristics of the interviewed organizations.



FINANCIAL MODEL FRAMEWORK

Constructed a financial model representative of the interviews using the TEI methodology and risk-adjusted the financial model based on issues and concerns of the interviewed organizations.



CASE STUDY

Employed four fundamental elements of TEI in modeling the investment impact: benefits, costs, flexibility, and risks. Given the increasing sophistication of ROI analyses related to IT investments, Forrester's TEI methodology provides a complete picture of the total economic impact of purchase decisions. Please see Appendix A for additional information on the TEI methodology.

The Mac Customer Journey

Mac investment drivers

Interviewed Organizations				
Industry	Region	Interviewee	Employees	Mac Deployment
Retail	Global	IT director	1,450	1,400
Technology	Global	Director; manager of native app experiences	100,000	30,000
Healthcare	The Netherlands	Head of Mac deployment; team lead of end user computing	13,000	1,400
Utility	Italy	Manager of infrastructure, cloud services, and network management	5,000	2,500
Financial services	Global	Head of corporate IT	3,000	3,000
Financial services	Global	Platform manager	100,000+	2,000
Healthcare	North America and EMEA	Endpoint services director	100,000+	5,000
Manufacturing	Global	IT manager	50,000	500
Technology	Global	CIO	100,000+	20,000+
Technology	Global	Platform manager; service manager	75,000	20,000+

KEY CHALLENGES

Interviewees said their organizations had not sanctioned Macs or bring-your-own-device (BYOD) programs prior to implementing an employee choice program for Mac.

The organizations struggled with common challenges, including:

- **PC deployment is a high-touch process, more challenging to manage than a Mac deployment, and less impactful on employees.** Interviewees said their organizations were tired of using old PC imaging processes and setting up appointments with IT to receive a new device because those processes consumed precious time and resources from both IT employees and end users.

A Manager of infrastructure, cloud services, and network management in the utilities industry said:

“Employees receive a brand-new Mac as if directly from the store, so they get to do the unboxing and the setup themselves. It helps employees feel like they own their machine and that we are beginning a journey together.”

Head of Mac deployment, healthcare industry

“The big difference [between Mac and PC deployment] is that the Mac is activated with a zero-touch deployment. As an IT department, we don’t have to manage anything about the

activation because the employee can just activate it by themselves by following the enrollment procedure. This is a completely different experience than with PCs, where employees have to set up an appointment and wait for one of us to give them support.”

- **PCs typically have shorter replacement lifecycles and lower residual values than Macs.** The IT director in the retail industry shared a common theme from the interviews: “The one thing I can say specifically about our PCs is that we’re not getting the longevity out of them that we’re getting out of our Macs. We’re replacing PCs every two to two-and-a-half years while we push a lot of our Macs to four or five-plus years.”

WHY MAC?

The interviewees said their organizations searched for a solution that could:

- **Be more stable and have fewer issues than PCs.** The IT director in the retail industry said: “When we put people on M1 [devices], they tend to go radio silent from a support perspective. Everything just works. It is a much more stable platform.”
- **Improve employee engagement, retention, and productivity.** A manager of infrastructure, cloud services, and network management in the utilities industry said: “We looked to the future and realized that we need to be able to attract and retain our talent — especially younger workers. We think [using] Mac is a good way to help attract and retain those employees.”
- **Mac is a more secure platform.** An endpoint services director in the healthcare industry stated: “Our executives looked over at our CISO and asked, ‘As a result of moving to Mac in our enterprise, are we going to be more secure from a workstation perspective?’ And his answer was simply ‘Yes.’”

THE IMPACT OF THE APPLE M1 CHIP

Interviewees said their organizations saw several impacts from deploying M1 Macs. These include:

- **Gaining the ability to reduce overall device costs while giving employees more power.** The IT director in the retail industry said, “The short-term benefits are that we’re going to be able to reduce our replacement footprint with lower cost computers for a portion of our staff and that is pretty huge for us from a forecasting and budgeting perspective.”
- **Improving EX.** The IT director in the retail industry said: “I use an M1, and I love it. It’s fantastic. It’s the best laptop that Apple has made in a very long time.”

The director in the technology industry said: “From a performance perspective, the MacBook Air with M1 is impressive. The battery lasts forever. I don’t have the feeling that I miss out on anything.”

- **Improving performance (even versus previous Macs).** The IT director in the retail industry said: “We have received really positive feedback on the M1 across the board. All our users who have them love them, and they rave about the battery life and how fast they are. I see the productivity benefit on my side, too. I work with a lot of big reports and a lot of complex IT software, and I spend a lot less time waiting for small things than I used to. There is a speed improvement across the board.”

“When the test team got their hands on a MacBook Air M1, they did the test, and it outperformed all the PC devices they had.”

Director, technology industry

COMPOSITE ORGANIZATION

Based on the interviews, Forrester constructed a TEI framework, a composite company, and an ROI analysis that illustrates the areas financially affected. The composite organization is representative of the interviewees' organizations, and it is used to present the aggregate financial analysis in the next section. The composite organization has the following characteristics:

Description of composite. The composite is a global organization headquartered in North America with 100,000 employees, and it has a high penetration and adoption rate of iOS. Some employees had been using Mac in an unsupported state outside of corporate policy, so IT does not manage those machines. There were no formal infrastructures or best practices in place for an employee choice program, so decision-makers chose to implement its own.

