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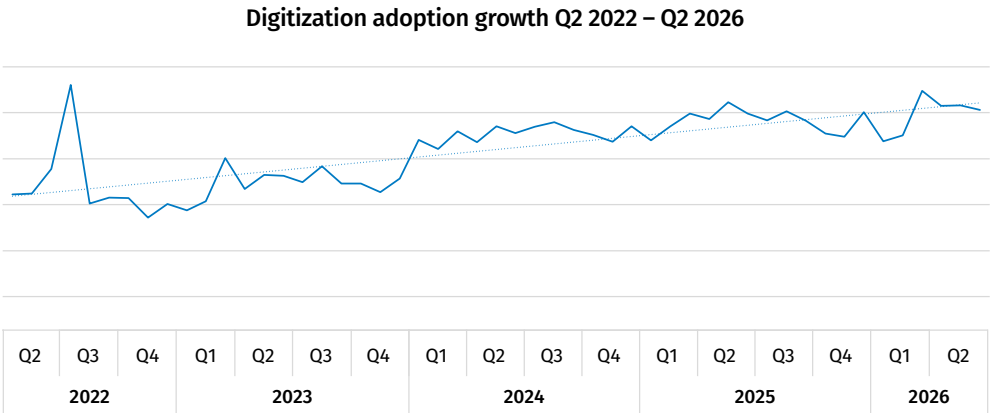
Automotive Finance Digital Transformation Index Q2 2026

Wolters Kluwer, a global leader in professional information, software solutions, and services, announced the second-quarter 2026 analysis from its Auto Finance Digital Transformation Index, a key resource that tracks the rate at which the industry is advancing digitization from paper-based finance back-office processes. The latest Index shows broad-based, diversified eContracting growth, coupled with a 61 percent year-over-year rise in digital securitization volume.

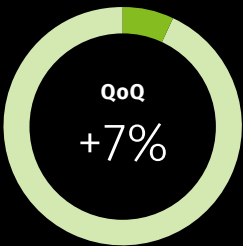
eContracting adoption continues to broaden

The latest data from Wolters Kluwer underscores continued investment in digital adoption within the auto lending industry, with eContracting volume rising 7 percent quarter-over-quarter. Compared to the same period of 2025, the transaction volume increased 2 percent, while the four-year trend has grown 63 percent since Q2 2022.

Although some traditional bank activity remained below historical levels during the second quarter, overall digital transaction volume continued to climb, indicating that adoption is broadening beyond any single lender segment and becoming less dependent on any one lender type. Several of the industry's largest digital lenders posted meaningful gains, signaling deeper engagement among existing users. At the same time, captive and manufacturer-affiliated finance companies were among the strongest contributors to second-quarter growth, while fintech and digital-first providers remained some of the market's most aggressive adopters, continuing to outpace the broader industry.



eContracting digital adoption rate



Issuer participation diversifies in securitized markets

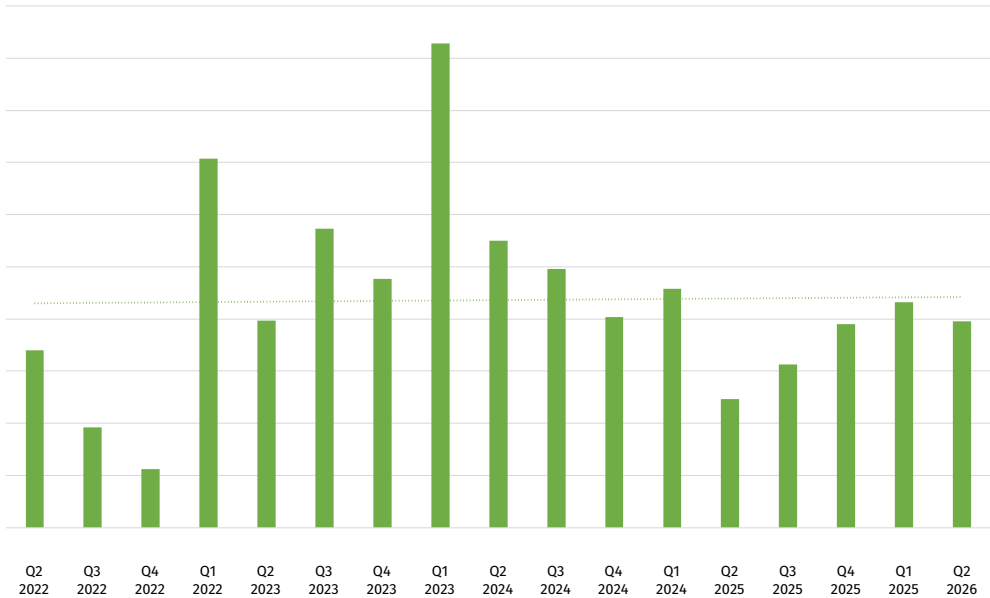
Digital securitization transactions increased 61 percent year-over-year, reinforcing the industry’s consistent growth, despite an 8 percent decline from Q1 to Q2 2026. The impressive four-year trajectory highlights growing recognition of the operational efficiencies that digital collateral strategies deliver across the industry. Credit unions continue to play an important role in digital expansion, with issuance gaining in the first half of 2026 compared to the same period in 2025. In addition to credit unions, other issuers adopting digital collateral processes include specialty auto finance companies, fintech lenders, and captives. Furthermore, several issuers progressed from one-time transactions to repeat issuance in the second quarter, signaling that digital securitization is becoming an established operational funding strategy.



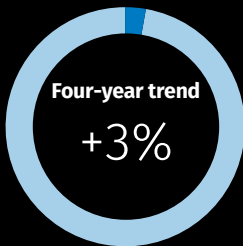
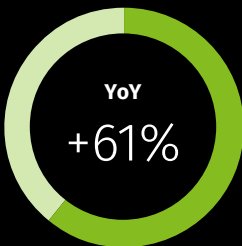
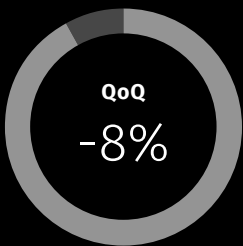
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“Q2 shows digital adoption maturing into a genuinely ecosystem-wide trend. eContracting growth this quarter wasn’t limited to fintech disruptors or a handful of early movers; captives, established finance companies and dealer connectivity platform transaction facilitators all contributed meaningfully to the gains. On the securitization side, the sequential decline masks a much larger year-over-year story: digital securitization volume is up nearly 61 percent from a year ago, and credit unions in particular are emerging as a durable new source of issuance. As more issuers move from single transactions to repeat activity, digital documentation is proving itself to be core infrastructure for how auto finance gets funded, not a pilot program.”

Auto securitization transactions by quarter



Securitization digital adoption rate





Summary

The Wolters Kluwer Auto Finance Digital Transformation Index helps identify and track adoption drivers, while providing insights into market shifts that may impact digitization in the automotive industry. Results of the Q2 2026 Index reveal that digital adoption is becoming more diverse across the auto finance ecosystem, with growth supported by a combination of different segments.

