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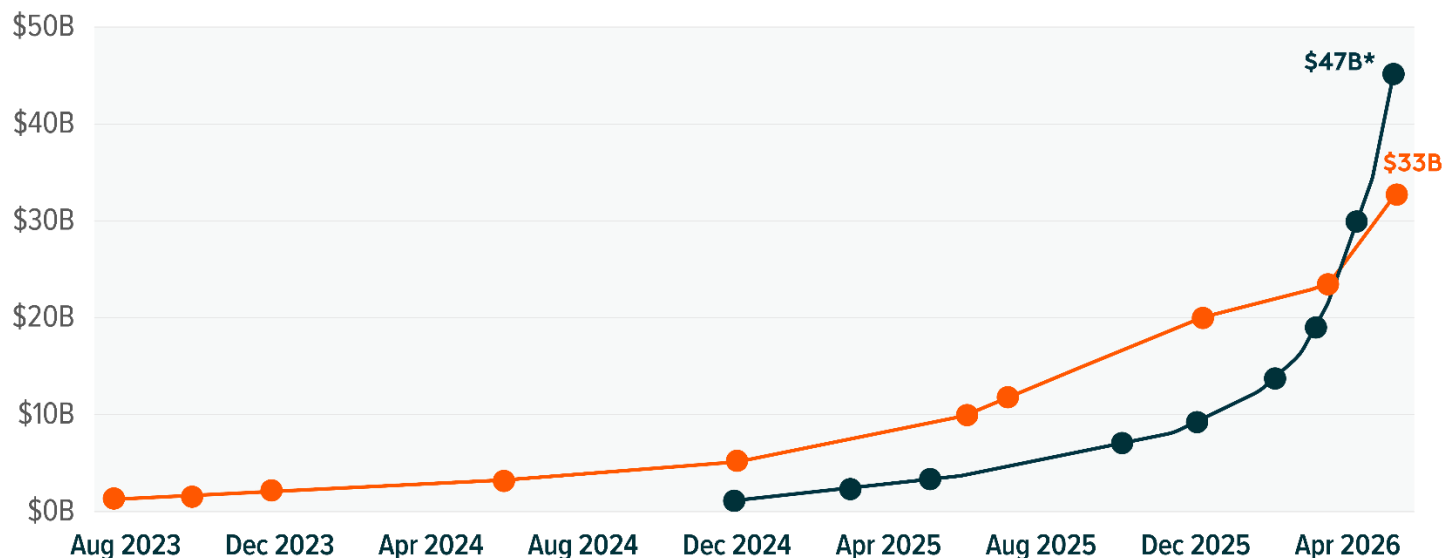
MONTHLY CHART SPOTLIGHT

FRONTIER MODEL DEVELOPERS SEE RAPID MONETIZATION SCALE

Annual Revenue Run Rate

— OpenAI

— Anthropic



*Estimate

Source: Sherwood. (2026, May 27). Anthropic's revenue continues to surge, shooting past OpenAI.

Artificial Intelligence

Anthropic Nears \$1 Trillion Valuation, Confidentially Files for IPO

Anthropic became the world's most valuable AI startup after raising \$65 billion in a funding round that pushed its valuation to roughly \$965 billion. The company reported annualized revenue of approximately \$47 billion, a dramatic increase from earlier levels, driven by strong enterprise adoption of its Claude platform, coding assistants, and AI productivity tools.¹ Anthropic also confidentially filed for an



initial public offering (IPO), marking another milestone in its evolution from venture-backed startup into cornerstone of the AI ecosystem.² The scale of the valuation and revenue expansion highlights how quickly leading AI firms are maturing into large-scale commercial platforms with meaningful enterprise penetration. It also signals that investors increasingly view frontier AI companies less as traditional startups and more as foundational platforms capable of reshaping large portions of the global economy.

Data Centers

Demand for AI Capacity Continues to Outpace Supply

Anthropic secured access to more than 300 megawatts of data center capacity and over 220,000 Nvidia graphics processing units (GPUs) through a major infrastructure agreement with SpaceX. The deal, which significantly expands the capacity available to support Anthropic's rapidly growing Claude platform, highlights the enormous computing resources required to support the next generation of AI models.³ As AI developers train larger models and serve growing enterprise demand, access to compute is a key competitive advantage. More broadly, the agreement reinforces a central theme across the AI landscape: infrastructure is becoming just as important as software. The capacity buildout is expected to drive demand across the data center ecosystem, and benefit operators, power providers, cooling and networking companies, and semiconductor manufacturers.

