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Weekly Investor Report

American Public Education Inc · Consumer Defensive · Education & Training Services

LATEST CLOSE

47.71 USD

-5.9% latest week

Weekly setup

Mixed setup

The weekly trend is active. Price is -5.9% below the Trend Line and sits at 59.0% of its 52-week range. The latest completed week returned -5.9%, after a -12.5% four-week move. The latest factor snapshot indicates quality ranks strongly versus its universe; growth is moderate; valuation is neither clearly cheap nor expensive. Options positioning is volatility with 60/100 conviction, while the latest news-sentiment score is 56/100. Near-term considerations: earnings are due in 6d.

Technical setup score 47/100. This score describes the weekly technical setup; the conclusion above also considers fundamentals, positioning, sentiment, and event risk.

LATEST CLOSE

47.71 USD

24 Jul 2026

1W RETURN

-5.9%

latest completed week

4W RETURN

-12.5%

short-term follow-through

12W RETURN

-18.1%

quarterly tape

TREND BREADTH

100.0%

52 of 52 weeks active

VOLUME RATIO

1.2x

vs 13-week average

What is working

- The trend backdrop is active with a 85-week active streak.
- Price is above Fair Value, showing premium demand versus the model.
- Activity pressure is constructive, supporting the smart-money activity read.

What could go wrong

- Price is below the Trend Line, which keeps downside pressure in focus.
- Activity pressure is negative, which weakens the current setup.
- 6 reversal markers appear in the recent smart-money tape.
- The share remains more than 20% below its 52-week high.

What to watch next

- Trend Line remains the key weekly regime level.
- Activity pressure is the gauge to monitor for confirmation or fade.
- A volume ratio above 1.5x would show stronger participation in the next move.

This week's evidence at a glance

PRICE FOLLOW-THROUGH

-5.9%

Latest completed week; four-week move -12.5%.

INDICATOR STACK

100/41

Trend and activity pressure are weighted against the latest 12-week confirmation window.

TREND BACKDROP

Active

The trend backdrop defines the current weekly regime.

PATIENT CAPITAL

Quiet

Activity-pressure buy-signal status for institutional accumulation timing.

OPTIONS PRESSURE

Volatility

60/100 conviction; expected move 18.4%.

NEWS SENTIMENT

56/100

49 relevant articles in the latest sentiment read.

EVENT RISK

6d

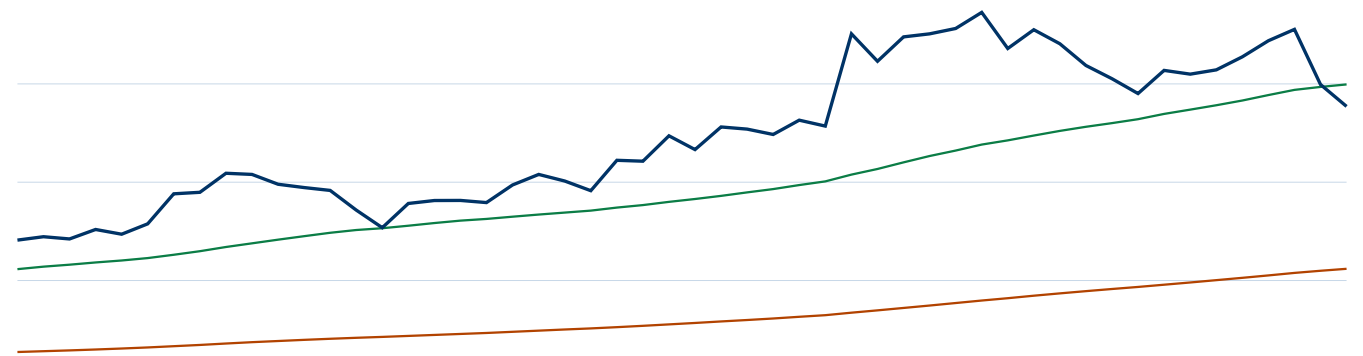
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01 · PRICE ACTION

Where price is—and whether the trend supports it

The weekly trend is active. Price is -5.9% below the Trend Line and sits at 59.0% of its 52-week range. The latest completed week returned -5.9%, after a -12.5% four-week move.

