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Global AI LM Rankings in April 2026



ArenaAI global ranking of top 40 AI language models

Rank	Language model	Rank	Language model
1.	Claude Opus 4.6 (Thinking)	21.	Chat GPT 5.4 Mini High
2.	Claude Opus 4.6	22.	Chat GPT 5.3 Chat Latest
3.	Gemini 3.1 Pro Preview	23.	GLM 5
4.	Grok 4.20 Beta1	24.	Chat GPT 5.1 High
5.	Gemini 3 Pro	25.	Kimi k2.5 (Thinking)
6.	Chat GPT 5.4 High	26.	Claude Sonnet 4.5 (Thinking)
7.	Grok 4.20 Beta Reasoning	27.	Claude Sonnet 4.5
8.	Chat GPT 5.2 Chat Latest	28.	Ernie 5.0
9.	Grok 4.20 Multi-Agent Beta	29.	Gemma 4-31b
10.	Gemini 3 Flash	30.	Ernie 5.0 Preview
11.	Claude Opus 4.5 (Thinking)	31.	Claude Opus 4.1 (Thinking)
12.	Grok 4.1 Thinking	32.	Gemini 2.5 Pro
13.	Claude Opus 4.5	33.	Qwen 3.5 397b-a17b
14.	GLM 5.1	34.	Claude Opus 4.1
15.	Qwen 3.5 Max Preview	35.	Mimo v2 Pro
16.	Chat GPT 5.4	36.	Longcat Flash Chat Exp
17.	Gemini 3 Flash (Thinking Minimal)	37.	Chat GPT 4.5 Preview
18.	Dola Seed 2.0 Pro	38.	Chat GPT 4o Latest
19.	Claude Sonnet 4-6	39.	GLM 4.7
20.	Grok 4.1	40.	Chat GPT 5.2 High

Source: (1) Arena.AI. Data as of April 8, 2026. Ranking is based on user-submitted prompts and relative performance of language models. Based on over 250 million real conversations and over 3.5 million head-to-head votes.

The Evolution of AI LM Rankings in 2026

ArenaAI global ranking of top 40 AI language models, by month

Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026
Rank	Language model	Rank	Language model
1.	Gemini 3 Pro	1.	Claude Opus 4.6 (Thinking)
2.	Grok 4.1 (Thinking)	2.	Claude Opus 4.6
3.	Gemini 3 Flash	3.	Gemini 3.1 Pro
4.	Claude Opus 4.5 (Thinking)	4.	Grok 4.20
5.	Claude Opus 4.5	5.	Gemini 3 Pro
6.	Grok 4.1	6.	Chat GPT 5.4 High
7.	Gemini 3 Flash (Thinking)	7.	Grok 4.20 (Reasoning)
8.	Ernie 5.0 - 0110	8.	Chat GPT 5.2 Chat
9.	Chat GPT 5.1 High	9.	Gemini 3 Flash
10.	Claude Sonnet 4.5	10.	Claude Opus 4.5 (Thinking)

Source: (1-4) Arena.AI. Data as of April 8, 2026. January ranking as of Jan 16. Ranking is based on user-submitted prompts and relative performance of language models. Based on over 250 million real conversations and over 3.5 million head-to-head votes.

The Evolution of AI LM Rankings Over the Last 3 Years

Historical ranking of top 10 AI language models

Jun 2024*	Apr 2025	Apr 2026	
Rank	Language model	Rank	
1.	Chat GPT 4o	1.	Gemini 2.5 Pro Exp
2.	Gemini Advanced	2.	Llama 4 Maverick Experimental
3.	Gemini 1.5 Pro	3.	Chat GPT 4o Latest (3-26)
4.	Gemini 1.5 Pro Preview	4.	Grok 3 Preview
5.	Chat GPT 4 Turbo	5.	Grok 3 (Chocolate)
6.	Chat GPT 4-1106 Preview	6.	Chat GPT 4.5 Preview
7.	Claude Opus 3	7.	Gemini 2.0 Flash (Thinking Exp)
8.	Chat GPT 4-0125 Preview	8.	Gemini 2.0 Pro Exp
9.	Yi Large Preview	9.	Chat GPT 4o Latest (1-29)
10.	Gemini 1.5 Flash	10.	DeepSeek V3

Source: (1-3) Arena.AI. Data as of April 8, 2026. 2024 is earliest available ranking (June 2024). 2025 and 2026 rankings are April. Ranking is based on user-submitted prompts and relative performance of language models. Based on over 250 million real conversations and over 3.5 million head-to-head votes.

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