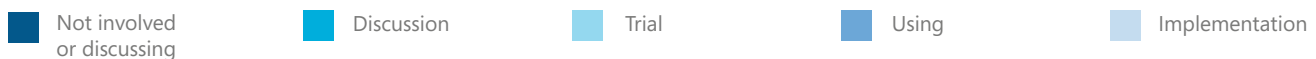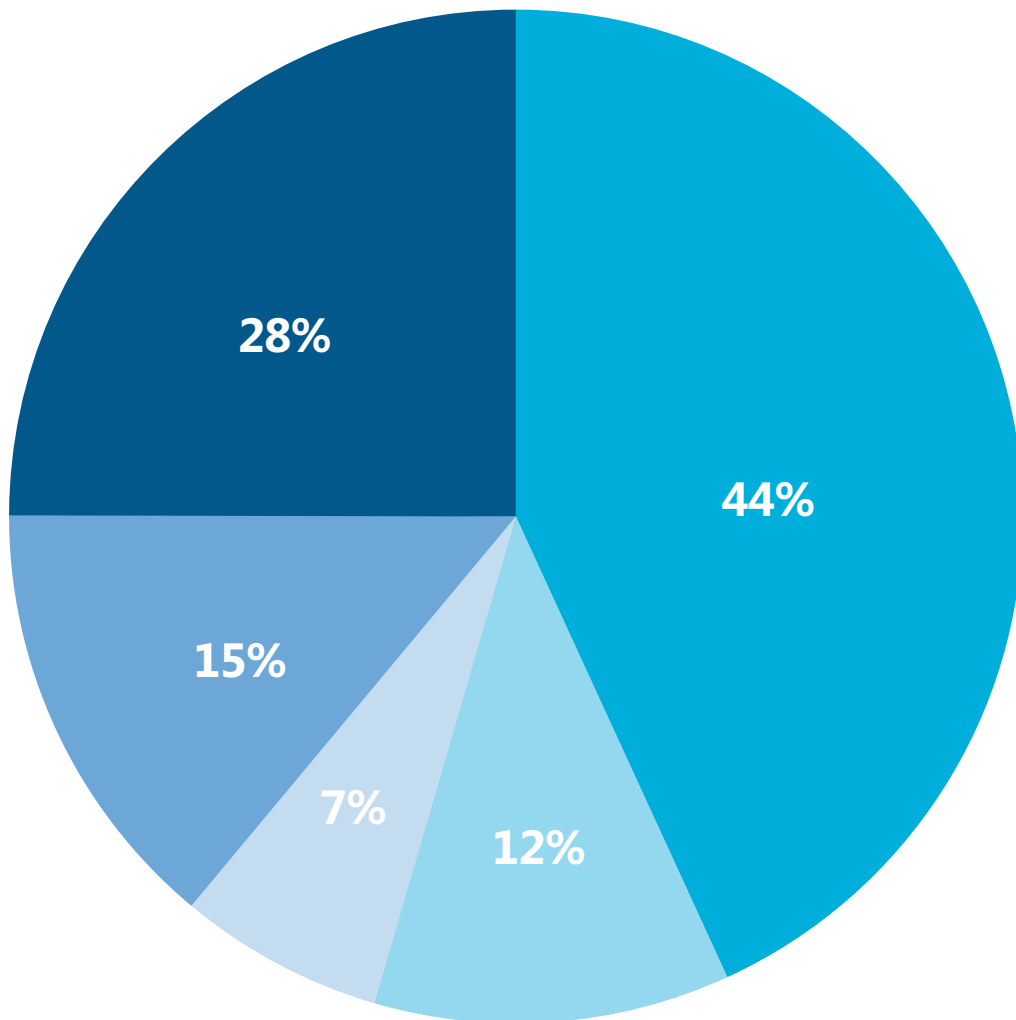# Cloud computing survey
The Results