52-week price path



Blue: weekly close · Green: Trend Line · Orange: Sharemaestro Fair Value

Position in the 52-week range Fair Close Trend 27.74 USD 61.59 USD Latest close sits at 59.0% of the 52-week range.	RANGE LOCATION 59.0% Shows where the latest close sits between the 52-week low and high.	TREND DISTANCE -5.9% Price premium or discount versus the weekly Trend Line.
	FAIR-VALUE GAP 87.6% Premium demand or model discount versus Sharemaestro Fair Value.	HIGH-WATER GAP -22.5% Distance from the latest 52-week high.

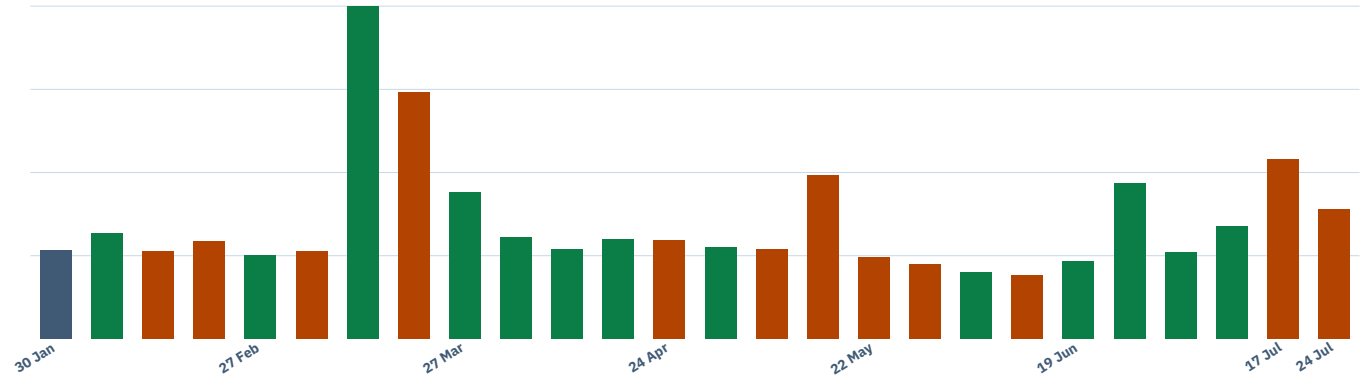
02 · VOLUME AND DEMAND

Is real participation confirming the move?

Latest weekly volume is 1.2x the 13-week average. Participation is around or above normal and provides reasonable confirmation.

26-week volume confirmation

Bar height shows weekly volume. Green marks an up week; orange marks a down week.



PARTICIPATION 1.2x Latest volume versus the 13-week average.	BASELINE 1.4M 13-week average volume.	ONE-YEAR BASE 1.4M 52-week average volume.	LATEST WEEKLY VOLUME 1.7M Most recent completed week.
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Demand beneath price

