Daily Model Brief, November 18, 2026

OpenAI launched GPT-6.2 Astra at $8.00 input and $40.00 output per million tokens, 20% below GPT-6 Astra, and GPT-6.2 Sol at the same price as GPT-6.1 Sol. DeepSeek stopped billing searches and page fetches that its models run through server-side tools.

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 · Prices as of 8:56 AM CT · Covers Tuesday, November 17 through this morning

Executive Summary

OpenAI launched GPT-6.2 Astra (`gpt-6.2-astra`) and GPT-6.2 Sol (`gpt-6.2-sol`) on Tuesday. Astra lists at $8.00 input, $0.40 cached and $40.00 output per million tokens, 20% below GPT-6 Astra's $10.00 and $50.00 and 60% below its $1.00 cached price. Sol lists at $2.00 input, $0.10 cached and $10.00 output, the same as GPT-6.1 Sol. Both have a 1.05M-token context window and 128K maximum output, and prices shown are for prompts up to 272K input tokens.

On OpenAI's speed tiers, GPT-6.2 Batch costs half the Standard price and Fast mode costs double ($16.00 input and $80.00 output for Astra, $4.00 and $20.00 for Sol). Ultrafast costs three times the Standard rate through Sunday, February 28, 2027 (Pacific time), then six times from Monday, March 1: $24.00 and $120.00 now and $48.00 and $240.00 later for Astra, $6.00 and $30.00 now and $12.00 and $60.00 later for Sol. OpenAI lists no Flex price for GPT-6.2.

OpenAI also opened two-hour and eight-hour background completion windows in the Responses API as a public beta, with token rates 30% and 40% below Standard. They apply to GPT-6.2 Astra, GPT-6.2 Sol, GPT-6.1 Terra and GPT-6 Luna, so GPT-6.2 Astra costs $5.60 input and $28.00 output in the two-hour window and $4.80 and $24.00 in the eight-hour window. A GPT-6.2 version of its legal model, `gpt-6.2-astra-law`, lists at $8.00 input, $0.40 cached and $40.00 output at a promotional price through at least December 31.

OpenAI says GPT-6.2 changes how the Responses API keeps reasoning when you edit the start of a conversation and how it handles the top-level instructions field, so existing integrations need testing before a switch. Tool calling requires the Responses API.

DeepSeek stopped billing searches and page fetches that its models run through server-side tools from 10:00 PM CT on Tuesday, November 17 (noon Wednesday, Beijing time). Those requests now bill model tokens only. Direct calls to its Search API and Fetch API still cost $0.75 per 1,000 successful requests each.

Perplexity published a price for its Context API, which returns the content of pages you already have URLs for: $1.00 per 1,000 URLs returned ($0.001 per URL), with no token billing. URLs that fail, including blocked, empty and timed-out ones, are free.

Apart from DeepSeek's change to search billing, no vendor I track changed a standard list token price on an existing publicly available text or chat model since Tuesday's brief.

Tuesday's news stands. Alibaba's batch price for Qwen4-Max (`qwen4-max`) in its China (Beijing) region is $0.707 input and $2.12 output, half the regional list price, and the International (Singapore) list price stays at $1.50 and $4.50. Perplexity's Monitor API costs $0.001 per succeeded Search run and $0.001 per counted URL in a succeeded Page run. OpenAI's `omni-moderation-csam-latest` image classifier is free for approved organizations, and Anthropic's text watermark now covers Claude Opus 4.6, Opus 4.5, Sonnet 4.5 and Haiku 4.5. MiniMax's 50% discount on 4K images ended on Tuesday.

Earlier news stands. Google's preview speech models `gemini-3.1-flash-tts-preview`, `gemini-2.5-flash-preview-tts` and `gemini-2.5-pro-preview-tts` shut down on Friday, December 18. Microsoft retires Claude Opus 4.5 and Claude Haiku 4.5 on Azure on Monday, February 22, 2027. Tencent's `hy4-flash` and Alibaba's `qwen4-max-preview` still have no published price.

Last week's releases stand at their launch prices. Gemini 4 Hydrogen (`gemini-4-hydrogen`) costs $1.50 input, $0.075 cached and $7.50 output per million tokens, with output including thinking tokens and the price flat across its 1M-token window; Batch and Flex cost half. DeepSeek's application APIs keep file parsing and OCR at $0.225 per 1,000 pages, text to speech at $0.45 per 10,000 characters and speech to text at $0.116 per hour, with both speech prices 50% off for a limited time. Gemini Decision (`gemini-decision-1`) bills $0.10 per million input tokens with zero output tokens. Gemini 4 Carbon and Gemini 4 Argon cost $2.00 input, $0.10 cached and $10.00 output through November 30, then $4.00, $0.20 and $20.00 from Tuesday, December 1. Claude Fable 5.2 (`claude-fable-5-2`) costs $8.00 input, $0.20 cached and $40.00 output, and Meta's Muse Ember 1.0 (`muse-ember-1.0`) costs $0.10 input, $0.004 cached and $0.50 output up to 200K tokens.

OpenAI's deprecations page still names `gpt-6.1-sol`, `gpt-6.1-terra` and `gpt-6-luna` as the replacements for the models it shuts down on Friday, December 11, including `gpt-5`, `gpt-5-mini`, `gpt-5-nano` and `o3`. GPT-5.6 Sol (`gpt-5.6-sol`) remains at its promotional $4.00 input, $0.40 cached and $20.00 output through November 30, with no post-promo price published.