Deployment characteristics. During the first three years, the composite organization deploys Macs to 33,000 employees (roughly one-third of its total employees) as 10,000 employees select Mac in Year 1, 11,000 select Mac in Year 2, and 12,000 select Mac in Year 3. The organization deploys Mac devices to new hires or as part of employees standard device refresh cycles. These devices are financed through Apple Finance on a three-year lease. Employees have a range of device options to select from based on their roles and specific functions. Options include both PC and Mac devices in a predetermined performance tier, baseline devices (with starting prices of \$1,000), mid-range devices (with starting prices of \$1,600), and high-end devices (with starting prices of \$2,400). Decision-makers consider the MacBook Air with M1 to be more suitable as a baseline device for a wide range of employees than devices typical of the baseline category due to its power efficiency and performance.

Key assumptions

- **100,000 employees**
- **33% Macs deployed during three years**
- **80% iOS adoption prior to employee choice program**

Note that many of the benefits modeled for the composite organization are achievable while a company scales up its Mac deployment.

DEVICE LIFECYCLE COSTS FOR COMPOSITE ORGANIZATION

The information on this page is based on data collected from organizations that deployed Macs in their environments and increased their Mac footprints annually.

Composite Organization Context

The financial model is based on a composite organization that was constructed with the following details:

- Decision-makers anticipate deploying Mac to 33% of the organization's workforce during three years of an employee choice program. Both PC and Mac deployments consist of multiple device types at multiple price points to fit the needs of various teams and functions.
- The organization deploys 100,000 computer devices (one device per employee) during the three-year period. It deploys 10% of the devices (10,000 devices) in Year 1, 21% (11,000 devices) in Year 2, and 33% (12,000 devices) in Year 3.
- During the three-year timeframe, the organization deploys a total of 33,000 Macs vs. 67,000 PCs.

For this scenario and to make a clear comparison, Forrester only leveraged the data available in the financial model, and we examined the forecasted costs to acquire, secure, and maintain each device over three years.

ANALYSIS

Combining the costs of hardware, software, support, and operations over three years leads to a cumulative cost advantage for Mac deployments. Note that each benefit and cost category has a modeled risk adjustment as described in the benefit and cost sections of the TEI.

The primary differences between the M1 Macs and other Mac devices are improved performance at lower price points. This allows organizations to deploy lower price point devices to a wider range of

employees without sacrificing performance, reducing the average cost of each device. The composite organization sees ongoing costs of management and support drop with improved reliability of M1 Macs.

Three-Year Support And Operational Costs		
Metric	PC	Mac
Provisioning	\$43	\$3.58
Service tickets and resolution	\$540	\$162
Additional general IT management	\$758.60	\$500.06
Energy costs	\$42	\$14
Risk adjustment	\$0	\$69
Total	\$1,383.60	\$748.64
Differential	\$634.96	

Three-Year Hardware And Software Costs		
Metric	PC	Mac
Device costs	\$1,200	\$1,500
Incremental required software	\$570	\$120
Incremental peripherals	\$0	\$50
Residual value %	10%	25%
Residual value \$	(\$120)	(\$375)
Risk adjustment	(\$83)	\$64.75
Total	\$1,567.50	\$1,359.75
Differential	\$207.75	

Total average estimated per-device savings (3-year): \$842.71

A commissioned Forrester Consulting study based on data from 10 organizations who currently deploy Macs and have increased their Mac deployment annually.

Analysis Of Benefits

■ Quantified benefit data as applied to the composite

Total Benefits						
Ref.	Benefit	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total	Present Value
Atr	Reduced IT support and operational costs	\$2,414,880	\$5,071,248	\$7,969,104	\$15,455,232	\$12,373,765
Btr	Reduced and avoided costs	\$12,144,800	\$15,255,252	\$18,558,174	\$45,958,226	\$37,591,404
Ctr	Reduced risk of a data breach	\$878,852	\$1,845,589	\$2,900,211	\$5,624,652	\$4,503,208
Dtr	Improved employee productivity and engagement	\$15,012,800	\$31,526,880	\$49,542,240	\$96,081,920	\$76,925,091
	Total benefits (risk-adjusted)	\$30,451,332	\$53,698,969	\$78,969,729	\$163,120,030	\$131,393,468

REDUCED IT SUPPORT AND OPERATIONAL COSTS

Evidence and data. The interviewees said zero-touch deployment of Macs reduced provisioning time and effort, Mac users create fewer support tickets, and the tickets that do come in are cheaper to resolve than those for PCs. This enabled IT teams to manage more Macs with fewer FTEs compared to the requirements for PCs. Interviewees said:

- IT teams required less time to provision each Mac because devices were shipped directly to the employees, and all applications and relevant policies were automatically downloaded and managed via a third-party MDM platform. This process also involved leveraging Apple’s device enrollment feature of Apple Business Manager.
- Mac users opened fewer service tickets compared to their PC-using counterparts due to self-service capabilities on Mac, and they experienced fewer issues with performance overall. Interviewees also said Mac users tend to be more self-sufficient and motivated to resolve issues.

