Is it worth using MEV-Boost?

To answer that question from an economic perspective, we will look into the APYs.

For simplicity, we assume a total of 1 million active validators and ignore sync-committee rewards.

The underlying data ranges from November 2023 - 6 June 2024 and includes all slots.

First, let's check the difference between local block building and using MEV-Boost

We can see that the block reward is higher for MEV-Boost users:

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The median block reward increases from 0.0076 to 0.0380 ETH (400% more).

What does that mean on an annual basis?

The statistical 2.6 blocks a validator gets to propose per year yield an average of 0.0199 ETH in block rewards

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For MEV-Boost blocks, the 2.6 blocks yield a total of 0.0998 ETH per year

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When shown in a pie chart, we can see that the share of the block reward (green) grows from 2.96% to 13.4%, compared to the total expected rewards per year.

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What does that mean for the APY?

For validators not using MEV-Boost

, the expected annual revenue is 0.929 ETH.

For validators using MEV-Boost

, the expected annual revenue is 1.009 ETH.

These are additional ~8.6% of revenue.

Using MEV-Boost increases the APR from 2.93% to 3.24%.

For the APY

(compounding every epoch):

 $\text{APY}_{local\ builder} = \left\{1 + \frac{APR}{n} \right\}^n - 1 = \left\{1 + \frac{0.0297}{365 \times 225} \right\}^3 = 2.97\%$

 $\label{eq:left-problem} $$ \operatorname{APY}_{mevboost} = \left(1 + \frac{APR}{n} \right)^n - 1 = \left(1 + \frac{0.0324}{365 \times 225} \right)^{365 \times 225} - 1 = 3.29\%$

Finally, using MEV-Boost increases the APR from 2.97% to 3.29%.