Tencent still lists Hy4 (`hy4`) at $0.834 input, $0.042 cached and $2.501 output per million tokens in its documentation, billed at 50% of list through the end of December 31, 2026, Beijing time (9:59 AM CT on Thursday, December 31). Its main price list could not be confirmed today.

Google's earlier notices stand: requests to `gemini-embedding-2-preview` already route to `gemini-embedding-2`, and from Tuesday, December 1, `gemini-2.5-pro` routes to `gemini-3.8-flash` and `gemini-2.5-flash` to `gemini-3.5-flash-lite`, each billed at the new model's rates.

Moonshot still has `kimi-k2.7-code`, `kimi-k2.7-code-highspeed` and `kimi-k2.6` on its deprecated list, closed to newly registered accounts, with retirement expected in late December 2026 and no exact date.

Dates coming up: Microsoft retires Llama 4 Maverick on Azure tomorrow, Thursday, November 19, and StepFun starts billing its StepAudio 3 voice models at 10:00 PM CT on Sunday, November 22. Fast mode for Claude Opus 4.8 is removed and GPT-5.6 Sol's promotional price ends on Monday, November 30. On Tuesday, December 1, Gemini 4 Carbon and Gemini 4 Argon prices double, Gemini 2.5 Pro and 2.5 Flash requests start routing to newer models, and OpenAI shuts down the gpt-image-1.5, gpt-image-1-mini and chatgpt-image-latest image models. OpenAI's GPT-5 and o3 shutdowns follow on Friday, December 11, Google's preview speech models shut down on Friday, December 18, and GPT-6.2's introductory Ultrafast rate ends after Sunday, February 28, 2027.

Items from earlier briefs still stand: Mistral Large 4 (`mistral-large-4`) is generally available at $0.70 input and $2.10 output and returns an HTTP 400 error when `reasoning_effort` is set to `none`; Mistral Medium 3.5 and Mistral Large 3 retire on Friday, April 30, 2027; and OpenAI's 10% uplift on FedRAMP endpoints continues.

Not confirmed today: Amazon prices, Tencent's main price list, Moonshot's per-search web search prices, IBM's model list, and Microsoft, which lists no pay-as-you-go prices. Their last confirmed prices stand. Performance scores in the chart are still as of October 16 and have not been refreshed since.

What This Means for Customers

- If you run `gpt-6-astra`, test `gpt-6.2-astra`. It lists 20% lower on input and output and 60% lower on cached input, but OpenAI changed how GPT-6.2 handles reasoning on edited conversations and the instructions field, so check your integration before you switch.
- If you run `gpt-6.1-sol`, `gpt-6.2-sol` costs the same on Standard, Batch and Fast. If you depend on Flex, keep that work on a model that has a Flex price; OpenAI lists none for GPT-6.2.
- If you plan to use Ultrafast on GPT-6.2, budget for March 1, 2027. The rate goes from three times Standard to six times, which doubles the Ultrafast bill for the same work.
- If your OpenAI jobs can wait two to eight hours, test the background completion windows in the Responses API. Token rates are 30% lower for the two-hour window and 40% lower for the eight-hour window on GPT-6.2 Astra, GPT-6.2 Sol, GPT-6.1 Terra and GPT-6 Luna.
- If your `deepseek-flash` traffic uses DeepSeek's web tools or a web_search tool, searches the model runs no longer add $0.75 per 1,000 on top of tokens. Calls you make straight to the Search or Fetch API still do.

- If you fetch known URLs through Perplexity, its Context API bills $0.001 per URL that comes back, with no token charge, and failed URLs are free.
- If you run large offline `qwen4-max` jobs in Alibaba's China (Beijing) region, Batch File halves the cost to $0.707 input and $2.12 output per million tokens. Alibaba lists no batch price for International (Singapore).
- If you run `qwen3.8-max` in Alibaba's International region, test `qwen4-max`. It lists 25% lower on input and output ($1.50 and $4.50 against $2.00 and $6.00), and the saving only applies once you change the model string.
- If you build on StepFun's StepAudio 3 voice models, the free period now ends at 10:00 PM CT on Sunday, November 22. Realtime speech then bills at $0.125 per session minute, counted by the second, and text to speech at $14.00 per million input characters.
- If you run Claude Opus 4.5 or Claude Haiku 4.5 on Microsoft Foundry, plan the move to `claude-opus-5-5` or `claude-haiku-5-5` before Monday, February 22, 2027.
- If you run `gemini-3.8-flash` for coding or agent work, test `gemini-4-hydrogen`. Its $1.50 input and $7.50 output are double 3.8 Flash's $0.75 and $3.75 through December 31, but match the price 3.8 Flash moves to on January 1, 2027. Hydrogen's output price includes thinking tokens, so compare cost per task, not per token.
- If you still call `gpt-5`, `gpt-5-mini`, `gpt-5-nano` or `o3`, test `gpt-6.1-sol`, `gpt-6.1-terra` and `gpt-6-luna` before Friday, December 11.
- If you budget for either Gemini 4 model, plan for December 1. Input, cached and output prices all double that day, from $2.00, $0.10 and $10.00 to $4.00, $0.20 and $20.00 per million tokens.
- If you call `gemini-2.5-pro`, test `gemini-3.8-flash` before Tuesday, December 1. At today's list prices the routed requests cost less per token ($0.75 input and $3.75 output through December 31, against 2.5 Pro's $1.25 and $10.00 for prompts up to 200K tokens), but 3.8 Flash rises to $1.50 and $7.50 on January 1, 2027.
- If you call `gemini-2.5-flash`, requests move to `gemini-3.5-flash-lite` on December 1 at the same text list price ($0.30 input, $0.03 cached, $2.50 output). Test the new model first.
- If you rely on `gpt-5.6-sol`, plan for November 30. Its promotional price runs through that date and OpenAI has not published what it costs afterward.
- If you still use Moonshot's K2 models, plan the move to `kimi-k3.1-pro` by December 1. New accounts cannot use K2, and Moonshot expects to retire it in late December.
- If you use fast mode on `claude-opus-4-8`, those requests will return an error after November 30. Move fast-mode work to `claude-opus-5-5`, or drop the fast setting.