- Service tickets that were opened for Mac were easier to resolve because there is less complexity with the Mac ecosystem than there is with PCs. Additionally, there were fewer hardware-related issues with Macs and fewer dependencies on multiple vendors to perform each task — especially among users of M1 Macs.
- An IT FTE can manage more Mac devices than PCs, which means the organizations’ Mac deployments could be managed by a smaller team relative to PC deployments. Mac has a simplified tool set, more automation, and Apple automatically pushes updates and patches for its OS and some applications to every device. Additionally, Mac devices typically require less overall attention from IT during the course of the lifecycle.

Modeling and assumptions. Based on the customer interviews, Forrester estimates the following for the composite organization:

- It takes an IT employee 5 minutes to set up a Mac for provisioning as opposed to 60 minutes for a PC. Additionally, Macs receive major

operating system updates and patches annually through Apple, so the savings from automated software updates accrue on an annual basis.

- Ten percent of the organization's employees (10,000 employees) choose Mac instead of PC as their new or replacement machine in Year 1. This increases to 11% in Year 2 and to 12% in Year 3. By the end of Year 3, 33% of the organization (33,000 employees) use a Mac.
- The average fully burdened hourly salary for an IT FTE is \$43. Note that Forrester used conservatives estimates for salaries.
- Each PC user creates an average of six support tickets per year, and each ticket costs \$30 to resolve. Mac users create 60% fewer tickets than PC users, and each ticket costs 25% less to resolve than those for PCs. Because Apple maintains control over the hardware and the operating system, it tends to be easier for IT to resolve issues and with fewer errors. This means it requires fewer steps to resolve any given issue on a Mac vs. a PC.
- An IT FTE can manage an average of 200 PCs compared to 500 Mac devices (with best-practice deployments of enterprise Macs).
- Forrester included the reduced provisioning and service ticket effort associated with Macs in the machine-to-FTE ratio. These benefits are subtracted from this benefit in the final quantification to avoid double-counting.

Risks. The value of this benefit can vary among organizations due to:

- The average fully burdened salary of an IT FTE.
- Whether or not the organization uses Apple's best practices in deploying Mac in the enterprise.

Results. To account for these risks, Forrester adjusted this benefit downward by 10%, yielding a three-year, risk-adjusted total PV (discounted at 10%) of \$12.4 million.

“We can manage the software distribution better with Mac because every employee can download updates through the App Store. If there are issues, the user can simply delete and re-install the app, and we can even send push notifications to remind people to update.”

Manager of infrastructure, cloud services, and network management, utilities industry

Reduced IT Support Costs					
Ref.	Metric	Source	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
A1	Time required to provision a PC (minutes)	Composite	60	60	60
A2	Time required to provision a Mac (minutes)	Composite	5	5	5
A3	Number of Macs provisioned	B3	10,000	11,000	12,000
A4	Average fully burdened hourly salary per IT FTE (rounded)	Composite	\$43	\$43	\$43
A5	Subtotal: Reduced provisioning effort (rounded)	$(A1-A2)/60*A3*A4$	\$394,167	\$433,583	\$473,000
A6	Average number of tickets per PC per year	Composite	6	6	6
A7	Reduced number of tickets per Mac	Composite	60%	60%	60%
A8	Average cost to resolve tickets per PC	Composite	\$30	\$30	\$30
A9	Reduced cost to resolve tickets per Mac	Composite	25%	25%	25%
A10	Support costs for PCs	$D1*D2*A6*A8$	\$1,800,000	\$3,780,000	\$5,940,000
A11	Support costs for Macs	$D1*D2*A6*A7*A8*(1-A9)$	\$810,000	\$1,701,000	\$2,673,000
A12	Subtotal: Reduced support costs	A10-A11	\$990,000	\$2,079,000	\$3,267,000
A13	Number of PCs managed per IT FTE	Composite	200	200	200
A14	Number of Macs managed per IT FTE	Composite	500	500	500
A15	Subtotal: Reduced management costs (rounded)	$((D1*D2/A13) - (D1*D2/A14)) * A4 * 2,080 - A5 - A12$	\$1,299,033	\$3,122,137	\$5,114,560
At	Reduced IT support and operational costs	A5+A12+A15	\$2,683,200	\$5,634,720	\$8,854,560
	Risk adjustment	↓10%			
Atr	Reduced IT support and operational costs (risk-adjusted)		\$2,414,880	\$5,071,248	\$7,969,104
Three-year total: \$15,455,232			Three-year present value: \$12,373,765		

REDUCED AND AVOIDED HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE COSTS

Evidence and data. With the improved power efficiency and performance delivered by Macs with M1, the interviewees' organizations can offer M1 Macs to more employees, including those who were previously assigned higher-priced devices.

- The M1 chip allowed the organizations to offer Macs to more employees, including baseline users. In the 2019 study, interviewees said their organizations primarily deployed Mac to mid-tier and top-tier users who needed the additional computing power and speed and those who preferred Macs.

- On average, a Mac costs more up front than a PC, but the average purchase price for a Mac has dropped significantly when looking at the total deployment. This difference is partially offset by the cost of a comparable PC that the employee would have otherwise needed to order if there was no Mac available.
- Using Macs did not require the organizations to purchase an operating system license or any software update maintenance because Apple automatically pushes out OS updates.
- The underlying architecture of Mac and the included security features eliminated the need for some additional endpoint security licenses that are required to secure comparable PC deployments. Additionally, Apple automatically pushes out security patches for Mac at no cost.
- Non-M1 Macs require less energy than PCs do, and Macs with M1 require 50% as much energy as non-M1 Macs do.