Activity pressure and institutional-style signals

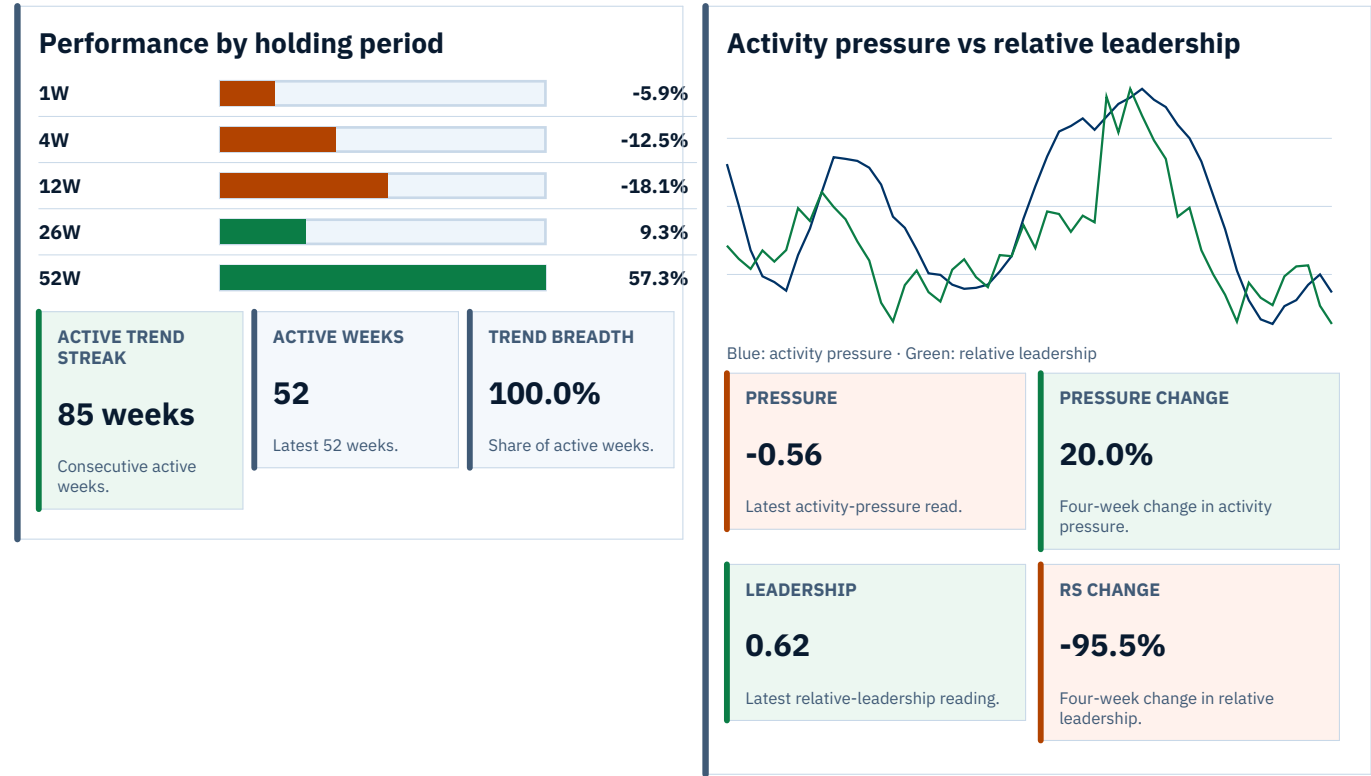
These indicators assess whether participation is improving beneath price. They are supporting evidence, not proof of institutional buying.



03 · MOMENTUM AND LEADERSHIP

Is performance persistent—and is the stock leading?

Performance is -12.5% over four weeks, -18.1% over 12 weeks, and 57.3% over one year. The current trend has remained active for 85 consecutive weeks.



Technical setup scorecard

Trend		100
Momentum		5
Activity Pressure		41
Relative Leadership		44
Next-Week Expectancy		50
Volume		51
Smart Money		54
Risk Control		29

04 · FUNDAMENTALS AND VALUATION

What investors are paying for—and the quality behind it

The latest factor snapshot indicates quality ranks strongly versus its universe; growth is moderate; valuation is neither clearly cheap nor expensive.

FACTOR WEEK 26 Jul 2026 Latest published factor snapshot.	STATEMENTS THROUGH 31 Dec 2025 Financial reporting period used.	FIELD COVERAGE 100% Available factor fields.	MODEL CONFIDENCE 96% Snapshot confidence.
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Relative factor standing Higher display scores are better. Each score is converted from the underlying universe rank, where rank 1 is best.		
Overall factor strength		96/100
Value		78/100
Quality		94/100
Momentum		89/100
Growth		76/100

Valuation How much investors are paying for earnings, sales, and cash flow.	Business quality Margins and the return generated on invested capital.
P/E Price divided by trailing earnings. 21.7x	GROSS MARGIN Gross profit retained from each unit of revenue. 53.7%
PRICE / SALES Market value relative to trailing revenue. 1.3x	OPERATING MARGIN Operating profit retained from revenue. 9.1%
EV / EBITDA Enterprise value relative to operating cash earnings. 9.5x	FREE-CASH-FLOW MARGIN Free cash flow generated from revenue. 15.6%
FREE-CASH-FLOW YIELD Free cash flow as a share of enterprise value. 14.2%	RETURN ON INVESTED CAPITAL Operating return generated on invested capital. 30.1%

04 · FUNDAMENTALS AND VALUATION · CONTINUED

Growth, shareholder returns, and balance-sheet strength

The second half of the fundamental read separates recent business growth from cash returned to shareholders and financial leverage.

