



Microfinance Insights

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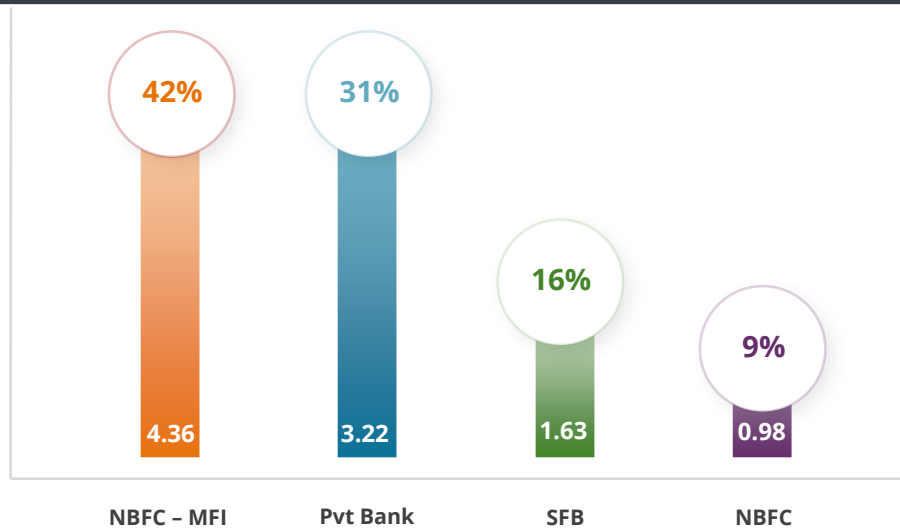
Highlights as of February 2026

- ❖ As of 28th February 2026, the microfinance industry's total book size stood at ₹ 328,756 crore, witnessing a 2.48% growth from the previous month
- ❖ Industry disbursements witnessed a contraction in volume (26%) and value (14%) during the period from Feb '25 to Jan '26, compared to Feb '24 to Jan '25
- ❖ As of February 2026, the industry's 30+ delinquency rate stood at 2.8%
- ❖ The industry recorded a steady decline in 30+ delinquencies across all lender categories
- ❖ NBFCs and NBFC-MFIs reported a lower 30+ delinquency rate compared to the overall industry average as of February 2026
- ❖ The top 5 states contribute 57% towards the total portfolio outstanding of the industry
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh registered the lowest decline in both portfolio size and disbursements

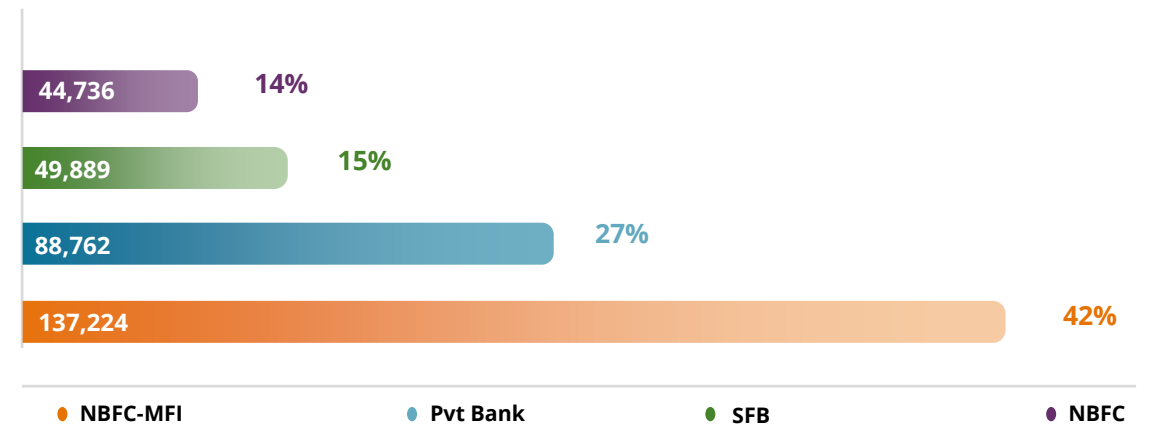
Microfinance Credit on a Page – February 2026