New Models and Price Changes

Prices in USD per 1M tokens.

Vendor	Model ID	Status	Input	Cached	Output
OpenAI	`gpt-6.2-astra`	New Tue Nov 17. Prompts up to 272K input tokens. Context window 1.05M; max output 128K. Cache writes: $10.00 (30-minute) or $20.00 (12-hour). Batch: $4.00 / $0.20 / $20.00. Fast: $16.00 / $0.80 / $80.00. Ultrafast: $24.00 / $1.20 / $120.00 through Feb 28, 2027 (Pacific), then $48.00 / $2.40 / $240.00. No Flex price listed.	$8.00	$0.40	$40.00
OpenAI	`gpt-6.2-sol`	New Tue Nov 17. Prompts up to 272K input tokens. Context window 1.05M; max output 128K. Cache writes: $2.50 (30-minute) or $5.00 (12-hour). Batch: $1.00 / $0.05 / $5.00. Fast: $4.00 / $0.20 / $20.00. Ultrafast: $6.00 / $0.30 / $30.00 through Feb 28, 2027 (Pacific), then $12.00 / $0.60 / $60.00. No Flex price listed.	$2.00	$0.10	$10.00

Vendor	Model ID	Status	Input	Cached	Output
OpenAI	`gpt-6.2-astra-law`	New. Legal model configuration. Promotional price through at least Dec 31. Cache writes: $10.00 (30-minute) or $20.00 (12-hour).	$8.00	$0.40	$40.00
OpenAI	`Background completion windows (Responses API, beta)`	New Tue Nov 17. Token rates 30% below Standard for the 2-hour window and 40% below for the 8-hour window, for gpt-6.2-astra, gpt-6.2-sol, gpt-6.1-terra and gpt-6-luna.	-30% / -40%	-30% / -40%	-30% / -40%
DeepSeek	`Search API / Fetch API`	Changed 10:00 PM CT Tue Nov 17. Searches and page fetches the model runs through server-side tools are no longer billed (tokens only). Direct Search API and Fetch API calls: $0.75 per 1,000 successful requests each, unchanged.	Per request	Not applicable	Per request
Perplexity	`Context API`	New price. $1.00 per 1,000 URLs returned ($0.001 per URL); no token billing. Only URLs returned as ok or not_modified are billed; failed URLs are free.	Per URL	Not applicable	Not applicable
Alibaba	`qwen4-max (Batch, China (Beijing) region)`	Unchanged. New Tue Nov 17. Batch File price, half the region's $1.413 input / $4.24 output list price. Batch Chat: limited-time 50% off list, no end date stated. No batch price listed for the International (Singapore) region.	$0.707	Not listed	$2.12
Perplexity	`Monitor API`	Unchanged. Price listed Mon Nov 16. $0.001 per succeeded Search run (billed once however many searches it performs) and $0.001 per counted URL a succeeded Page run retrieves; $1 per 1,000. Failed and skipped runs are free.	Per run	Not applicable	Per URL
OpenAI	`omni-moderation-csam-latest`	Unchanged. New Mon Nov 16. Image classifier on the moderations endpoint. No cost; approved organizations only.	Free	Not applicable	Free
Alibaba	`qwen4-max`	Unchanged. New Mon Nov 16; Alibaba's latest model. International (Singapore) region; same price in thinking and non-thinking modes across the 1M-token context window. Cache writes: $1.875 (5-minute) or $3.00 (1-hour). Free quota of 1 million tokens for new Singapore users, valid 90 days. Other listed regions: $1.413 input / $4.24 output.	$1.50	$0.075	$4.50
Tencent	`hy4-flash`	Watch item. Listed Mon Nov 16 in Tencent's model list. No price published yet. Hy4 Preview (hy4-preview) is now marked to be discontinued, with no date.	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Vendor	Model ID	Status	Input	Cached	Output
Google	`gemini-4-hydrogen`	Unchanged. New Thu Nov 12, generally available. Output includes thinking tokens. Implicit caching only. Flat price across the 1M-token context window. Batch and Flex: $0.75 / $0.0375 / $3.75. Priority: $2.70 / $0.135 / $13.50. Free tier offered.	$1.50	$0.075	$7.50
DeepSeek	`File parsing and OCR API`	Unchanged. New Fri Nov 13. $0.225 per 1,000 pages.	Per page	Not applicable	Not applicable
DeepSeek	`Text to speech (TTS) API`	Unchanged. New Fri Nov 13. $0.45 per 10,000 characters; limited-time price $0.225 (50% off), no end date stated.	Per character	Not applicable	Not applicable
DeepSeek	`Speech to text (ASR) API`	Unchanged. New Fri Nov 13. $0.116 per hour of audio; limited-time price $0.058 (50% off), no end date stated.	Per hour	Not applicable	Not applicable
Google	`gemini-decision-1`	Unchanged. New Wed Nov 11. Decisions API only. Input covers text, image, video, audio and PDF; zero output tokens. No context caching; no Batch API. Free tier offered.	$0.10	Not available	Not applicable
Alibaba	`qwen4-max-preview`	Watch item. Earlier preview of Qwen4-Max. No price published yet.	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Google	`gemini-4-carbon`	Unchanged. Listed Tue Nov 10. Introductory price through Nov 30; from Tue Dec 1: $4.00 input / $0.20 cached / $20.00 output. Output includes thinking tokens. Implicit caching only. Paid tier only. Context window of 1M tokens.	$2.00	$0.10	$10.00
Google	`gemini-4-argon`	Unchanged. Same prices as Gemini 4 Carbon, including the Dec 1 step to $4.00 / $0.20 / $20.00.	$2.00	$0.10	$10.00
Anthropic	`claude-fable-5-2`	Unchanged. Listed Mon Nov 9. Cache writes: $10.00 (5-minute) or $16.00 (1-hour). Full 1M context at standard pricing; 128K max output. Fast mode: $16.00 input / $80.00 output. Fable 5.1 unchanged at $10.00 / $50.00.	$8.00	$0.20	$40.00
Meta	`muse-ember-1.0`	Unchanged. Listed Mon Nov 9. Prompts up to 200K tokens. Over 200K the whole request bills at $0.30 input / $0.012 cached / $1.50 output. No cache-write price published. Web search grounding $2.50 per 1,000 queries.	$0.10	$0.004	$0.50
Anthropic	`claude-mythos-5-2`	Unchanged. Same prices as Fable 5.2, limited to organizations Anthropic has verified.	$8.00	$0.20	$40.00
MiniMax	`MiniMax-H3-Image`	Unchanged. Image model listed Nov 10. Text input $2.30, image input $1.50, image output $3.80. Highspeed version: $2.30 / $3.00 / $7.60. The 50% discount on 4K images ended Tue Nov 17.	$2.30	Not listed	$3.80