Modeling and assumptions. Based on the customer interviews, Forrester estimates the following for the composite organization:

- The percent of employees who choose Mac annually is 10% in Year 1, 11% in Year 2, and 12% in Year 3.
- The average cost for an enterprise PC is \$1,200, and that machine maintains a 10% residual value after three years. This \$1,200 figure represents an average of all deployed PCs, including baseline devices and more expensive top-tier devices.
- The average OS license cost for a PC is \$150 per year.
- Additional endpoint security licenses for PCs cost an average of \$40 per year per machine.
- Macs require 50% less energy to operate than a PC, and M1 Macs require 75% less energy on average.

- M1 Macs make up 40% of the organization's total Mac deployment in Year 1, 55% of its total Mac deployment in Year 2, and 65% of its total Mac deployment in Year 3.
- Forrester did not include any incremental security benefits related to Apple's M1 chip in this analysis because the interviewees' organizations did not have enough time to assess the differences between M1 Macs and non-M1 Macs.

Risks. The value of this benefit may vary among organizations due to:

- The number of employees who choose Mac.
- The average cost of an enterprise PC and the residual value after three years.
- The number of an organization's endpoint licenses, which may vary depending on which endpoint solutions are replaced due to Mac's underlying architecture and included security features.
- Additional OS and security license costs for PCs.

Results. To account for these risks, Forrester adjusted this benefit downward by 5%, yielding a three-year, risk-adjusted total PV of \$37.6 million.

Reduced And Avoided Hardware And Software Costs

Ref.	Metric	Source	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
B1	Total employees	Composite	100,000	100,000	100,000
B2	Percentage of employees who choose Mac	Composite	10%	11%	12%
B3	Number of employees who choose Mac	B1*B2	10,000	11,000	12,000
B4	Cumulative Macs deployed	D1*D2	10,000	21,000	33,000
B5	Average cost per PC	Composite	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
B6	Residual value for PCs after three years	Composite	10%	10%	10%
B7	Additional OS license costs	Composite	\$150	\$150	\$150
B8	Additional endpoint security licenses	Composite	\$40	\$40	\$40
B9	Subtotal: Avoided PC costs	$((B3*B5) - (B3*B5*B6)) + (B4*(B7+B8))$	\$12,700,000	\$15,870,000	\$19,230,000
B10	Annual energy costs per PC	60W, 8h a day	\$14	\$14	\$14
B11	Percentage of total Macs deployed with M1	Composite	40%	55%	65%
B12	Legacy Mac consumption	30W, 8h a day	\$7	\$7	\$7
B13	M1 consumption	15W, 8h a day	\$3	\$3	\$3
B14	Reduced energy costs per Mac (2019 findings) (rounded)	$((50%*(1-B11))+(75%*B11))$	60%	64%	66%
B15	Subtotal: Reduced energy costs	B10*B14*B4	\$84,000	\$188,160	\$304,920
Bt	Reduced and avoided costs	B9+B15	\$12,784,000	\$16,058,160	\$19,534,920
	Risk adjustment	↓5%			
Btr	Reduced and avoided costs (risk-adjusted)		\$12,144,800	\$15,255,252	\$18,558,174
Three-year total: \$45,958,226			Three-year present value: \$37,591,404		

REDUCED RISK OF A DATA BREACH

Evidence and data. Interviewees noted that they consider Mac to be a fundamentally more secure architecture than their PCs. They cited Mac’s built-in security architecture, automatic encryption, and ease

of enrollment in device management platforms as reasons for the improved security.

- Apple implemented a new endpoint security framework that allows optional third-party security tools to run in a more secure part of the operating

system. This enhanced, built-in security feature helped the organizations to reduce opening low-level access to third parties that have been used as attack vectors themselves.

- M1 Macs have a fully vertically integrated architecture, and although the interviewees' organizations have not fully tested their security efficacy, early results indicated that M1 Macs are at least as secure as the previous generation of Macs, and they can be managed the same way.
- The interviewees' organizations had fewer security incidents and alerts with their Mac deployments than with their PC deployments.
- One interviewee said their organization has had zero malware incidents since moving to a 100% Mac deployment three years earlier.

Modeling and assumptions. Based on the customer interviews and Forrester research, Forrester estimates the following for the composite organization:

- The composite organization experiences an average of 2.5 data breaches annually.²
- The average cost of a security breach is \$6.1 million, which includes fines, fees, and the cost of remediation efforts. This average cost excludes internal user downtime related to the breach.
- Mac deployment in the enterprise is 10% in Year 1, 21% in Year 2, and 33% in Years 3.
- Mac reduces the likelihood of a data breach by 50% per device.
- Each security breach leads to 3.6 hours of user downtime and impacts 20% of the organization.
- The average fully burdened hourly salary for a worker is \$38.

Risks. The value of this benefit may vary among organizations due to:

- The average number of breaches experienced annually.
- The overall scale and impact of a data breach.
- The adoption of Mac at the organization.

Results. To account for these risks, Forrester adjusted this benefit downward by 20%, yielding a three-year, risk-adjusted total PV of \$4.5 million.

