The Specialized Modalities Landscape 2026

74	8	$10bn	~$6bn	68%
COMPANIES MAPPED	SUB-SECTORS	TOTAL CAPITAL RAISED*	OF IT, VENTURE FUNDING	US-HEADQUARTERED

The broadest and most capital-hungry category, with the **highest median round in the stack ($36m)**, reflecting the cost of building vision, voice, video and edge models. Computer vision still leads (18), but voice, generative media and on-device AI are now splitting the field as modality-specific players proliferate.

Computer Vision Platforms 18

- Advex
- Always AI
- Cerrion
- Chooch
- Cogniac
- Datature
- Focoos
- Groundlight AI
- Hive — ALSO Deepfake & Content Authenticity Detection
- Interhuman
- Matrice AI
- Matroid
- Moondream — ALSO Edge & On-Device AI
- Plainsight
- Roboflow — ALSO Data Labelling & Annotation Services
- Sensetime
- Twelve Labs
- viso.ai

Voice & Speech AI 14

- Assembly AI
- Cartesia
- Deepgram
- ElevenLabs — ALSO Generative Media (Image, Video, Audio, 3D)
- Hume
- Modulate
- Phonic
- PlayHT — ACQUIRED
- Smallest AI
- Symbl — ACQUIRED
- Ultravox
- Vapi
- Vogent
- Wellsaid

Edge & On-Device AI 13

- Armada
- Blaize
- Edge Impulse — ACQUIRED — ALSO Computer Vision Platforms
- Embebl
- Latent
- LM Studio
- Mirai
- Nexa — ACQUIRED
- Nota — ALSO Computer Vision Platforms
- roofline
- Run Anywhere — ALSO LLM & Model Inference Serving
- The Open Machine
- Web AI

Generative Media (Image, Video, Audio, 3D) 11

- Argil
- Black Forest Labs
- Bria
- Fal — ALSO GPU Cloud & Compute Rental
- Reactor — ALSO LLM & Model Inference Serving
- Segmind
- Stability
- Synthesia
- Tavus
- WaveSpeed
- World Labs

AI Coding & Developer Tools 8

- Enosis Labs — ALSO AI Data Privacy & Confidential Computing
- Human Layer
- Jfrog
- Port
- Portia Labs
- Relace
- RightNow
- Warp

Physical AI, Robotics & Sensors 6

- Archetype AI
- Makina Rocks
- Prophisee
- Relling Systems
- rerun.io
- SiMa — ALSO Edge & On-Device AI

Hyperscaler / SaaS Giant 3

- Amazon Web Services
- Google
- Microsoft

Unclassified 1

- Gladia

*Funding from Crunchbase, 65 of 74 companies matched. "Total capital raised" includes all funding types (venture, debt, post-IPO, grants); "venture funding" excludes debt, private equity, post-IPO and grant rounds. Companies may appear in more than one sub-sector. Logos via logo.dev.