You are part of the journey

The journey to the cloud marks a momentous evolution in the IT industry. It is changing the way we all work and manage our systems, regardless of industry or size.
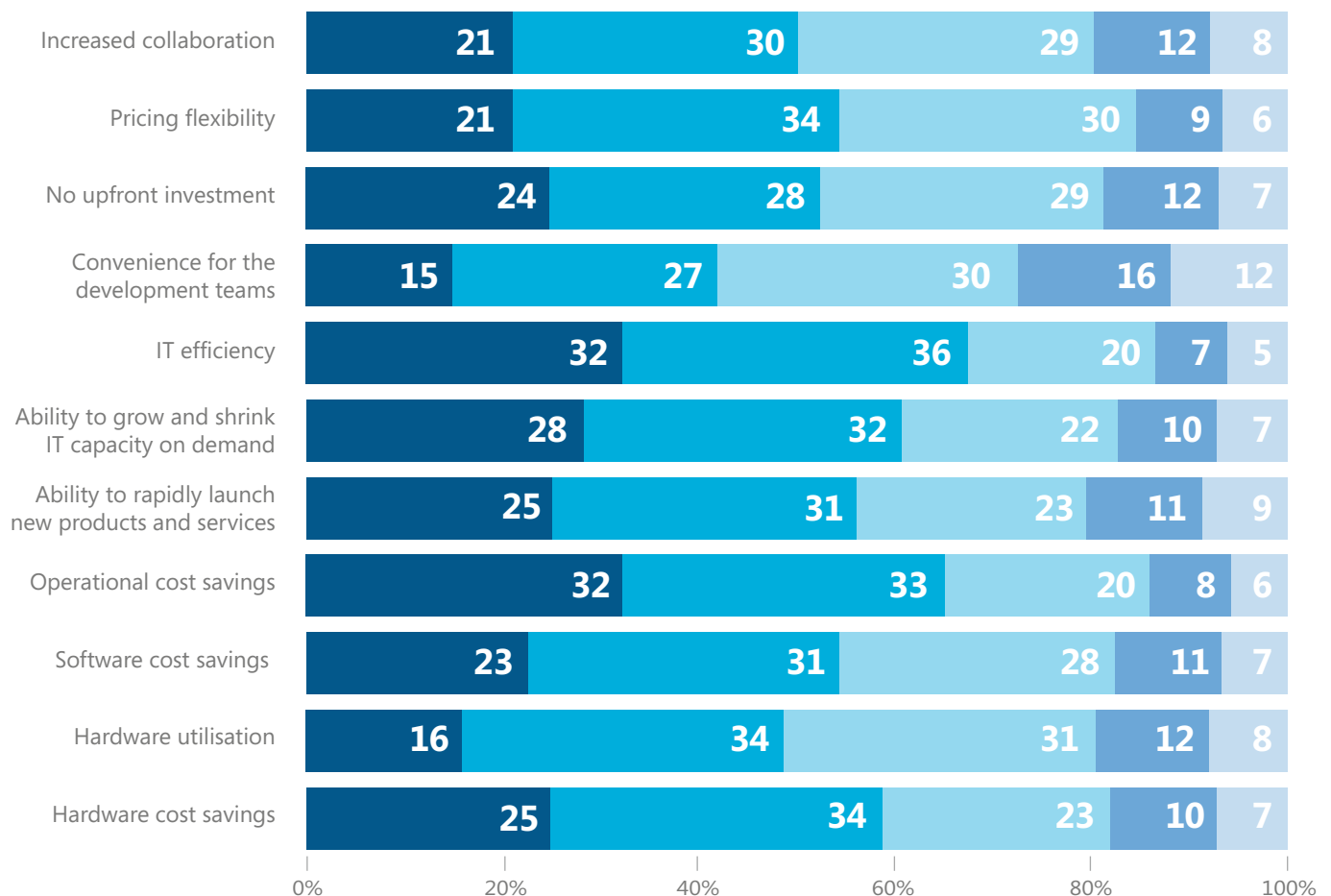
So that we can truly understand how the journey is affecting you and the way you work, we asked IT professionals, like yourself, to complete a survey. 1,979 people took part and the results were incredibly appreciated and revealing. We're sure you'll find the following insights as interesting as we did.

At what stage is your organisation with regards to cloud computing?