Vendor	Model ID	Status	Input	Cached	Output
OpenAI	`gpt-5.6-sol`	Unchanged. Promotional price through Nov 30; not in OpenAI's main price table. No post-promo price published.	$4.00	$0.40	$20.00
StepFun	`stepaudio-3-realtime`	Free period runs to Sun Nov 22, 10:00 PM CT (12:00 PM Nov 23, China time); price unchanged: then $0.125 per session minute, billed by the second, partial seconds billed as full seconds.	Per minute	Not applicable	Per minute
StepFun	`stepaudio-3-tts`	Free period runs to Sun Nov 22, 10:00 PM CT; price unchanged: $14.00 per million billable input characters. Voice cloning or design: $1.50 per voice.	Per character	Not applicable	Not applicable
Google	`gemini-embedding-2-preview`	Unchanged. Deprecated Fri Nov 6. Requests route to gemini-embedding-2 and bill at Gemini Embedding 2 rates.	See status	See status	See status
Alibaba	`qwen-audio-3.1-asr-flash`	Unchanged. Listed Nov 9 (international). qwen-audio-3.0-asr-flash: $0.000035 per second of input audio, output free.	$0.15	Not listed	$0.47
MiniMax	`image-01-live`	Unchanged. Listed Nov 9. $0.0035 per image.	Per image	Not applicable	Per image
OpenAI	`gpt-image-2.6-sunburst`	Unchanged. Image model listed Nov 4. Image tokens $8.00 input / $30.00 output / $2.00 cached; text tokens $5.00 input / $1.25 cached; no separate text output price listed.	$8.00	$2.00	$30.00
OpenAI	`gpt-image-2.6-flare`	Unchanged. Image model listed Nov 4. Same list prices as Sunburst: image $8.00 / $30.00 / $2.00 cached; text $5.00 / $1.25 cached.	$8.00	$2.00	$30.00
Mistral	`mistral-large-4`	Unchanged. Generally available since Nov 5. Named replacement for Mistral Medium 3.5 and Mistral Large 3. No cache-write price published.	$0.70	$0.07	$2.10
Tencent	`hy4`	Unchanged. Listed Nov 4. Same list price per Tencent's documentation. Billed at 50% of list through Dec 31 (Beijing time); start date not stated. Main price list not confirmed today.	$0.834	$0.042	$2.501
Google	`gemini-2.5-pro`	Deprecated (notice Mon Nov 2). From Tue Dec 1, requests route to gemini-3.8-flash and bill at its rates. Prices shown are for prompts up to 200K tokens.	$1.25	$0.125	$10.00
Google	`gemini-2.5-flash`	Deprecated (notice Mon Nov 2). From Tue Dec 1, requests route to gemini-3.5-flash-lite, whose text prices are the same.	$0.30	$0.03	$2.50
OpenAI	`gpt-6-rosalind`	Unchanged. Limited to organizations approved for life sciences research. Cache writes: $18.75 (30-minute) or $37.50 (12-hour).	$15.00	$1.50	$75.00