	Industry Portfolio ₹ 328,756 Cr	Industry Active Loans ₹ 10.48 Cr	Industry 30+ % Delinquency 2.8%	Industry 90+ % Delinquency 1.8%	Industry 180+ % Delinquency 16.8%
M-O-M	▲ 2% Jan'26 to Feb'26	▼ -0.49% Jan'26 to Feb'26	▼ -52bps Jan'26 to Feb'26	▼ -31bps Jan'26 to Feb'26	▼ -15bps Jan'26 to Feb'26
Y-o-Y	▼ -13% Feb'25 to Feb'26	▼ -23% Feb'25 to Feb'26	▼ -399bps Feb'25 to Feb'26	▼ -231bps Feb'25 to Feb'26	▲ 702bps Feb'25 to Feb'26

Active Loans (in Crore), % share

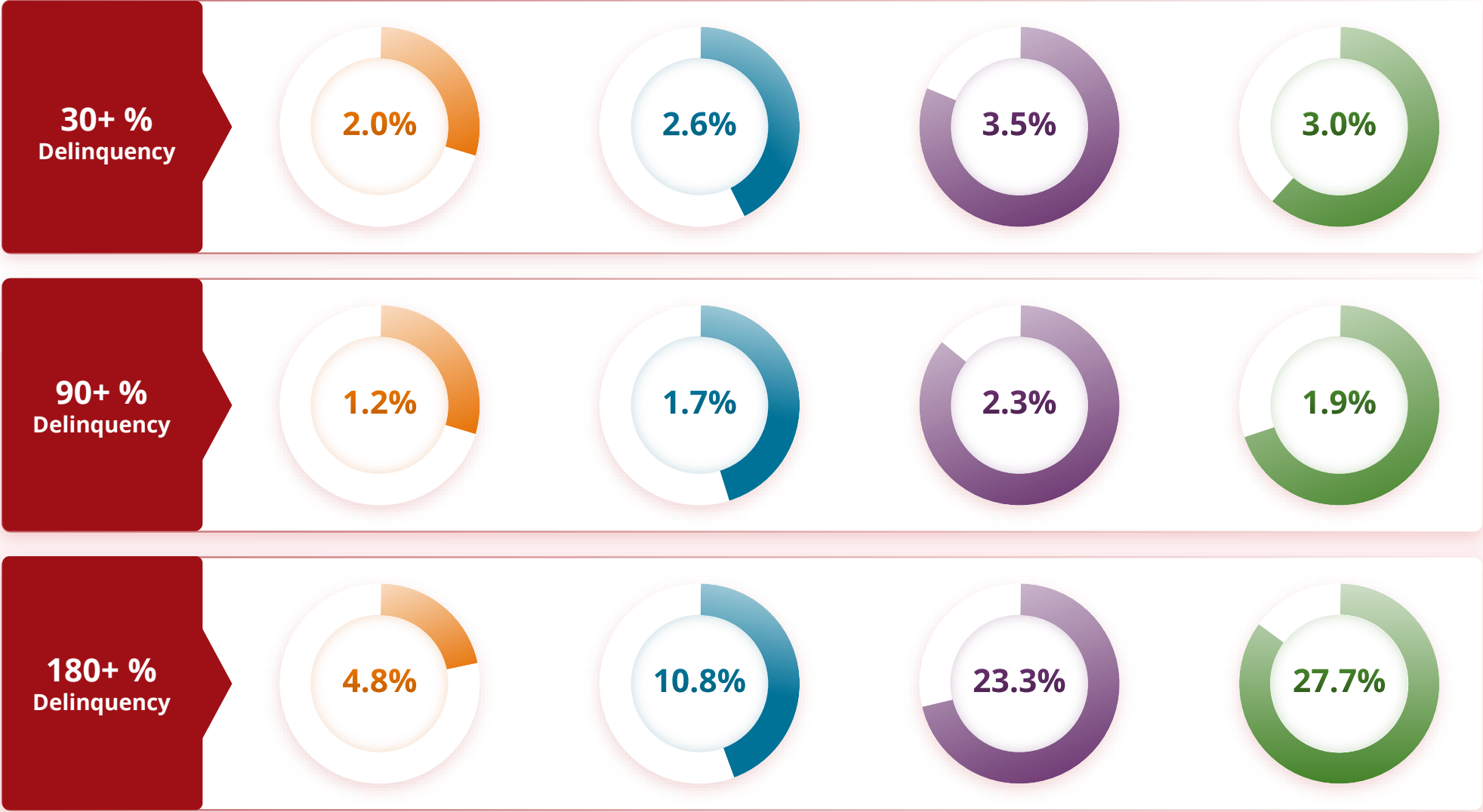


Portfolio % share, ₹ Crore