28%

44%

15%

7%

12%

- ■ Not involved or discussing
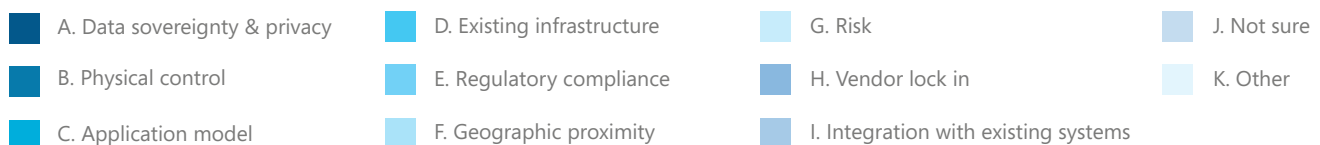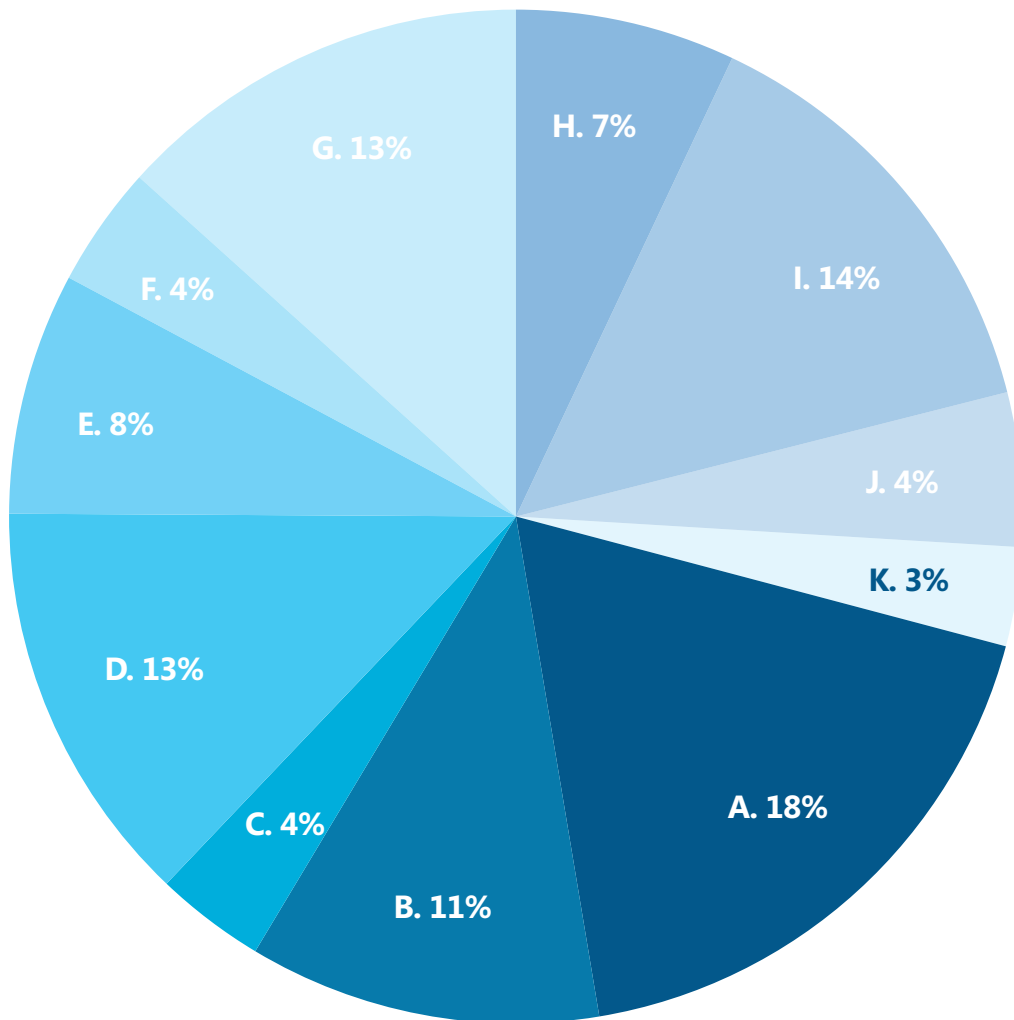- ■ Discussion
- ■ Trial
- ■ Using
- ■ Implementation

What does your organisation view as the most important benefits of the cloud?

Please rank each benefit from 1 to 5 with 1 being the most important.

