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Share of UK businesses using AI, 2023 to 2026

The share of UK businesses with 10 or more employees using at least one AI technology has almost tripled since ONS first asked in late September 2023. Adoption rose in every quarter after December 2023, reaching 34.9% in late June 2026.

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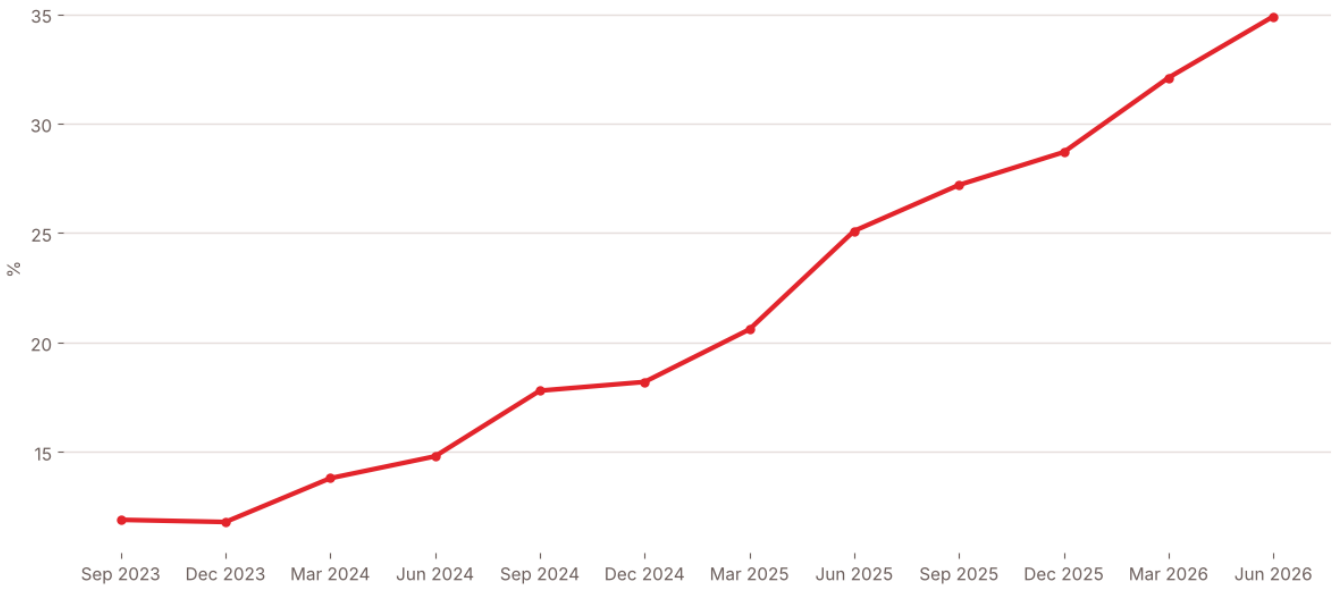

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Key findings

• 34.9% of UK businesses with 10 or more employees used at least one AI technology in late June 2026, up from 11.9% in late September 2023.

• AI use rose 9.8 percentage points in a single year, from 25.1% in June 2025 to 34.9% in June 2026.

• The only quarter without growth was December 2023 (11.8%); every quarter since has set a new high.

The data

Survey period	Businesses using at least one AI technology (%)
Sep 2023	11.9
Dec 2023	11.8
Mar 2024	13.8
Jun 2024	14.8
Sep 2024	17.8
Dec 2024	18.2
Mar 2025	20.6
Jun 2025	25.1

Survey period	Businesses using at least one AI technology (%)
Sep 2025	27.2
Dec 2025	28.7
Mar 2026	32.1
Jun 2026	34.9

Sources

Office for National Statistics, Artificial intelligence in UK businesses: 2023 to 2026 (published 20 July 2026) (Figure 1 chart data (CSV download), based on the Business Insights and Conditions Survey (BICS)) https://www.ons.gov.uk/businessindustryandtrade/business/businessservices/articles/artificialintelligenceinukbusinesses/2023to2026

Method

Rows are copied from the Figure 1 CSV of the ONS article, one value per quarterly BICS wave; each label is the month in which that two-week fieldwork period fell (for example, Sep 2023 is 18 September to 1 October 2023).

Notes

Covers businesses with 10 or more employees only, so figures are higher than the all-business headline ONS sometimes quotes (for example 25% for late December 2025 in the 8 January 2026 bulletin). BICS estimates are official statistics in development and subject to sampling error.

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