30+ % = 30-179 DPD / 0-179 DPD | 90+ % = 90-179 DPD / 0-179 DPD | 180+ % = 180+ DPD / 0-180+ DPD | Market share is exclusive of MFI & others

NBFCs maintained the lowest delinquency rates across all the buckets



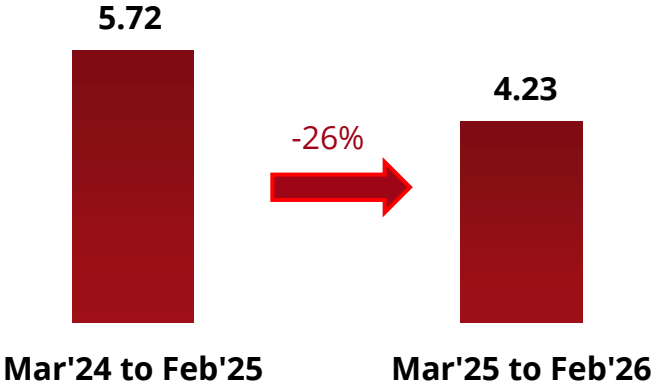
- NBFC
- NBFC-MFI
- Pvt Bank
- SFB

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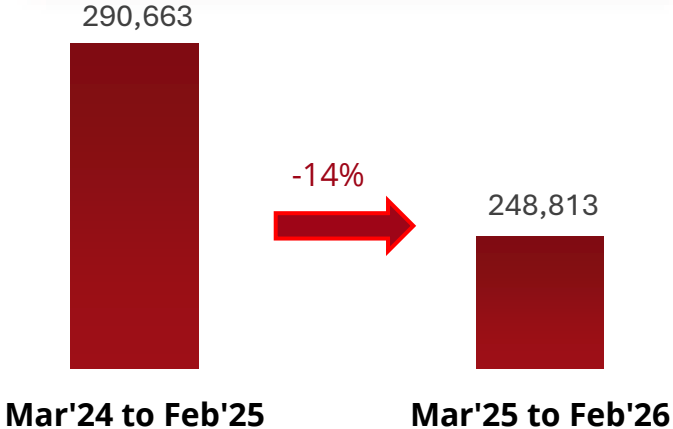
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NBFCs showed steady and positive growth, increasing their market share slightly in disbursement volume and value