Growth and financial strength	Shareholder return and balance sheet
Recent business growth and accounting strength.	Cash returned to owners and financial leverage.
REVENUE GROWTH3.8%	DIVIDEND YIELD0.2%
Latest one-year revenue growth.	Cash dividends relative to market value.
EPS GROWTH64.9%	BUYBACK YIELD5.9%
Latest one-year earnings-per-share growth.	Net share repurchases relative to market value.
FREE-CASH-FLOW GROWTH22.5%	SHAREHOLDER YIELD6.0%
Latest one-year free-cash-flow growth.	Dividend yield plus net buyback yield.
PIOTROSKI F-SCORE6/9	NET DEBT / EBITDA-2.0x
Nine-point accounting-strength checklist.	Balance-sheet debt relative to operating cash earnings.

How to read this

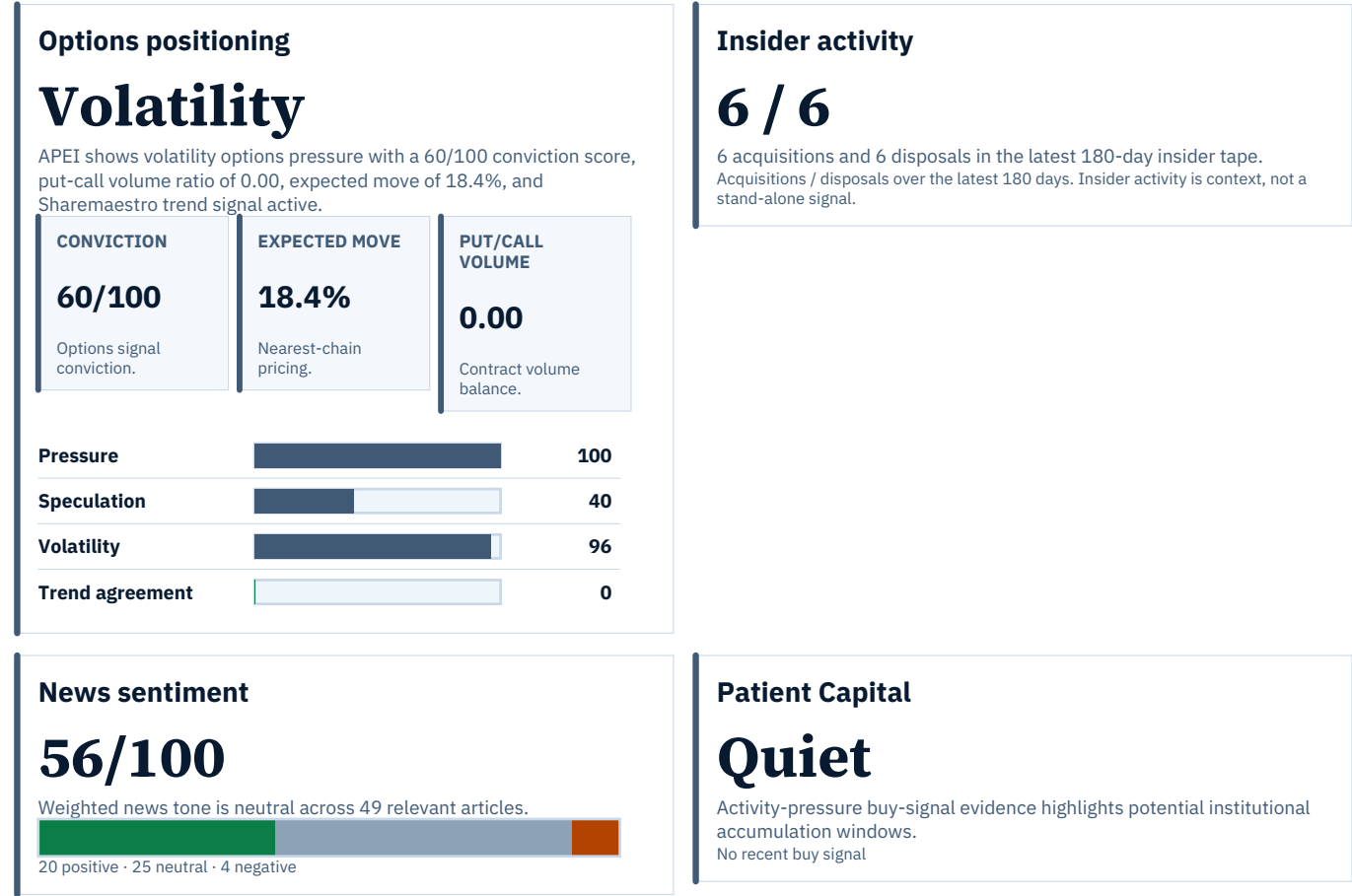
Quality and valuation are separate questions. A strong company can still carry a demanding valuation, so profitability, growth, balance-sheet strength, and the price paid for those characteristics should be assessed independently.