U.S. Electrification

NextEra and Dominion Energy Unveil Merger

NextEra Energy and Dominion Energy announced a \$67 billion deal that, if approved, would create the world's largest regulated electric utility by market capitalization. The transaction comes as utilities face accelerating demand from data centers, AI infrastructure, manufacturing reshoring, and the broader electrification of transportation and industry. NextEra is known for its scale in renewable generation, grid investment, and utility execution, while Dominion offers a large, regulated utility footprint, nuclear and natural gas infrastructure, and exposure to fast-growing Mid-Atlantic electricity demand. Together, the companies would serve approximately 10 million customer accounts across some of the fastest-growing regions in the country and own roughly 110 gigawatts of generation capacity. The combined company is expected to provide greater access to capital, lower financing costs, and enhanced capabilities to deploy the infrastructure needed to support long-term load expansion.⁴ More broadly, the deal highlights how utilities may be positioning themselves for a future in which electricity demand grows faster than it has in decades, requiring unprecedented investment.

Defense Tech

Drones Move to the Center of Modern Warfare

The Trump administration is exploring government-backed financing for U.S. drone manufacturers as part of a broader effort to strengthen domestic defense technology capabilities. Potential support, including loans and equity investments through the Pentagon's Office of Strategic Capital, could help emerging drone companies scale production and compete with foreign suppliers, particularly China. These efforts align with the 2026 National Defense Strategy, which highlighted drones as an area of importance for the Pentagon and emphasized the critical need to develop the domestic supply chain.⁵ The Pentagon's \$1.1 billion Drone Dominance initiative targets production of roughly 300,000 low-cost attack drones by 2027, with proposed spending on autonomous warfare set to expand significantly.⁶ Such capital commitments highlight how government funding now supports both established contractors and venture-backed startups developing next-generation autonomous capabilities.

U.S. Infrastructure

Construction Activity Stayed Strong in April

Total U.S. construction starts rose 9% month-over-month (MoM) to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$1.33 trillion. By segment, non-residential construction led with an 18.6% increase, while nonbuilding starts rose 7%. Large-scale data center developments and energy generation projects remained key drivers, underscoring the growing investment required to support AI, cloud computing, and rising electricity demand. Notably, commercial construction surged 41.4%, fueled by a 46.1% MoM increase in office and data center projects, while several multibillion-dollar projects broke ground, including major data center campuses and advanced semiconductor facilities.⁷ The April data reinforces a key aspect of the U.S. infrastructure theme: meeting the demands of electrification, reindustrialization, and the digital economy will require sustained investment across power, grid, transportation, and industrial infrastructure for years to come.

Cybersecurity

AI Increases Demand for Cyber Protections



Palo Alto Networks unveiled a new AI-powered cybersecurity model called Mythos GPT, which the company says can identify software vulnerabilities at more than seven times the rate of traditional methods.⁸ The announcement highlights how AI is transforming the cyber landscape by enabling security teams to detect threats, analyze code, and identify vulnerabilities at unprecedented speed and scale. At the same time, it illustrates the growing complexity of the threat landscape, as malicious actors can leverage the same AI capabilities that improve defense to automate attacks and uncover weaknesses more efficiently. This paradox reinforces a key cybersecurity theme: AI is expanding the opportunity set rather than diminishing it. As organizations deploy AI applications, agents, and models across their operations, the attack surface continues to grow, creating new security challenges around data, identities, cloud environments, and AI systems themselves that can translate into increased cyber spending.

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- **Multi-Theme:** [Dorsey Wright Thematic ETF \(GXDW\)](#)

Footnotes

1. CNBC. (2026, May 28). Anthropic tops OpenAI as most valuable AI startup, nears \$1 trillion valuation in latest round.
2. CNBC. (2026, June 1). Anthropic confidentially files IPO prospectus with SEC, prepping Wall Street for landmark AI deal.
3. CNBC. (2026, May 6). Anthropic, SpaceX announce compute deal that includes space development.
4. Dominion Energy. (2026, May 18). Dominion Energy and NextEra Energy Announce Plans to Combine.
5. WSJ. (2026, May 27). The Trump Administration Is in Talks to Fund U.S. Drone Companies.
6. NBC News. (2026, May 27). The Pentagon is buying 300,000 drones in a competition designed for a new kind of war.
7. Dodge Construction Network. (2026, May 20). Construction Starts Power On, Up 9% in April.
8. Axios. (2026, May 13). Exclusive: Palo Alto Networks says new AI models found 7x more vulnerabilities.

Glossary

Run Rate: An estimate of future performance based on current results.

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