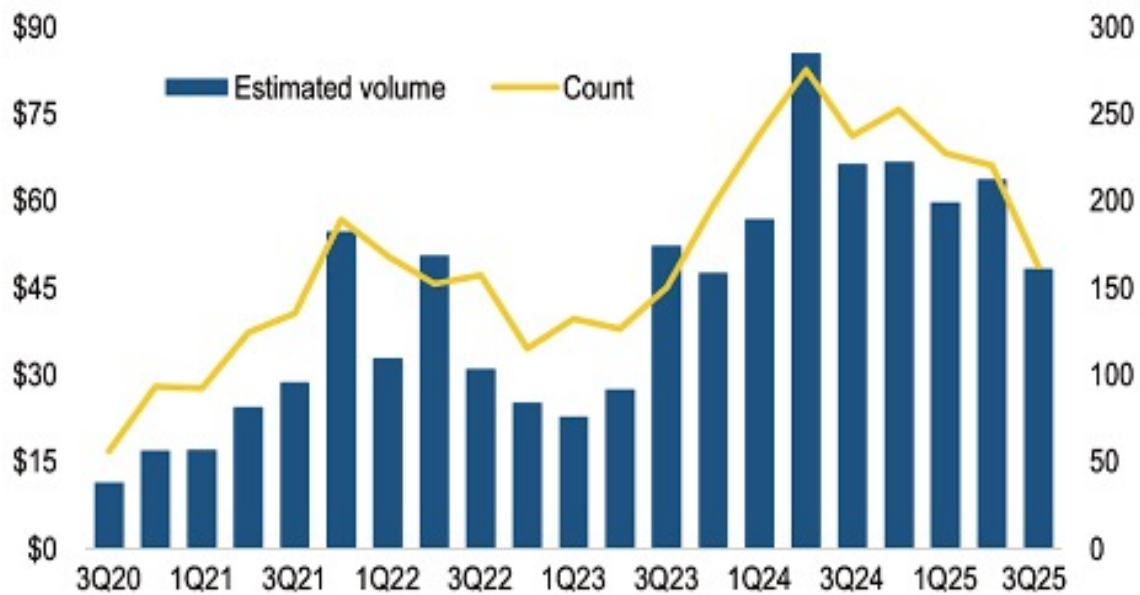


# Slow as it Goes

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Quarterly direct lending deals peaked 2Q 2024, slowed since.

**Direct lending deal count and estimated volume (\$B)**



Source: PitchBook LCD, US data through Sept. 16, 2025.