READING · RELEASE 2026-W21

# DeepSeek

Model · DeepSeek · 18–24 May 2026 · reading r_916fb5b6cb8d, version 3

IN DEVELOPMENT

On Reddit, 1,338 distinct people posted about DeepSeek between 18 and 24 May 2026: 1,917 posts, an estimated 0.70% of that week's Reddit posts about AI, leaving out templated automated posts (100.0% of these posts had an identifiable author).

Measured statement · Reddit · n 1,917 posts · author coverage 100.0% · 7 days: 7 backfilled

ATTENTION

## Distinct people, each platform on its own scale

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|---|---|
| **Reddit** | **1,338 people** · #9 · 0.70% of posts |
| **Bluesky** | Hidden: Not counted this week: Bluesky has no day between 18 and 24 May 2026 that AIDRAN counts, so there's no figure to show. |
| **YouTube** | Hidden: Not counted this week: YouTube has no day between 18 and 24 May 2026 that AIDRAN counts, so there's no figure to show. |
| **Hacker News** | Hidden: n 4 people, below the threshold of 20 people. |
| **Article sources** | Not applicable: arXiv, Google News and Exa carry articles, which have no authors, so people aren't counted. |

People are distinct platform identities, counted on each platform separately and never added across platforms. Bars are scaled to each platform's first place in 2026-W21 (Reddit: Claude, 10,350), so no two platforms share a scale. As of 25 Sep 2026 19:30Z.

PLACE

## Where it was said: posts on Reddit, by community

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|---|---|
| **r/DeepSeek** users | 739 posts |
| **r/LocalLLaMA** builders | 188 posts |
| **r/GithubCopilot** | 159 posts |
| **r/AIDungeon** | 88 posts |
| **r/singularity** general | 59 posts |

Posts about DeepSeek in its 5 largest Reddit communities, 18–24 May 2026. The word after each community is its type: who is there, not what it's about.

THE PARTS NOT MEASURED YET

## Shown as absent, never as zero

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| **Frames** | NOT MEASURED YET | Frames aren't measured yet. |
| **Register** | NOT MEASURED YET | Register isn't measured yet. |

EVIDENCE

## The posts behind the figures

Up to 10 posts behind each figure with a value, one frozen sample per figure and per platform, drawn once on 2 Oct 2026 08:53Z. Reddit's people figure: 10 drawn from 1,917. The quotes are on the reading page, without authors, so they aren't printed here.

CONDITIONS

## What this reading rests on

| | |
|---|---|
| **Window · as of** | 18–24 May 2026 · 25 Sep 2026 19:30Z |
| **Days counted** | Reddit 7 of 7 (from an archive); Hacker News 7 of 7 (from an archive); arXiv 7 of 7 (from an archive) |
| **Not counted** | Bluesky, YouTube and Google News, collected under an earlier method; Exa, collected only now and then |
| **Method** | 005c-series-v3.1 |
| **Release** | 2026-W21, published |
| **Version** | 3 · replaces r_b8e6d780306a, which stays at its own link with its notice |

CITATION

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