Current Claude Model Version (November 2026 Tracker)

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

Direct Answer: The current Claude model lineup (November 13, 2026) is Claude Fable 5.2 (`claude-fable-5-2`, top capability tier, $8/$40 MTok, 1M context / 128K output), Claude Opus 5.5 ($4/$20 MTok, 1M/128K), Claude Sonnet 5.5 ($2/$10 MTok, 1M/128K), and Claude Haiku 5.5 ($0.10/$0.50 up to 100K tokens, $0.50/$2.50 over 100K, 1M/128K). Legacy models Fable 5.1 ($10/$50), Opus 5, Sonnet 5, and Haiku 4.5 ($1/$5, 200K) remain listed for migration. New releases ship automatically to Claude Code.

Last refreshed: November 13, 2026

Anthropic ships new models roughly every few months, so the “latest model” question is really two questions: which model was released most recently, and which one should you be using. This page tracks both. The model releases below are listed newest first, and every entry is sourced from Anthropic’s official announcements or the Claude docs model overview.

Updated November 13, 2026

The two Claude Opus 5.5 models (standard + Extended Thinking) now ship automatically in Claude Code to Pro, Max, and API subscribers. This page reflects the current lineup. *Correction (November 5, 2026): this note was originally dated September 3; Anthropic’s release notes date the Opus 5.5 launch to September 22, 2026.*

Updated November 8, 2026: Fable 5.1 release date corrected to September 1, 2026; Sonnet 5 release date corrected to June 30, 2026; Opus 4.1 retirement corrected to August 5, 2026; Mythos 5.1 access clarified (trusted-access programs only); Haiku 5.5 tiered pricing stated in full; Opus 5.5 API price added; Sonnet 4.5 retirement (November 30, 2026) added.

Current Lineup (newest first)

Claude Haiku 5.5

Released: October 7, 2026 (`claude-haiku-5-5`). Anthropic’s fastest, cheapest model — high-volume, latency-sensitive work like classification, extraction, and routing. 1M-token context window, $0.10 / $0.50 per million tokens for prompts up to 100K tokens; $0.50 / $2.50 above 100K — the only current Claude model priced by prompt length. Available through the API, Claude Code, and Claude in Chrome.

Claude Sonnet 5.5

Released: September 28, 2026 (`claude-sonnet-5-5`). What Anthropic calls the best combination of speed and intelligence — the everyday workhorse at $2 / $10 per million tokens, with a 1M-token context window. Available through the API, Claude Code, and Claude in Chrome.

Claude Opus 5.5

Released: September 22, 2026. Anthropic’s recommended default for most workloads — long-running agentic coding and knowledge work. Available through the Claude API, Claude Code, and Claude in Chrome. API price: $4 / $20 per million tokens (input/output).

Claude Fable 5.2 (Current Flagship)

Model ID: `claude-fable-5-2`. Anthropic’s current top-tier capability model — lowering flagship API pricing to **$8 input / $40 output per MTok** (5m/1h cache writes $10/$16, cache hits $0.20, batch $4/$20) with a 1M-token context window and 128K max output. Succeeds earlier Fable 5.1 (released September 1, 2026 at $10/$50, now legacy; preview Mythos variants are restricted/retired from standard lineups). Available through the API, Claude Code, and Claude in Chrome.

Claude Sonnet 5

Released: June 30, 2026. The balanced workhorse — strong reasoning at lower cost and latency than the flagship tier. Was the default model for Free and Pro at launch. Succeeded by Claude Sonnet 5.5 (September 28, 2026); Sonnet 5 remains available.

Claude Haiku 4.5

Released: October 1, 2025 (`claude-haiku-4-5-20251001`). Fast, cheap, 200K context. The model for high-volume simple tasks — classification, extraction, quick answers. Succeeded by Claude Haiku 4.5 (October 7, 2026); Haiku 4.5 remains available.

How Claude Code Gets New Models

New Claude models ship **automatically** in Claude Code — no manual upgrade step. When Anthropic releases a model (like Opus 5.5 on September 22), it appears in Claude Code for eligible subscribers without reinstalling or reconfiguring. This is why the "current model" question matters: your tooling quietly changes underneath you.

Models Anthropic Retired in 2026

- **Claude Sonnet 4 / Opus 4 (original 4.0-generation):** retired June 15, 2026. If your integrations still reference `20250514` date-string IDs, they're broken — migrate.
- **Claude Opus 4.1:** deprecated June 5, 2026; retired August 5, 2026.
- **Claude Sonnet 4.5:** deprecated September 30, 2026; retires November 30, 2026. Replacement: Claude Sonnet 5.5 (`claude-sonnet-5-5`). If your integrations still call `claude-sonnet-4-5-20250929`, migrate before November 30.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the API model ID for Claude Opus 5.5?

The API model ID is `claude-opus-5-5`. It shipped 22 September 2026 and is available to Pro, Max, and API subscribers, including automatic availability in Claude Code.

Is Claude Haiku 4.5 being retired?

Anthropic's 2026 consolidation removed older models (Sonnet 4 and Opus 4 on 15 June 2026, Opus 4.1 in August 2026), but Haiku 4.5 was succeeded as the fast model by Claude Haiku 5.5 on October 7, 2026. Haiku 4.5 remains available, and Anthropic has not announced a retirement date for it.

Is Claude Opus 5 still the current flagship model?

No. Anthropic's top capability tier is now Claude Fable 5.2 (`claude-fable-5-2`, $8/$40 MTok), and Claude Opus 5.5 (released 22 September 2026) is its recommended default for most workloads. Opus 5 remains available. See our Claude Opus 5.5 pricing guide for plan and API details.

Which Claude model should I use right now?

Anthropic's own guidance: start with Opus 5.5 for most workloads. For the best speed-and-intelligence balance: Sonnet 5.5. For the hardest reasoning and long-horizon agentic work: Fable 5.2. For high-volume simple tasks: Haiku 5.5. New models appear automatically in Claude Code when released.

Do new Claude models require reinstalling Claude Code?

No. New models ship automatically to eligible subscribers — no reinstall, no config change.

Where is the official model list?

Anthropic maintains the canonical list at platform.claude.com/docs/en/about-claude/models/overview.

Tracking Claude Models for Your Team?

At Tygart Media, we build AI systems that stay current with Anthropic's releases. See our Claude implementation services or browse the full Claude pricing and plans guide.

Primary & Reference Links Cited on This Page

- Claude Fable 5.2 — `https://platform.claude.com/docs/en/about-claude/models/overview`
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