# Anthropic's record IPO: biggest Nasdaq debut, valuation near $1.5 trillion




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## What happened -

Anthropic's IPO is the largest stock market debut ever: the total offering was $81.3 billion, of which the company raised about $79.4 billion and the rest came from selling stockholders. The earlier record was SpaceX's $75 billion debut in June. The shares were priced at $83 apiece, above the expected $70-78 range. On its Nasdaq debut on 19 November 2026 the stock closed 17% higher at about $97. The debut valuation was about $1.5 trillion (about $2 trillion fully diluted); per one report, on par with Tesla. The listing came amid a broad Wall Street sell-off.

## Prelims practice question

**With reference to the recently listed Anthropic IPO, consider the following statements:**

**Statement-I:** Anthropic's IPO is the largest stock market debut ever, with a total offering of $81.3 billion

**Statement-II:** Anthropic's shares were priced at $83 apiece, above the expected $70-78 range

Which one of the following is correct?

(a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation of Statement-I

(b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II is not the correct explanation of Statement-I

(c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect

(d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

**Answer and explanation**

Correct answer: (b)

Statement-I is correct: the total offering of $81.3 billion (including selling stockholders' shares) overtook SpaceX's $75 billion record debut.

Statement-II is correct: the shares were priced at $83 apiece, above the expected range, but that does not explain the record, which rests on the total size of the offering.

## FAQ

Q: What is an IPO? A: An Initial Public Offering is when a company offers its shares to the public on a stock exchange for the first time.

Q: Where is Anthropic listed? A: On the Nasdaq stock exchange in the United States, on 19 November 2026.

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