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05 · OWNERSHIP, OPTIONS, AND SENTIMENT

What other market participants are doing

Options, insider transactions, market sentiment, and activity-pressure signals can confirm or challenge the price story. None should be used alone.



06 · CATALYSTS AND RISK

What can move the shares—and how volatile the path has been

Event timing, options-implied movement, drawdown, and weekly gains and losses frame the risk around the current setup.

NEXT EARNINGS
6d
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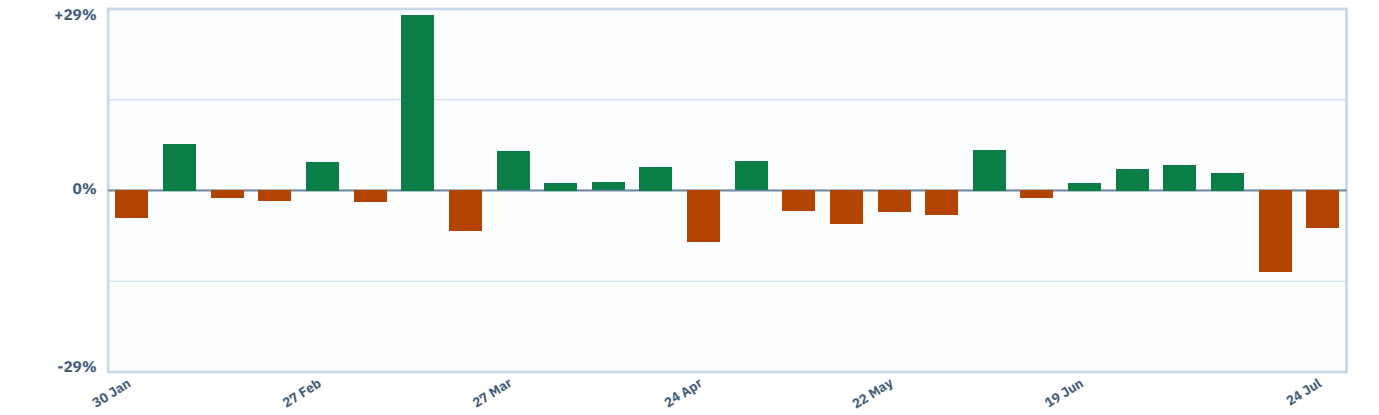
OPTIONS EXPECTED MOVE
18.4%
Nearest-chain priced movement where available.

52-WEEK DRAWDOWN
-22.5%
Distance below the 52-week high.

13-WEEK VOLATILITY
5.2%
Standard deviation of weekly returns.

Weekly gains and losses

Each bar is one completed week. Gains rise above zero; losses fall below it. Taller bars mean a larger move.



WEEKS HIGHER
13 of 26
13 weeks finished lower.

BEST WEEK
+28.1%
Week of 13 Mar.

WORST WEEK
-13.0%
Week of 17 Jul.

LATEST WEEK
-5.9%
Week of 24 Jul.

Shape of recent returns

Strong gains		7
Modest gains		6
Flat weeks		-
Modest losses		7
Sharp losses		6

RECENT VOL
5.2%
13-week weekly-return volatility.

BASE VOL
6.5%
52-week weekly-return volatility.

UP/DOWN SPLIT
26/26
Count of positive and negative weeks in the 52-week window.

AVERAGE SKEW
5.7% / -3.6%
Average positive week versus average negative week.

07 · SECTOR AND PEER CONTEXT

Is this stock leading—or simply moving with its group?

Sector and industry breadth distinguish company-specific strength from a broad group move.

Sector · US Consumer Defensive

4-WEEK RANK	GROUP AVERAGE	TREND BREADTH
- / 100	-0.3%	49.0%
Standing within the tracked group.	Average four-week return.	Share of peers with an active trend.