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OpenAI	`gpt-6-astra-law`	Unchanged. Promotional price through at least Dec 31. GPT-6.2 version listed above.	$10.00	$1.00	$50.00
OpenAI	`FedRAMP endpoints`	In effect since Nov 1: 10% uplift on token prices. Standard global endpoint unchanged.	+10%	+10%	+10%
DeepSeek	`deepseek-flash (also serves deepseek-v4-flash)`	Off-peak price; unchanged. Peak-hour prices are double.	$0.15	$0.003	$0.60
DeepSeek	`deepseek-v4-pro`	Off-peak price; unchanged. Peak-hour prices are double.	$0.66	$0.022	$1.98
OpenAI	`gpt-6.1-terra`	Unchanged. Cache writes: $1.25 (30-minute) or $2.50 (12-hour). Prompts over 272K input tokens: 2x input and cache, 1.5x output, for the whole request.	$1.00	$0.05	$5.00
OpenAI	`gpt-6.1-sol`	Unchanged. Same Standard price as gpt-6.2-sol; Terra costs half on every line.	$2.00	$0.10	$10.00
Google	`Grounding with Google Search (Gemini 3 and newer)`	Unchanged. Daily cap of 1,500 requests; 5,000 free searches a month, then $14 per 1,000.	Per request	Not applicable	Per request
Moonshot	`Web search (Responses API and Kimi K3 built-in tool)`	Terms unchanged. Billed per search the server runs, plus model tokens. Per-call prices still not displayed; not confirmed.	Per call	Not applicable	Per call
Moonshot	`kimi-k3.1-pro`	Unchanged (standard rate). Cache writes: $2.00 (5-minute) or $4.00 (1-hour).	$2.00	$0.20	$10.00
Moonshot	`kimi-k2.7-code`	Unchanged price. Listed as deprecated; closed to new accounts; retirement expected late December.	$0.95	$0.19	$4.00
Moonshot	`kimi-k2.6`	Unchanged price. Listed as deprecated; closed to new accounts; retirement expected late December.	$0.95	$0.16	$4.00
Google	`gemini-3.8-flash (also serves gemini-3.7-flash)`	Labeled previous-generation. Standard tier unchanged through Dec 31; $1.50 / $0.15 / $7.50 from Jan 1, 2027. Replacement for gemini-2.5-pro from Dec 1.	$0.75	$0.075	$3.75
Alibaba	`qwen3.8-max`	Unchanged. International (Singapore) region.	$2.00	Not listed	$6.00
MiniMax	`MiniMax-M3.1-Flash`	Unchanged.	$0.15	$0.015	$0.60
Meta	`muse-spark-1.3`	Unchanged (Standard mode).	$1.25	$0.15	$4.25
Tencent	`Hy3`	Last confirmed Mon Nov 2. Not confirmed today. No cache-write price published.	$0.132	$0.033	$0.528
TypeSafe	`jev-1.14.0`	Unchanged. jev-latest points here. Output free.	$0.042	Not listed	Free

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IBM	`granite-4-h-small`	Last confirmed price. Not confirmed today.	$0.0636	Not listed	$0.265

- Apart from DeepSeek's change to search billing, no standard list token price changed on an existing generally available text or chat model since Tuesday's brief at any vendor I could confirm. GPT-6.2 Astra, GPT-6.2 Sol and GPT-6.2 Astra for Law are new models, the background windows are a new beta option, and the Perplexity Context API is a new product. Tencent has published no price for Hy4 Flash, and Alibaba has published no price for qwen4-max-preview.
- Prices match the last confirmed figures at Anthropic, OpenAI, Google, xAI (Grok), DeepSeek, Moonshot, Z.ai, MiniMax, Mistral, Alibaba, Cohere, Meta, ByteDance, TypeSafe, StepFun and Perplexity.
- Prices from Amazon and Tencent's main price list could not be confirmed today (Tencent's Hy4 figures come from its documentation), Moonshot's per-search prices did not display, IBM's model list could not be confirmed, and Microsoft lists no pay-as-you-go prices. Their last confirmed prices stand, unverified today.

Deprecations

Vendor	Model ID	Shutdown (CT)	Replacement	Note

Moonshot	`kimi-k2.6`
	`kimi-k2.7-code`
	`kimi-k2.7-code-highspeed`
	`(all K2 models)`
		Late December 2026 (no exact date)	`kimi-k3.1-pro`	Unchanged. Closed to newly registered accounts; existing accounts keep access until retirement.

Google	`gemini-embedding-2-preview`	Fri Nov 6, 2026 (in effect)	`gemini-embedding-2`	Unchanged. Requests route automatically to the replacement and bill at its rates.
Microsoft (Azure)	`Llama-4-Maverick-17B-128E-Instruct-FP8`	Thu Nov 19, 2026 (time not stated)	`None named`	Unchanged.
Anthropic	`claude-opus-4-8 (fast mode only)`	Mon Nov 30, 2026 (time not stated)	`claude-opus-5-5 (fast mode)`	Unchanged. Fast-mode requests to claude-opus-4-8 will return an error after removal.
Anthropic	`claude-sonnet-4-5-20250929`	Mon Nov 30, 2026 (time not stated)	`claude-sonnet-5-5`	Unchanged.

OpenAI	`gpt-image-1.5`
	`gpt-image-1.5-2025-12-16`
	`gpt-image-1-mini`
	`chatgpt-image-latest`
		Tue Dec 1, 2026 (time not stated)	`gpt-image-2.6-sunburst or gpt-image-2.6-flare`	Image models removed from the API. Notice dated Jun 2.

Google	`gemini-2.5-pro` `gemini-2.5-flash`	Tue Dec 1, 2026 (time not stated)	`gemini-3.8-flash` `gemini-3.5-flash-lite`	Unchanged. Requests route automatically to the replacement and bill at its rates. gemini-2.5-flash-lite is not affected.
Microsoft (Azure)	`Ministral-3B` `mistral-medium-2505`	Wed Dec 9, 2026 (time not stated)	`ministral-ministral-4b-instruct` `mistral-medium-3-5`	Unchanged. Applies to Azure deployments, not Mistral's own API.