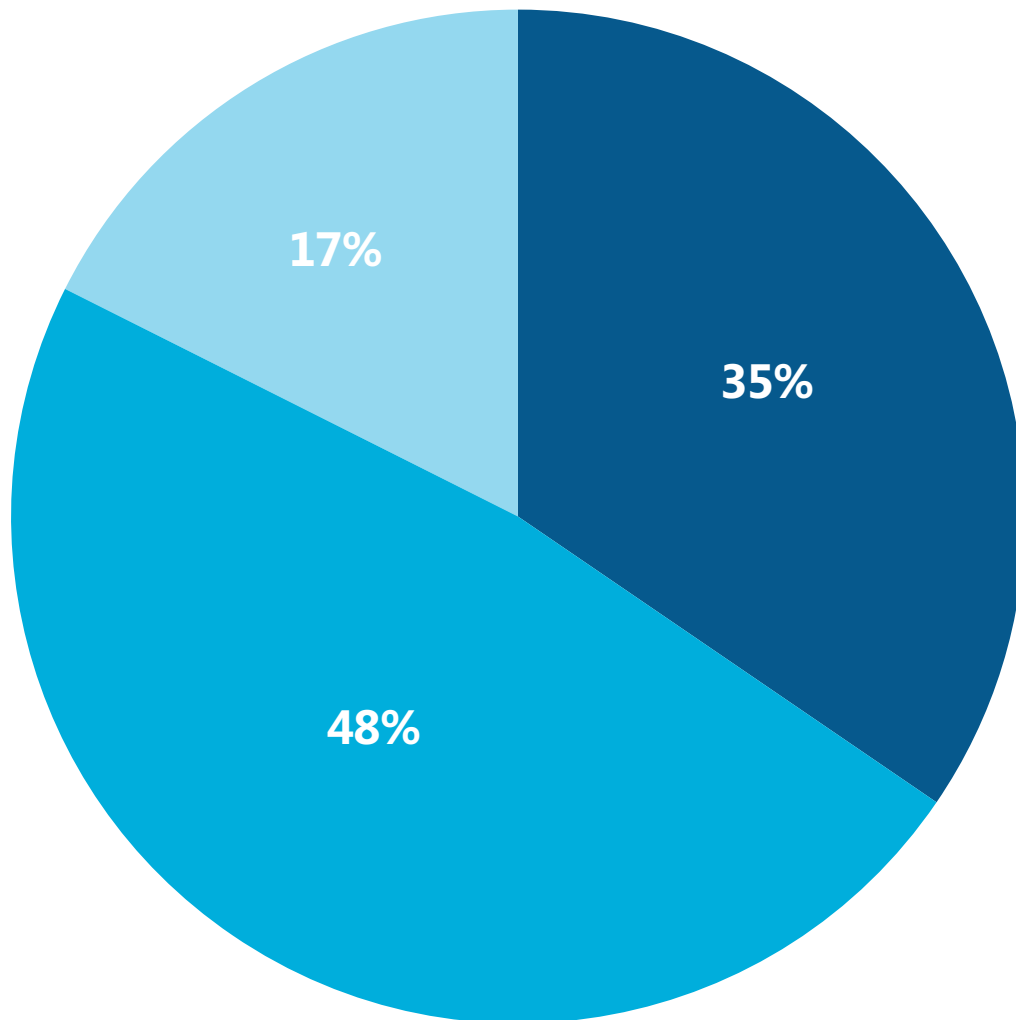| Benefit	1. Most important	2. Very important	3. Important	4. Quite important	5. Least important
Increased collaboration	21	30	29	12	8
Pricing flexibility	21	34	30	9	6
No upfront investment	24	28	29	12	7
Convenience for the development teams	15	27	30	16	12
IT efficiency	32	36	20	7	5
Ability to grow and shrink IT capacity on demand	28	32	22	10	7
Ability to rapidly launch new products and services	25	31	23	11	9
Operational cost savings	32	33	20	8	6
Software cost savings	23	31	28	11	7
Hardware utilisation	16	34	31	12	8
Hardware cost savings	25	34	23	10	7

■ 1. Most important ■ 2. Very important ■ 3. Important ■ 4. Quite important ■ 5. Least important

What are the greatest barriers for adoption of the cloud in your organisation?

