



PONY AI Inc. Labor Day Holiday Robotaxi Paid Orders Surge More Than Sixfold

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GUANGZHOU, China, May 8, 2026 -- Pony AI Inc. ("Pony.ai" or the "Company") (NASDAQ: PONY; HKEX: 2026), a global leader in achieving large-scale mass production and commercialization of autonomous driving technology, today reported a sharp increase in robotaxi demand during China's Labor Day holiday from May 1 to May 5, with average daily paid robotaxi orders rising 544% year over year, driven by fleet expansion and growing consumer adoption of autonomous mobility as a daily transportation option.

Compared with the New Year holiday period earlier this year, Pony.ai's average daily paid orders during the Labor Day holiday increased 155%, according to the Company's latest operating data. The strong holiday performance underscores accelerating demand for driverless ride-hailing services as robotaxis move from early-stage experimentation toward broader commercial use in China.

The growth was supported by Pony.ai's rapidly expanding robotaxi fleet. Since the launch of its seventh-generation ("Gen-7") robotaxi last year, the Company has accelerated mass production and large-scale commercial deployment through partnerships with mobility platforms and automakers. The Company remains on track to exceed its target of 3,000 robotaxi vehicles by the end of 2026, as it expands service coverage and strengthens operational density across key markets.

During the 2026 Labor Day holiday, Pony.ai's robotaxi services also played a visible role in supporting large-scale event transportation in the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou. The "Coming-of-Age Ceremony" concert series by Teens in Times was held at the Greater Bay Area Cultural and Sports Center in Guangzhou's Nansha district, drawing a total of 220,000 fans and accompanying family members across four performances, with more than 95% of attendees traveling from outside the city.

To support post-event mobility, Pony.ai deployed hundreds of robotaxis during the peak departure windows from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. over four consecutive nights, transporting more than 3,000 concertgoers. The service was also included in the official post-event transportation guidance published by the local government, marking a milestone for driverless mobility in large-event traffic management. The operation demonstrated how robotaxis can provide flexible urban transport capacity during concentrated demand surges.

As China's robotaxi market approaches scaled commercialization, Pony.ai's Labor Day performance points to rising consumer confidence, stronger operational readiness and the growing role of autonomous mobility in everyday urban life.

About Pony AI Inc.

Pony AI Inc. (NASDAQ: PONY; HKEX: 2026), founded in 2016, is a global leader in achieving large-scale mass production and commercialization of autonomous driving technology. Pony.ai is committed to delivering safe, advanced, and reliable autonomous driving technology and solutions. At the heart of Pony.ai's strategy is its proprietary world model PonyWorld and its Virtual Driver technology. Together, they power the development and scaling of its Robotaxi services, Robotruck services, and licensing and applications businesses. With operations spanning China, Europe, East Asia, the Middle East, and beyond, Pony.ai stands among a select few companies globally to achieve fully driverless commercial operations. Pony.ai has forged deep and extensive partnerships across the autonomous driving value chain, enabling it to accelerate the commercialization of autonomous driving in line with its ultimate vision: "Autonomous Mobility Everywhere." For more information, please visit: <https://ir.pony.ai>.

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