OpenAI	`gpt-5`
	`gpt-5-mini`
	`gpt-5-nano`
	`gpt-5-pro`
	`o3`
	`o3-pro (dated snapshots)`
		Fri Dec 11, 2026 (time not stated)	`gpt-6.1-sol`
			`gpt-6.1-terra`
			`gpt-6-luna`
				Date unchanged; replacements newly named. gpt-5 and o3 move to gpt-6.1-sol, gpt-5-mini to gpt-6.1-terra, gpt-5-nano to gpt-6-luna, and gpt-5-pro and o3-pro to gpt-6.1-sol in pro reasoning mode.

Google	`gemini-3.1-flash-tts-preview`
	`gemini-2.5-flash-preview-tts`
	`gemini-2.5-pro-preview-tts`
		Fri Dec 18, 2026 (time not stated)	`gemini-3.8-flash-tts or gemini-3.8-flash-lite-tts`	Unchanged since the move from Tue Nov 17.

Vendor	Model ID	Shutdown (CT)	Replacement	Note

OpenAI	`gpt-4.1`
	`gpt-4.1-mini`
	`gpt-4o-2024-08-06`
	`gpt-4o-2024-11-20`
	`gpt-4o-mini-2024-07-18`
		Wed Jan 13, 2027, 6:00 PM CT	`gpt-6-luna`	Unchanged. OpenAI lists Jan 14, 2027 with no time; 6:00 PM CT Jan 13 is 00:00 UTC Jan 14.

Microsoft (Azure)	`gpt-4o (version 2024-05-13)`	Thu Jan 14, 2027 (time not stated)	`gpt-5.1 (version 2025-11-13)`	Unchanged. Applies to Azure deployments, not OpenAI's own API.
Microsoft (Azure)	`Llama-3.3-70B-Instruct`	Sun Jan 31, 2027 (time not stated)	`None named`	Unchanged.
Microsoft (Azure)	`cohere-command-a` `mistral-small-2503`	Mon Feb 15, 2027 (time not stated)	`Cohere-command-a-plus-05-2026` `mistralai-mistral-small-4-119b-2603`	Unchanged.
Microsoft (Azure)	`claude-opus-4-5` `claude-haiku-4-5`	Mon Feb 22, 2027 (time not stated)	`claude-opus-5-5` `claude-haiku-5-5`	Unchanged since the Mon Nov 16 move from 2026 dates; replacements named. Applies to Microsoft Foundry deployments, not Anthropic's own API.
Google	`gemini-2.5-flash-native-audio-preview-12-2025`	Wed Mar 31, 2027 (time not stated)	`gemini-3.8-live`	Unchanged since the move from Tue Nov 17.
OpenAI	`gpt-5.4-nano` `gpt-5.4-nano-2026-03-17`	Thu Apr 1, 2027 (time not stated)	`gpt-6-luna`	Unchanged. Also retiring that day: gpt-5.3-codex and gpt-5.1, with gpt-6-sol as their replacement.
OpenAI	`gpt-image-2` `gpt-image-2-2026-04-21`	Wed Feb 10, 2027 (time not stated)	`gpt-image-2.6-sunburst or gpt-image-2.6-flare`	Unchanged. Image model removed from the API.
Microsoft (Azure)	`Kimi-K2.6` `Kimi-K2.7-Code`	Fri Apr 16, 2027 (time not stated)	`None named`	Unchanged. Azure's date is later than Moonshot's own K2 retirement.
Mistral	`mistral-medium-3-5` `mistral-large-2512`	Fri Apr 30, 2027 (time not stated)	`mistral-large-4`	Unchanged. Deprecated Sat Oct 31; still callable until retirement. Prices no longer listed.
Microsoft (Azure)	`embed-v-4-0`	Tue Jun 1, 2027 (time not stated)	`Cohere-embed-v5-fast, Cohere-embed-v5-pro`	Unchanged.
Microsoft (Azure)	`Cohere-rerank-v4.0-fast` `Cohere-rerank-v4.0-pro`	Mon Sep 13, 2027 (time not stated)	`Cohere-rerank-v5-fast` `Cohere-rerank-v5-pro`	Unchanged.
Microsoft (Azure)	`gpt-oss-120b`	Wed Sep 15, 2027 (time not stated)	`None named`	Unchanged.
Microsoft (Azure)	`DeepSeek-V3.2` `DeepSeek-V3.2-Speciale`	Mon Nov 1, 2027 (time not stated)	`DeepSeek-V4.1-Flash` `DeepSeek-V4-Pro`	Unchanged.
Google	`gemini-3.1-flash-live-preview`	No shutdown date announced	`gemini-3.8-live`	Unchanged. Was Tue Nov 17; Google now lists no date.
Anthropic	`claude-haiku-4-5-20251001`	Not sooner than Thu Oct 15, 2026; no date set	`None named`	Watch item. Still active with no date set.

Vendor	Model ID	Shutdown (CT)	Replacement	Note

Cohere	`command-r`
	`command-r-plus`
		Deprecated Sep 15, 2025; no shutdown date set	`command-r-08-2024`
			`command-r-plus-08-2024`
			`command-a-03-2025`
				Closed to new customers; existing users keep access until retirement.

- Retirement of two preview versions of Microsoft's Azure model-router (2025-05-19 and 2025-08-07) stands at January 27, 2027.
- Microsoft has pushed Azure retirement for gpt-5-mini (version 2025-08-07) and gpt-5.1 (version 2025-11-13) out to July 13, 2027. These Azure dates do not change OpenAI's own API dates.
- OpenAI's transcription notice is unchanged: whisper-1, gpt-4o-transcribe, gpt-4o-mini-transcribe, gpt-4o-transcribe-diarize and the /v1/audio/translations endpoint shut down February 26, 2027.