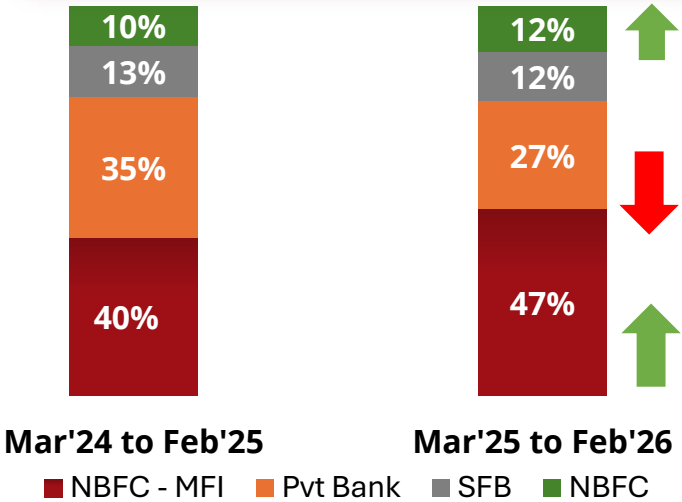
No. of Accounts (in crore)



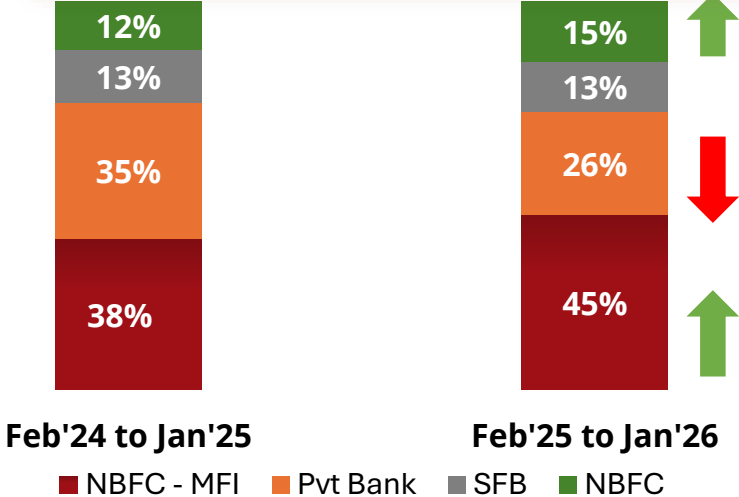
Disbursement Amount (₹ crore)