“By default, Macs are more secure [than PCs] out of the box. The real big benefit and the reason I call it out is Apple’s device enrollment features of Apple Business Manager. Device enrollment is a game-changer for us in terms of security. Even if it’s a cellophane, out-of-the-box purchase that we made remotely from a different country, the device is automatically enrolled and protected. That’s a big plus to us in terms of security and protecting the company IP that we don’t get on the PC side.”

IT director, retail industry

Reduced Risk Of A Data Breach					
Ref.	Metric	Source	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
C1	Average number of data breaches per year per organization with 100,000 FTE	Forrester research	2.5	2.5	2.5
C2	Average potential cost of a data breach, exclusive of internal user downtime	Forrester research	\$6,052,518	\$6,052,518	\$6,052,518
C3	Percentage of employees using Mac	D2	10.00%	21.00%	33.00%
C4	Reduced likelihood of data breach with Mac	Composite	50%	50%	50%
C5	Percentage of data breaches avoided with Mac deployment (rounded)	C1*C3*C4	12.5%	26.3%	41.3%
C6	Number of data breaches avoided with Mac deployment (rounded)	C1*C5	0.31	0.66	1.03
C7	Subtotal: Avoided costs of remediation, customer resolution, fines brand rebuild, and all other external facing costs (rounded)	C1*C2*C3*C4	\$756,565	\$1,588,786	\$2,496,664
C8	Cumulative number of Macs deployed	B4	10,000	21,000	33,000
C9	Average fully burdened hourly employee salary	D7	\$38	\$38	\$38
C10	Diminished/eliminated internal user productivity hours per breach	Forrester research	3.6	3.6	3.6
C11	Average percentage of employees affected per breach	Composite	20%	20%	20%
C12	Subtotal: Cost of reduced internal productivity	C1*C4*C8*C9*C10*C11	\$342,000	\$718,200	\$1,128,600
Ct	Reduced risk of a data breach	C7+C12	\$1,098,565	\$2,306,986	\$3,625,264
	Risk adjustment	↓20%			
Ctr	Reduced risk of a data breach (risk-adjusted)		\$878,852	\$1,845,589	\$2,900,211
Three-year total: \$5,624,652			Three-year present value: \$4,503,208		

IMPROVED EMPLOYEE PRODUCTIVITY AND ENGAGEMENT

Evidence and data. Interviewees said their organizations saw faster start-up times, improved productivity and engagement, and reduced churn for employees who selected Mac.

- Improved machine performance including faster start-up times, improved processing speed, and improved battery life all contributed to improving

employee productivity and experience with Mac at the interviewees' organizations.

- The organizations realized improved employee engagement due to offering employees the ability to select Mac as their preferred device. Improved engagement led to an increase in discretionary effort from Mac users, which translated into an overall productivity gain.
- Improved employee engagement from employees using their preferred devices also led

to a tangible improvement in retention rates for those employees that selected Mac.

Modeling and assumptions. Based on the customer interviews, Forrester estimates for the composite organization:

Improved Productivity From Time Saved

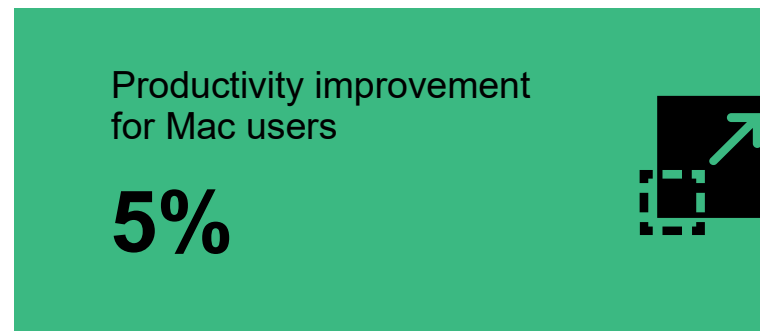
- Ten percent of the composite organization's 100,00 employees choose Mac in Year 1. This increases to 21% in Year 2, and to 33% in Year 3.
- Each employee who uses a PC spends an average of 5 minutes per day waiting for tasks like waking or rebooting the computer and loading large files. Mac users spend an average of 1 minute per day waiting for these tasks.
- The average fully burdened annual salary of an employee is \$78,000.
- The organization reallocates 20% of the time savings toward productive work.

Improved Employee Productivity And Performance

- The organization sees a 5% increase in productivity and performance for employees who choose Mac.
- According to the 2019 study, sales teams typically see a 5% improvement by using Macs. With the additional data collected for this update, Forrester assumes this benefit is extended to all employees who deploy Mac. Interviewees said Mac users have higher engagement and better performance than PC users, regardless of role.
- The organization reallocates 20% of the time savings toward productive work.
- Forrester attributed 75% of this benefit specifically to the Mac deployment. The rest of the benefit is attributed to talent, organizational structure, and developing efficient workflows.

Improved Employee Retention

- The average employee churn rate for employees who don't choose Mac prior to the deployment is 15%.
- There is a 20% improvement in retention for employees who choose Mac.
- It costs 50% of an employee's salary to replace an employee due to attrition. This is a conservative estimate compared to industry research performed by the Society for Human Resource Management.³



Risks. The value of this benefit may vary among organizations due to:

- The number of employees who choose Mac and their average burdened salaries.
- The salaries of employees.
- Productivity capture.
- Improvements in employee productivity, performance, and retention.
- The cost to replace an employee.