Price Tracker

Shares of the full tracked population.

- Tracked models: 1,934 (count as of October 25).
- Audited pricing, confirmed against the vendor's own published prices: 13.1% of the full tracked population.
- Unaudited pricing: 5.3%.
- The rest have no public per-token price (47.6%: self-hosted open weights, retired or unpublished) or are duplicate listings of another tracked model (34.0%).

Agent Platforms

Hosted AI agents that come with their own persistent cloud computer.

- **Grok Bot (xAI)**: its own persistent cloud computer. On the X Subscription it is included on Premium, Super and Ultra, draws from the same weekly usage pool as Cursor and the Grok apps, and prepaid credit covers usage past the pool. The latest release is v1.2.0 (dated November 16, after v1.1.0 on November 13): Team admins can turn off proactive messages for the team's Bots, Enterprise connectors can sign in with single sign-on, flight results are redesigned, and hotel and place maps gain zoom and drag controls. Plan prices could not be re-checked today; last confirmed unchanged.
- **dots (OpenAI)**: not verified today. Last confirmed: a dot "has its own cloud computer," and the first comes with Pro and Business Premium at no extra cost.
- **Muse (Meta)**: "You and your Muse share your own dedicated computer in the cloud." Runs on Muse Spark 1.3, whose API price is unchanged at $1.25 input, $0.15 cached and $4.25 output per million tokens. Muse subscription billing could not be verified today.
- **Manus**: the Cloud Computer add-on is a persistent server billed separately at $30 a month (2 vCPUs, 4 GB RAM, 70 GB storage) or $50 a month (2 vCPUs, 8 GB RAM, 120 GB storage). No change.
- **Genspark Claw**: runs "on a dedicated cloud computer provisioned just for you," which requires a Lite, Standard or Powerful Cloud Computer subscription, a flat monthly fee, and an idle cloud computer does not use credits. Genspark publishes no dollar amounts on its help pages. No change to pricing.

