

Ryzen 5

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AMD's Ryzen 7 CPUs have been received very well thanks to comparable performance to the competition at half the price. Ryzen is now showing off their Ryzen 5 CPUs which features 4 cores (8 threads) for the \$169 price range and up to 6 cores (12 threads) for \$249. It'll be interesting to see how the mid-range consumers react to a new option in the CPU market but from the sounds of it the performance increase in comparison to the competition should at least get AMD some consideration. [Arstechnica has more details.](#)

There are four Ryzen 5 parts launching on April 11. At the top end is the R5 1600X: 6 cores, 12 threads, with a base of 3.6GHz and a turbo of 4.0GHz, for \$249. Below that is the \$219 1600. It has the same core and thread count but cuts clock speeds to 3.2/3.6GHz. At the bottom end are a pair of 4-core, 8-thread parts: the \$169 1400 at 3.2/3.4GHz, and the \$189 1500X at 3.5/3.7GHz.

The chips will continue to use the AM4 socket and will be compatible with all the same chipsets and motherboards as the R7s.