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Claude Release History: Claude 1 to Fable 5.1 (Sept 2026)

Edition of November 13, 2026 — facts verified November 13, 2026. Current edition always at https://tygartmedia.com/claude-release-history/.

Direct Answer (November 13, 2026): Public Claude runs from Claude 1 (March 2023) through the current lineup **Fable 5.2 ($8/$40, `claude-fable-5-2`), Opus 5.5 ($4/$20, `claude-opus-5-5`), Sonnet 5.5 ($2/$10, `claude-sonnet-5-5`), and Haiku 5.5 ($0.10/$0.50 ≤100K; $0.50/$2.50 >100K, `claude-haiku-5-5`)** — all with 1M context and 128K max output. Fable 5.1 ($10/$50) and Opus 5 ($5/$25) are legacy. Mythos 5.1 is not in the current public comparison table. Living current-model box: current Claude model version.

Current lineup verified November 13, 2026 against the models overview and API pricing docs. Dated rows already on this desk were not re-read from the newsroom on this date.

2026 changelog (dated)

Date	Release	Note
Nov 2026	Fable 5.2	Current flagship tier. $8 / $40 per MTok ($0.20 cache read). API ID `claude-fable-5-2`. 1M context / 128K output.
Not published on the 23 Sept 2026 models overview	Opus 5.5	Current Opus. Daily driver. $4 / $20. API ID claude-opus-5-5. Retirement not sooner than 22 September 2027.
1 Sept 2026	Fable 5.1 / Mythos 5.1	Now legacy ($10 / $50) after Fable 5.2. Mythos 5.1 is not in the current public comparison table.
24 July 2026	Opus 5	Now legacy. Still listed at $5 / $25.
1 July 2026	Fable 5 / Mythos 5 restored	After mid-June access suspension.
30 June 2026	Sonnet 5	Superseded by Sonnet 5.5 as current Sonnet. $2 / $10. Available on Free on the 5 November 2026 pricing table.
9 June 2026	Fable 5 / Mythos 5	First public tier above Opus. Mid-June pause, then restore.
28 May 2026	Opus 4.8	Opus upgrade; effort control on claude.ai.
17 Feb 2026	Sonnet 4.6	Then production Sonnet; now superseded by Sonnet 5 and Sonnet 5.5 ($2 / $10) as default.
Oct 2025	Haiku 4.5	Speed tier at launch, superseded by Haiku 5.5.

Earlier generations (status)

Claude 1 → 2 → 3 / 3.5 / 3.7 → Claude 4 / 4.0 date-stamped IDs: historical. Original Sonnet 4 and Opus 4 (20250514) were the June 15, 2026 retirement class. Do not use them in new work.

The pattern that still holds: a new Sonnet often matches or beats the prior Opus at lower cost. Sonnet 5.5 vs Opus 4.8 is that move again.

FAQ

When was the latest Claude model released?

Fable 5.2 (`claude-fable-5-2`, $8/$40) is the current flagship alongside **Opus 5.5** ($4/$20), **Sonnet 5.5** ($2/$10), and **Haiku 5.5** ($0.10/$0.50 ≤100K) as of November 13, 2026; Fable 5.1 (logged Sept 1, 2026) and Opus 5 (July 24, 2026) are legacy.

How many Claude versions are there?

More than a dozen public versions across five-plus generations. Four are current on the models overview (verified November 13, 2026): Fable 5.2, Opus 5.5, Sonnet 5.5, and Haiku 5.5 (1M context / 128K output).

Related: current models · pricing.

Primary & Reference Links Cited on This Page

- models overview — `https://platform.claude.com/docs/en/about-claude/models/overview`
- API pricing docs — `https://platform.claude.com/docs/en/about-claude/pricing`
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