Legend:
- A. Data sovereignty & privacy
- B. Physical control
- C. Application model
- D. Existing infrastructure
- E. Regulatory compliance
- F. Geographic proximity
- G. Risk
- H. Vendor lock in
- I. Integration with existing systems
- J. Not sure
- K. Other

Pie chart values: A. 18%, B. 11%, C. 4%, D. 13%, E. 8%, F. 4%, G. 13%, H. 7%, I. 14%, J. 4%, K. 3%

Which of these types of cloud computing is your organisation currently using?
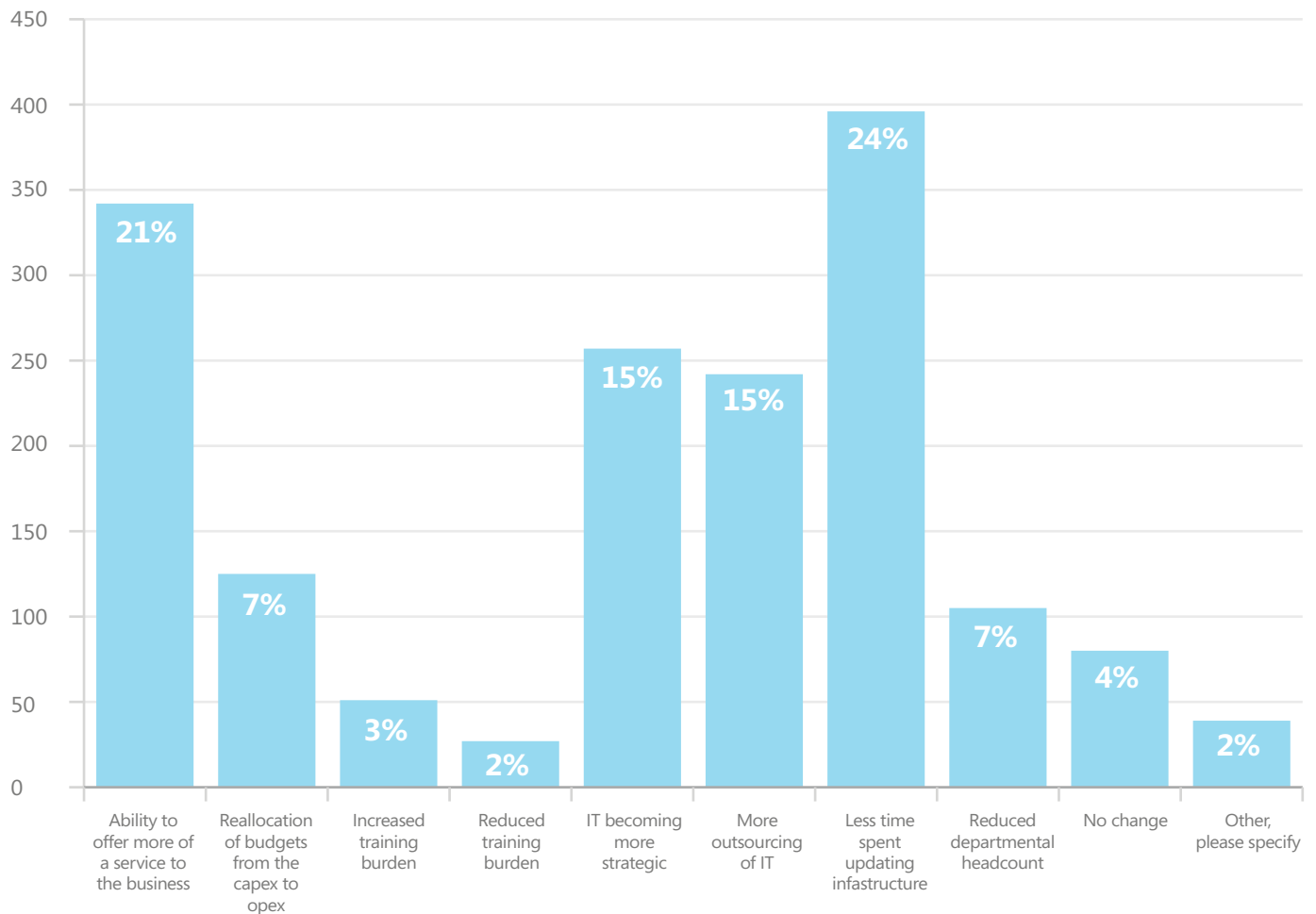