Results. To account for these risks, Forrester adjusted this benefit downward by 20%, yielding a three-year, risk-adjusted total PV of \$76.9 million.

Improved Employee Productivity And Engagement					
Ref.	Metric	Source	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
D1	Number of employees	Composite	100,000	100,000	100,000
D2	Percentage of employees using Mac	Composite	10.0%	21.0%	33.0%
D3	Average time for PC wake/reboot daily (minutes)	Composite	5	5	5
D4	Average time for Mac wake/reboot daily (minutes)	Composite	1	1	1
D5	Average work days per year	Composite	240	240	240
D6	Average fully burdened annual employee salary	Composite	\$78,000	\$78,000	\$78,000
D7	Average fully burdened hourly employee salary	Composite	\$38	\$38	\$38
D8	Productivity capture	Assumption	20%	20%	20%
D9	Subtotal: Improved productivity from quicker start--up	$D1 * D2 * (D3 - D4) / 60 * D5 * D7 * D8$	\$1,216,000	\$2,553,600	\$4,012,800
D10	Number employees using Mac	$D1 * D2$	10,000	21,000	33,000
D11	Average fully burdened annual employee salary	D6	\$78,000	\$78,000	\$78,000
D12	Increased productivity for employees who choose Mac	Composite	5%	5%	5%
D13	Productivity capture	Composite	20%	20%	20%
D14	Attribution	Composite	75%	75%	75%
D15	Subtotal: Improved productivity	$D10 * D11 * D12 * D13 * D14$	\$5,850,000	\$12,285,000	\$19,305,000
D16	Average employee churn rate for employees who don't choose Mac	Composite	15%	15%	15%
D17	Improvement in retention with employees who choose Mac	Composite	20%	20%	20%
D18	Cost to replace an employee	$D6 * 50\%$	\$39,000	\$39,000	\$39,000
D19	Subtotal: Improved employee retention	$D1 * D2 * D16 * D17 * D18$	\$11,700,000	\$24,570,000	\$38,610,000
Dt	Improved employee productivity and engagement	$D9 + D15 + D19$	\$18,766,000	\$39,408,600	\$61,927,800
	Risk adjustment	↓20%			
Dtr	Improved employee productivity and engagement (risk-adjusted)		\$15,012,800	\$31,526,880	\$49,542,240
Three-year total: \$96,081,920			Three-year present value: \$76,925,091		

Analysis Of Costs

■ Quantified cost data as applied to the composite

Total Costs							
Ref.	Cost	Initial	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total	Present Value
Etr	Implementation and labor costs	\$136,620	\$308,568	\$308,568	\$308,568	\$1,062,324	\$903,983
Ftr	Hardware and hardware deployment costs	\$0	\$5,191,952	\$12,120,800	\$19,258,450	\$36,571,202	\$29,206,305
Total costs (risk-adjusted)		\$136,620	\$5,500,520	\$12,429,368	\$19,567,018	\$37,633,526	\$30,110,288

IMPLEMENTATION AND LABOR COSTS

Evidence and data. Interviewees said their organizations incurred implementation and labor costs in the following areas:

- **Professional services costs.** The interviewees' organizations required little or no professional services to support the implementation due to existing familiarity with deploying Macs in the past. Interviewees recommended working with a third-party firm or an internal expert to ensure that organizations effectively capture the value of the Mac investment by following Apple's best practices for deployment and by avoiding unnecessary bloatware.
- **Internal labor for implementation.** The interviewees noted that the provisioning process for Mac required minimal IT resources. Deploying Macs to employees was almost a zero-touch experience. The manager of infrastructure, cloud services, and network management in the utilities industry said: "As an IT department, we don't have to manage anything about the activation of the Mac because the employee can activate the Mac by themselves by following enrollment procedures. Then, all the business applications and software are directly installed on the Mac."

- **Internal labor for ongoing platform support.** Ongoing management was a minimal lift for the interviewees' organizations. They saw fewer service tickets from Mac users in general and a significant decrease from those using M1 Macs. This allowed each IT resource to manage more Mac devices. The average number of IT personnel responsible for ongoing management activities (e.g., managing patches and inventory) at the interviewees' organizations range from one to 10 FTEs.

Modeling and assumptions. Based on the customer interviews, Forrester assumes the following about the composite organization:

- It spends \$50,000 on professional services for implementation.
- Two internal IT FTEs are dedicated to initial implementation over 20 weeks.
- Three IT FTEs are tasked with ongoing platform support.
- The average fully burdened hourly salary of an IT FTE is \$43.

Risks. The costs of implementation and labor may vary among organizations due to:

- Whether or not the organization uses professional services.
- The organization’s prior experience deploying Macs.
- The number of Macs deployed to employees.
- The burdened salary of IT resources.

Results. To account for these risks, Forrester adjusted this cost upward by 15%, yielding a three-year, risk-adjusted total PV (discounted at 10%) of under \$904,000.