Market Share by Disbursement Volume

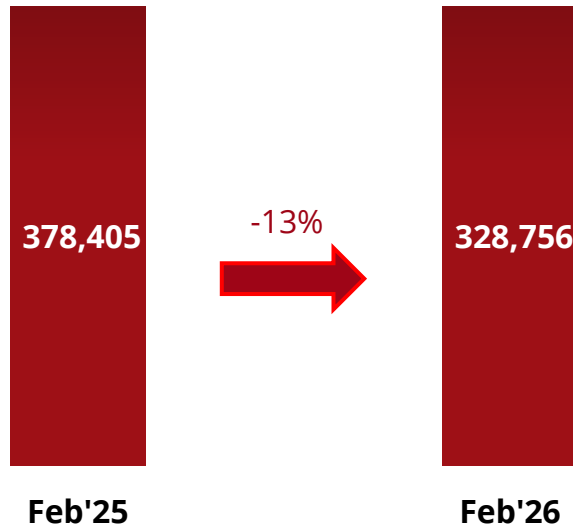


Market Share by Disbursement Value

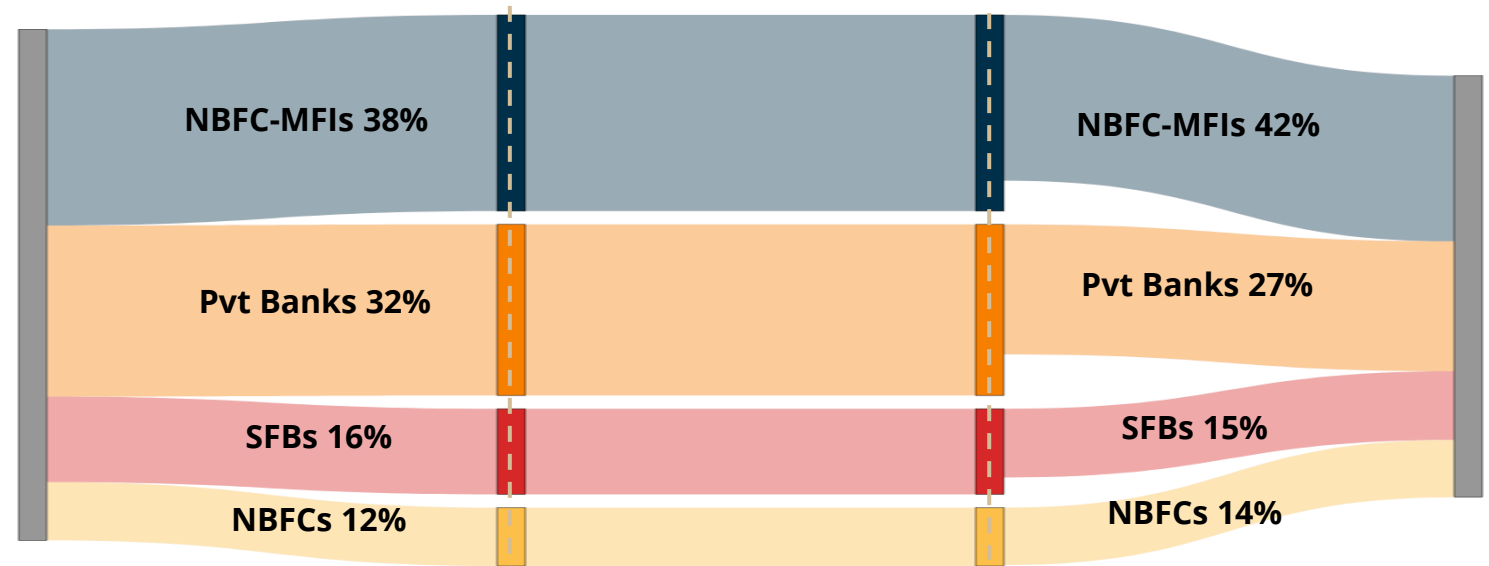


SFBs experienced a very minor contraction, with their market share dropping by 1%

Industry Portfolio Outstanding (₹ crore)