All times Central. Vendor prices, dates and model IDs are as of 8:56 AM CT on November 18, 2026. Chart prices are as of November 18, 2026. Performance scores are as of October 16, 2026 and have not been refreshed since. Recently released models, including Claude Fable 5.2, Muse Ember 1.0, Gemini 4 Carbon, Gemini Decision, Gemini 4 Hydrogen, Qwen4-Max, GPT-6.2 Astra and GPT-6.2 Sol, are not yet in the charts. Price Tracker percentages are shares of the full tracked population; chart percentages are shares of active models. Items that could not be confirmed are marked unverified.
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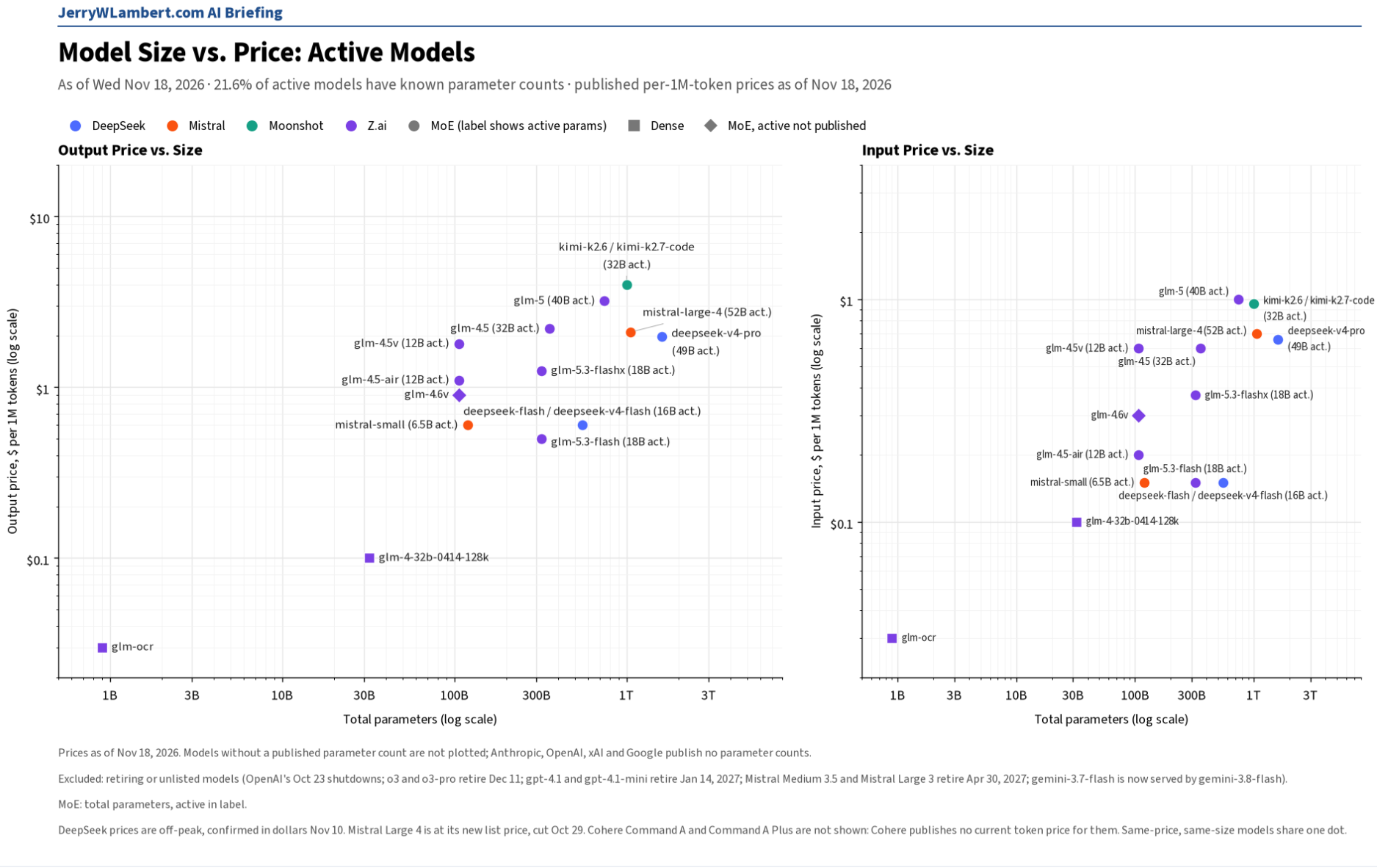
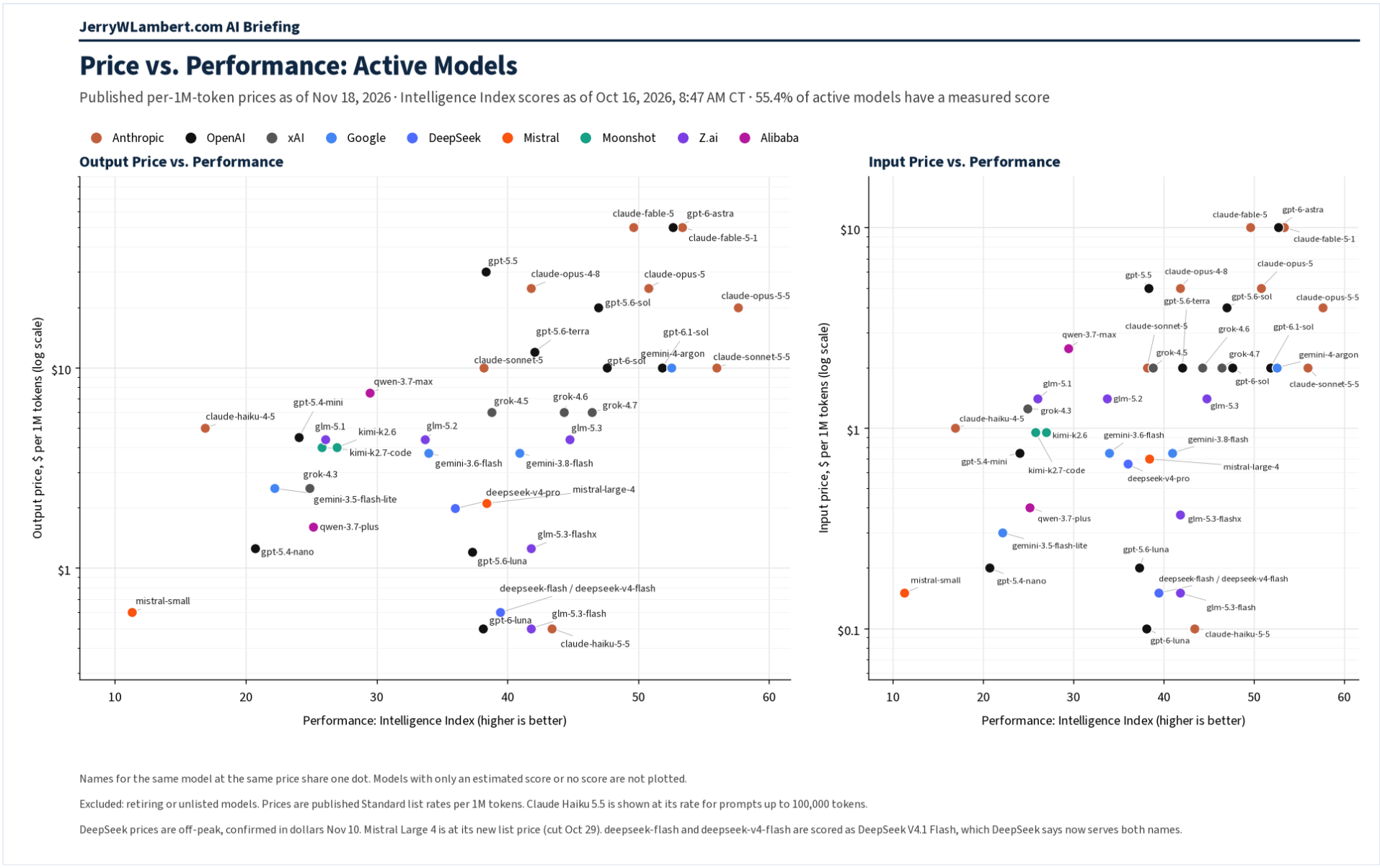
Model Size vs. Price



Among active models with a known parameter count (21.6% of active models), price rises with total size (rank correlation 0.69 on output price). No plotted price changed since Tuesday. Anthropic, OpenAI, xAI and Google publish no parameter counts, so their models are not plotted. Gemini 2.5 Pro and 2.5 Flash, now retiring, are not counted as active in either chart. Prices as of November 18, 2026.

Price vs. Performance



Among active models with a performance score (55.4% of active models), price rises with performance only loosely (rank correlation 0.55 on output price). Claude Haiku 5.5 leads at $0.50 or less (43.4). At the frontier, Gemini 4 Argon scores 52.6 and GPT-6.1 Sol 51.8, each at $10 output, while xAI's Grok 4.7 scores 46.5 at $6. Scores as of October 16, 2026 (not refreshed since); prices as of November 18, 2026.