- **35%** Software as a Service; e.g. Exchange online Business Productivity Online Suite, CRM Online, Salesforce.com
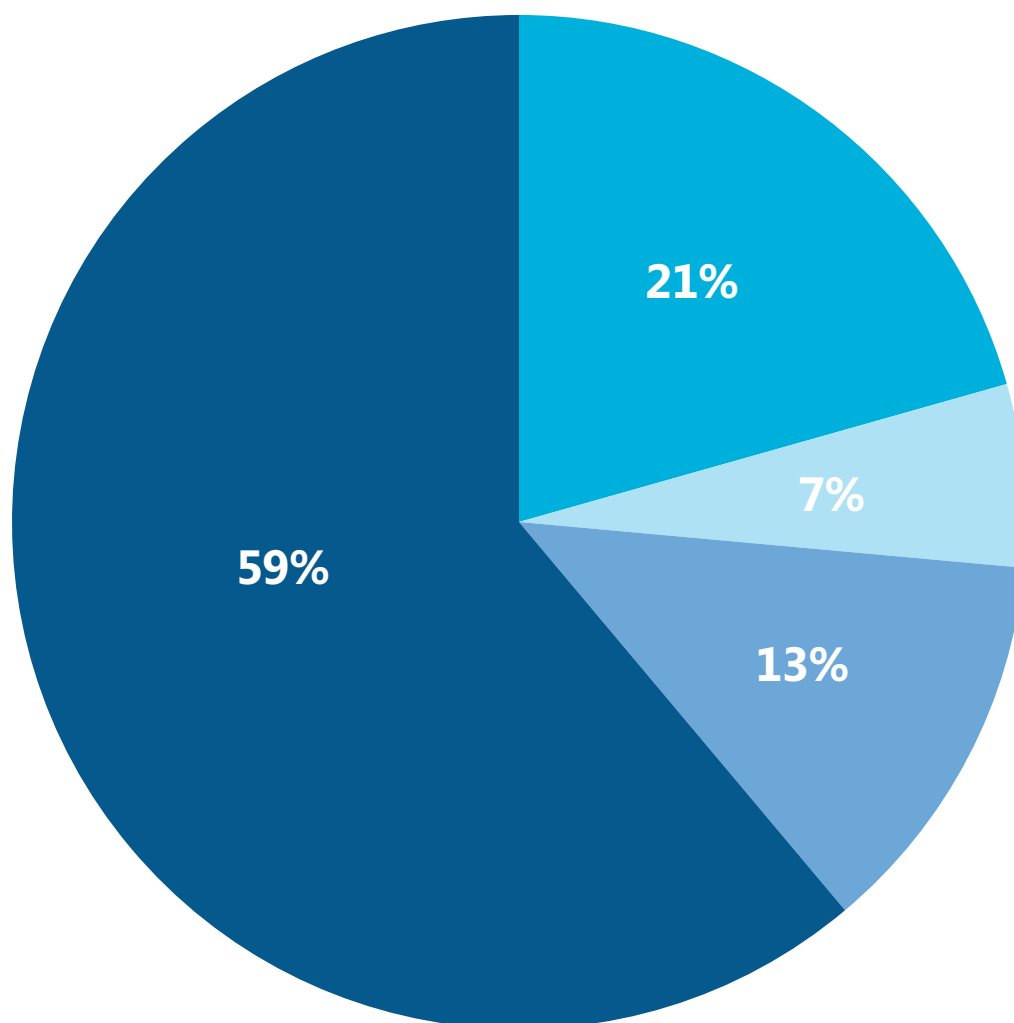- **48%** Infrastructure as a Service; e.g. Private cloud, Windows Server and System Centre, VMWare
- **17%** Platform as a Service; e.g. Windows Azure, Force.com, Google App Engine etc.

What do you think the main impact of cloud computing will be on IT Pros over the next five years?

21%	Ability to offer more of a service to the business
7%	Reallocation of budgets from the capex to opex
3%	Increased training burden
2%	Reduced training burden
15%	IT becoming more strategic
15%	More outsourcing of IT
24%	Less time spent updating infastructure
7%	Reduced departmental headcount
4%	No change
2%	Other, please specify

How much confidence do you currently have in your knowledge of the cloud?

- I am just just beginning to familiarise myself
- I am relatively familiar
- I am familiar
- I am very familiar