

Video security ROI Comparison Worksheet

This worksheet helps you calculate and compare the 5-year return on investment (ROI) between your current video security system and a potential new solution. Enter your deployment details and system costs in the provided fields to understand the total cost implications of each option.

Deployment details

cameras

locations

storage

System cost

Enter all costs associated with your video security systems over 5 years. For one-time costs (like hardware purchases), enter the full amount directly (e.g., if cameras cost \$500 each, enter \$50,000 for 100 cameras). For subscription or annual costs, multiply the per-unit cost by the number of units and then by 5 years (e.g., if software licenses cost \$100/year per camera and you have 100 cameras, enter \$50,000 for that line item: $\$100 \times 100 \text{ cameras} \times 5 \text{ years}$).

	Current system	New system
Cameras		
Server		
Server license		
Server maintenance license		
Device license		
Camera maintenance license		
Technical support license		
LPR license		
Smart wall license		
System updates		
Security patches		

Total costs

Summation of the above table

Benefits breakdown

Calculate the true value of your video security system by considering these often-overlooked operational benefits. Key factors include monitoring efficiency, investigation time savings, theft prevention, and security incident reduction. While these benefits may not appear on initial price quotes, they significantly impact your total cost of ownership.

Monitoring

Hours spent monitoring per week

Average labor cost per hour

Annual cost

Total

Investigations

Time to review and share footage

Investigations per year

Average labor cost per hour

Annual cost

Total

Theft and loss reduction

Incidents per year

Average loss

Annual cost

Total

Missed security events

Average cost of physical security breach

Average number of missed events per year

Annual cost

Total

Current system

New system

Benefits breakdown (continued)

Employee accident prevention

Average employee injury cost

Average number of incidents per year

Annual total

Total

Insurance

Annual cost of liability insurance

Total

Current system

New system

Additional items

Current system

New system

Total

Calculating total benefits

Below, you may enter the totals for the above benefits (pages 2 and 3). Enter the amounts for your current system in the first column, and the amounts for the new system in the second column. The third column (Benefit) will show your savings, calculated as the current system amount minus the new system amount.

	Current system	New system	Benefit
Monitoring	-		
Investigations	-		
Theft and loss reduction	-		
Missed security events	-		
Employee accident prevention	-		
Insurance savings	-		
Additional items	-		

Total benefits

Summation of the above right column

Calculating your ROI

With costs and benefits identified, the ROI calculation follows this formula:
ROI (%) = [(Total benefits - Total costs) / Total costs] × 100

Total benefits (page 4)

Total cost (page 1)

[(Total Benefits - Total Costs) / Total Costs] × 100

Total return on investment =