Feb'25 ₹ 3.78 Lakh Crores



Feb'26 ₹ 3.29 Lakh Crores

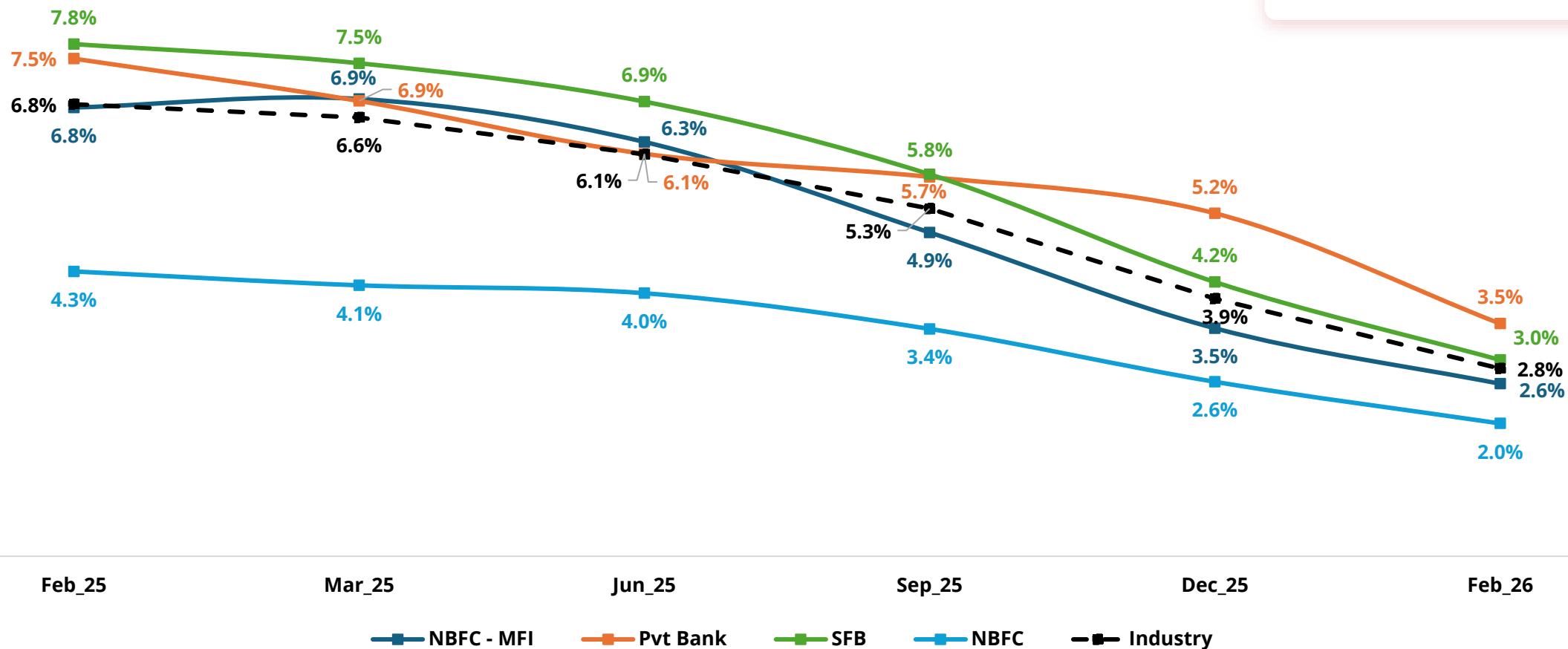
Portfolio Definition: 0-180+ DPD

% indicates Market Share with Total Portfolio Outstanding

Market share is exclusive of MFI & others

Industry witnessed a steady decline in early stage delinquencies across all the lenders

30+ Delinquency



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*30+ % = 30-179 DPD/ 0-179 DPD

Uttar Pradesh registered the lowest decline in portfolio and disbursements


Industry Top 10 States	Portfolio Outstanding		Disbursement Amount		30+%		90+%		180+%	
	Portfolio Outstanding as of Feb'26 (₹ crore)	YoY Growth % (Feb'26 vs Feb'25)	Disbursement Amount between Mar'25 to Feb'26 (₹ crore)	YoY Growth % (Mar'25 to Feb'26 vs Mar'24 to Feb'25)	Feb'25	Feb'26	Feb'25	Feb'26	Feb'25	Feb'26
	Bihar	50,915	-12%	41,440	-11%	8.6%	2.8%	5.5%	1.9%	6.6%
Tamil Nadu	40,078	-14%	26,902	-17%	6.7%	2.3%	3.8%	1.5%	8.0%	18.2%
Uttar Pradesh	38,117	-7%	31,455	-6%	8.6%	2.9%	5.4%	1.9%	8.9%	14.4%
Karnataka	28,985	-20%	19,962	-29%	6.0%	2.9%	3.1%	2.0%	5.3%	19.7%
West Bengal	27,643	-23%	23,422	-17%	3.7%	3.0%	2.1%	1.6%	8.0%	12.7%
Maharashtra	23,993	-16%	17,303	-23%	5.0%	3.5%	3.2%	2.5%	11.2%	18.8%
Madhya Pradesh	18,964	-12%	14,563	-11%	7.0%	3.5%	4.4%	2.3%	13.5%	18.0%
Odisha	16,770	-20%	11,634	-23%	10.9%	2.7%	7.3%	1.9%	13.8%	23.7%
Rajasthan	13,263	-17%	9,817	-9%	7.2%	3.4%	4.5%	2.2%	13.8%	18.0%
Jharkhand	10,407	-8%	8,416	-10%	9.6%	2.5%	6.4%	1.7%	12.3%	18.4%

POS = 0 to 180+ DPD

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