Peer	Exchange	1W return	4W return	Trend
COTY	NYSE	1.5%	38.0%	Inactive
DAR	NYSE	-1.0%	19.0%	Active
ELF	NYSE	5.0%	14.7%	Inactive
IPAR	NASDAQ	-0.6%	13.5%	Active
CALM	NASDAQ	2.0%	12.6%	Active

Industry · US Education & Training Services

4-WEEK RANK	GROUP AVERAGE	TREND BREADTH
27 / 35	-4.3%	37.1%
Standing within the tracked group.	Average four-week return.	Share of peers with an active trend.

Peer	Exchange	1W return	4W return	Trend
YOUL	NASDAQ	18.9%	40.6%	Inactive
DAO	NYSE	5.6%	38.1%	Active
KLC	NYSE	-5.6%	16.8%	Active
TAL	NYSE	0.6%	8.6%	Inactive
EDU	NYSE	0.2%	6.3%	Inactive

08 · EVIDENCE AND WEEKLY DATA

The underlying research record

Every top-level statement should be traceable to a stored market, fundamental, event, or positioning observation.

Cross-signal evidence matrix

Evidence pillar	Score / read	Summary	Detail
Weekly tape	56/100	Trend, activity pressure, participation, and risk combine to a 56/100 tape read.	
Indicator analysis	61/100	Latest 12-week confirmation: trend 12/12, activity pressure 3/12, relative leadership 12/12.	Activity pressure 0.64; 6 reversal markers
Factors	89/100	O'Shaughnessy factor stack blends value, quality, momentum, and confidence.	Cornerstone Growth rank 15; Buyback Yield rank 10; Small Cap Core rank 29
SVQF	77/100	Value and quality alignment from the Sharemaestro SVQF framework.	Composite rank 168.5 of 726
Patient Capital	Quiet	Activity-pressure buy-signal evidence highlights potential institutional accumulation windows.	No recent buy signal
Options	38/100	APEI shows volatility options pressure with a 60/100 conviction score, put-call volume ratio of 0.00, expected move of 18.4%, and Sharemaestro trend signal active.	Volatility · Volatility expansion watch · Expected move 18.4%
Sentiment	56/100	Weighted news tone is neutral across 49 relevant articles.	Understanding the Setup: (APEI) and Scalable Risk
Insiders	6 / 6	6 acquisitions and 6 disposals in the latest 180-day insider tape.	
Earnings	6d	Next report is scheduled for 05 Aug 2026; event risk rises as the date approaches.	

Current evidence clusters

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Recent completed weeks

The completed weekly bars behind the report provide a compact audit trail for price, trend, Fair Value, activity pressure, leadership, and volume.

Week	Close	Return	Trend Line	Fair Value	Pressure	Leadership	Volume	Trend
24 Jul 2026	47.71 USD	-5.9%	50.72 USD	25.43 USD	-0.56	0.62	1.7M	On
17 Jul 2026	50.71 USD	-13.0%	50.38 USD	25.16 USD	-0.38	5.71	2.3M	On
10 Jul 2026	58.27 USD	2.7%	49.97 USD	24.86 USD	-0.48	17.03	1.4M	On
03 Jul 2026	56.72 USD	4.1%	49.26 USD	24.52 USD	-0.64	16.73	1.1M	On
26 Jun 2026	54.51 USD	3.4%	48.52 USD	24.19 USD	-0.70	13.95	2.0M	On
19 Jun 2026	52.72 USD	1.1%	47.86 USD	23.87 USD	-0.89	5.89	1.0M	On
12 Jun 2026	52.13 USD	-1.0%	47.26 USD	23.56 USD	-0.84	7.94	818.2K	On
05 Jun 2026	52.65 USD	6.4%	46.67 USD	23.25 USD	-0.64	12.17	854.2K	On
29 May 2026	49.47 USD	-3.9%	45.95 USD	22.94 USD	-0.34	1.27	958.8K	On
22 May 2026	51.50 USD	-3.4%	45.42 USD	22.66 USD	0.09	8.79	1.0M	On
15 May 2026	53.32 USD	-5.3%	44.91 USD	22.37 USD	0.44	14.47	2.1M	On
08 May 2026	56.30 USD	-3.3%	44.35 USD	22.06 USD	0.79	21.25	1.1M	On
01 May 2026	58.22 USD	4.6%	43.71 USD	21.74 USD	1.03	33.17	1.2M	On
24 Apr 2026	55.65 USD	-8.2%	43.04 USD	21.40 USD	1.16	30.63	1.3M	On

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