Implementation And Labor Costs						
Ref.	Metric	Source	Initial	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
E1	Professional services	Composite	\$50,000			
E2	Internal implementation FTEs	Composite	2			
E3	Average fully burdened hourly salary per IT FTE	A4	\$43	\$43	\$43	\$43
E4	Implementation time (weeks)	Composite	20			
E5	Ongoing platform support FTEs	Composite		3	3	3
Et	Implementation and labor costs	$E1+(E2 \cdot E3 \cdot E4 \cdot 40)+(E5 \cdot E3 \cdot 20 \cdot 80)$	\$118,800	\$268,320	\$268,320	\$268,320
	Risk adjustment	↑15%				
Etr	Implementation and labor costs (risk-adjusted)		\$136,620	\$308,568	\$308,568	\$308,568
Three-year total: \$1,062,324			Three-year present value: \$903,983			

HARDWARE AND HARDWARE DEPLOYMENT COSTS

Evidence and data. Interviewees said their organizations incurred hardware and hardware deployment costs in the following areas:

- **Mac device costs.** With the introduction of the M1, the organizations were able to deploy MacBooks Air devices with M1 at a lower cost to more of their employees. This reduced average machine costs while delivering a more powerful baseline device to the workforce. Consistent with the 2019 study, interviewees for this update said Macs provide significant residual value and some of the organizations do not need to replace their devices until after more than five years of usage.

- **Mobile device management costs.** The majority of the interviewees’ organizations used third-party MDM services to deploy and update devices and applications for employees. Interviewees noted that MDM costs for Mac are less than those for PCs.
- **Mac peripherals and AppleCare fees.** The interviewees’ organizations incurred expenses for Mac peripherals (e.g., dongles, connectors) and AppleCare extended warranties and enterprise support.

Modeling and assumptions. Based on the customer interviews, Forrester assumes the following about the composite organization:

- The organization deploys 10,000 Macs in Year 1, 11,000 in Year 2, and 12,000 in Year 3.
- The average cost of a Mac is \$1,600 in Year 1, \$1,500 in Year 2, and \$1,400 in Year 3 and each Mac is estimated to maintain a residual value of 25% after three years. The average cost of a Mac declines each year as the organization introduces additional M1 Macs into the distribution of machines purchased.
- The average cost of a Mac depends on the distribution of machines purchased. For example, the average cost could be higher if employees focus on top-end MacBook Pros, or it could be lower if more employees choose the MacBook Air.
- The organization uses Apple Financial Services to finance a three-year lease on each Mac. This allows the up-front cost to be spread over three years. Each device is paid over three years in equal installments as reflected in line F9 of the model. For simplicity, the financial model does not include the cost of interest.
- The average annual cost for a third-party MDM is \$40 per employee.
- The average annual cost for additional Mac peripherals is \$50 upon deployment.
- The average cost of a three-year service contract for AppleCare for Enterprise is \$129 per Mac upon deployment when there are more than 5,000 Apple devices deployed by the enterprise.
- To account for residual value, Forrester subtracted the three-year PV residual value from the costs of the year the devices are purchased.
- If expanding the financial model to additional years, one must consider the installments owed for devices purchased in years 2 and 3, as well as the additional benefits realized during those years.

Risks. The costs of hardware and hardware deployment may vary among organizations due to:

- The number and type of Mac devices deployed.
- Annual costs of a third-party MDM, which may vary depending on the size of the deployment, hosting requirements, and required implementation or integration costs.
- The incremental costs of Mac peripherals and AppleCare support.
- Whether or not the organization uses Apple Financial Services or a competing provider to optimize financial terms.

Results. To account for these risks, Forrester adjusted this cost upward by 15%, yielding a three-year, risk-adjusted total PV of \$29.2 million.

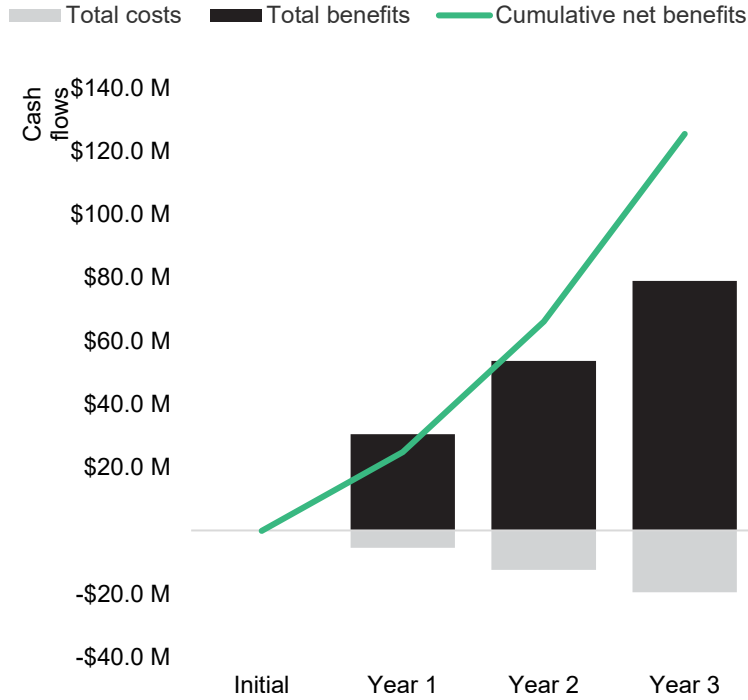
Hardware And Hardware Deployment Costs

Ref.	Metric	Source	Initial	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
F1	Number of Macs deployed	B3	0	10,000	11,000	12,000
F2	Cumulative Macs deployed	B4	0	10,000	21,000	33,000
F3	Average cost per Mac	Composite	\$0	\$1,600	\$1,500	\$1,400
F4	Average cost for additional Mac peripherals	Composite	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$50
F5	Average cost for AppleCare per Mac	Composite	\$0	\$129	\$129	\$129
F6	Subtotal: Annual cost of peripherals and AppleCare for new Macs	$F1*(F4+F5)$	\$0	\$1,790,000	\$1,969,000	\$2,148,000
F7	Average annual cost per Mac with payments set during three years (rounded)	$F3/3$	\$0	\$533	\$500	\$467
F8	Average annual third-party MDM cost per mac	Composite	\$0	\$40	\$40	\$40
F9	Subtotal: Annual device and MDM costs	$F2*(F7+F8) +$ Year 1 installment + Year 2 installment	\$0	\$5,730,000	\$11,670,000	\$17,754,000
F10	Residual value of a Mac after 3 years	Composite	0%	25%	25%	25%
F11	Subtotal: Residual value (three-year PV)	$F1*F3*F10$, <i>three-year PV</i>	\$0	\$3,005,259	\$3,099,174	\$3,155,522
Ft	Hardware and hardware deployment costs	$F6+F9-F11$	\$0	\$4,514,741	\$10,539,826	\$16,746,478
	Risk adjustment	↑15%				
Ftr	Hardware and hardware deployment costs (risk-adjusted)		\$0	\$5,191,952	\$12,120,800	\$19,258,450
Three-year total: \$36,571,202			Three-year present value: \$29,206,305			

Financial Summary

CONSOLIDATED THREE-YEAR RISK-ADJUSTED METRICS

Cash Flow Chart (Risk-Adjusted)



The financial results calculated in the Benefits and Costs sections can be used to determine the ROI, NPV, and payback period for the composite organization's investment. Forrester assumes a yearly discount rate of 10% for this analysis.

These risk-adjusted ROI, NPV, and payback period values are determined by applying risk-adjustment factors to the unadjusted results in each Benefit and Cost section.

Cash Flow Analysis (Risk-Adjusted Estimates)

	Initial	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total	Present Value
Total costs	(\$136,620)	(\$5,500,520)	(\$12,429,368)	(\$19,567,018)	(\$37,633,526)	(\$30,110,288)
Total benefits	\$0	\$30,451,332	\$53,698,969	\$78,969,729	\$163,120,030	\$131,393,468
Net benefits	(\$136,620)	\$24,950,812	\$41,269,600	\$59,402,712	\$125,486,504	\$101,283,180
ROI						336%
Payback period (months)						<6 months

Appendix A: Total Economic Impact

Total Economic Impact is a methodology developed by Forrester Research that enhances a company's technology decision-making processes and assists vendors in communicating the value proposition of their products and services to clients. The TEI methodology helps companies demonstrate, justify, and realize the tangible value of IT initiatives to both senior management and other key business stakeholders.

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT APPROACH

Benefits represent the value delivered to the business by the product. The TEI methodology places equal weight on the measure of benefits and the measure of costs, allowing for a full examination of the effect of the technology on the entire organization.

Costs consider all expenses necessary to deliver the proposed value, or benefits, of the product. The cost category within TEI captures incremental costs over the existing environment for ongoing costs associated with the solution.

Flexibility represents the strategic value that can be obtained for some future additional investment building on top of the initial investment already made. Having the ability to capture that benefit has a PV that can be estimated.

Risks measure the uncertainty of benefit and cost estimates given: 1) the likelihood that estimates will meet original projections and 2) the likelihood that estimates will be tracked over time. TEI risk factors are based on "triangular distribution."

The initial investment column contains costs incurred at "time 0" or at the beginning of Year 1 that are not discounted. All other cash flows are discounted using the discount rate at the end of the year. PV calculations are calculated for each total cost and benefit estimate. NPV calculations in the summary tables are the sum of the initial investment and the discounted cash flows in each year. Sums and present value calculations of the Total Benefits, Total Costs, and Cash Flow tables may not exactly add up, as some rounding may occur.



PRESENT VALUE (PV)

The present or current value of (discounted) cost and benefit estimates given at an interest rate (the discount rate). The PV of costs and benefits feed into the total NPV of cash flows.



NET PRESENT VALUE (NPV)

The present or current value of (discounted) future net cash flows given an interest rate (the discount rate). A positive project NPV normally indicates that the investment should be made, unless other projects have higher NPVs.



RETURN ON INVESTMENT (ROI)

A project's expected return in percentage terms. ROI is calculated by dividing net benefits (benefits less costs) by costs.



DISCOUNT RATE

The interest rate used in cash flow analysis to take into account the time value of money. Organizations typically use discount rates between 8% and 16%.



PAYBACK PERIOD

The breakeven point for an investment. This is the point in time at which net benefits (benefits minus costs) equal initial investment or cost.

Appendix B: Supplemental Material

Related *Forrester Research*

“Improve Your Threat Protection Efficacy Using Built-In OS Security,” Forrester Research, Inc., December 2, 2020

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Appendix C: Endnotes

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