

FOCUS ON BERKS COUNTY BUSINESS

BERKS COUNTY'S ECONOMIC OUTLOOK REMAINS STRONG

Several factors point to an optimistic outlook for Berks County's economic growth in 2026. Berks County has experienced steady population growth, contributing to a larger workforce. The unemployment rate in Berks County is typically lower than the national average, indicating a healthy job market. Key industries like manufacturing, healthcare, and retail, continue to drive economic stability. The median household income in Berks County is around \$65,000, reflecting economic prosperity. There has been a rise in small businesses and startups, fostering innovation and job creation. Ongoing investments in infrastructure support transportation and logistics, enhancing economic development. All-in-all, the economic outlook for Berks County remains strong. In this section, we take a closer look at some successful Berks County Businesses.

Levan Machine & Truck Equipment

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Since it's humble beginnings in 1936, through good times and bad and everything in between, Levan Machine & Truck Equipment headquartered in Fleetwood, PA, just outside of Reading, has adapted with the demands of its customers and expanded its product lines and services over the years, and today it is recognized as one of the top 50 businesses based in Berks County.

Levan Machine and Truck Equipment is a one-stop, full-service machine shop and work truck and van upfitter, for all things related to CNC machining and commercial vehicle upfitting. Since 1936 their machine shop has serviced customers throughout the United States and internationally. From custom repair and manufacturing machining and fabricating, to prototyping, to welding, to completely engineered projects, Levan Machine and Truck Equipment is a job shop that specializes in custom work.

In 2010, Levan launched their Commercial Truck Upfit division which services the commercial and fleet market throughout Pennsylvania and the northeast. Their highly

qualified, experienced team builds a commercial truck or van specific to your daily work needs. Whether you need a service, platform, crane, or dump body, snowplow or spreader, liftgate, central hydraulic system, or power take-off (PTO), Levan's truck experts are trained to build a truck that will increase your efficiency and get the job done safely. They also offer general truck repair, maintenance, and inspection, plus they provide after-market truck accessories/parts, including spray liner.

Levan Machine and Truck Equipment has an extensive selection of truck products and primarily serves customers with commercial vehicles from Class 1 up to Class 8. The team at Levans listens to their customers before, during and after the sale is complete. They work hard to ensure they build a truck to meet your daily work needs, and if you aren't sure what you need, they'll help you figure it out. Levans has several great relationships with commercial auto and truck dealers and can help facilitate the buying process too. They specialize in truck bodies, van solutions, toolboxes, mobile power solutions, lift solutions, hydraulic systems, specialty lighting, and crane systems.

As the company continues to expand its product lines and services, it remains focused on the fundamentals of providing exceptional customer service and quality. "Communication is key," said Brian Levan, President and CEO and third-generation owner. "Listening to and understanding the customer is the foundation of our company and our vision for the future. We have a mindset throughout the company that every customer is a priority, and really what it comes down to is we are here to serve them. We are not just that truck shop or machine shop. We combine the two. When we build the custom truck for exactly what a customer needs, if we can't buy a part, we have the full capabilities of machining or making anything we want and make it work to what you need," he said. "We are also proud to tell our customers that we service everything we sell," said Levan.

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Boyer not only has the expertise but also owns the commercial equipment to carry out service and installation calls. The business has two service trucks that go up 40 feet, one that goes up 58 feet and another that extends 82 feet. If a service person needs to disconnect and take down a sign, Boyer has access to a crane and a lift. From putting up and taking

down signs to changing LED lights and replacing power supplies, Signature Sign does it all.



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Signature Sign is also a member of and supplier in Pennsylvania's "COSTARS," the Commonwealth's cooperative purchasing program. According to the Pennsylvania government's website, COSTAR businesses respond to bidding opportunities on the COSTARS or PA eMarketplace website. A supplier that successfully responds to a contract solicitation may be awarded a contract.

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The three principals at Muhlenberg Greene Architects—Scott O. Graham, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, NCARB; Robert B. Conklin, AIA, NCARB; and James A. Sarro, AIA, LEED AP BD+C—form an exceptional leadership team that seamlessly blends sophisticated, educated design with deep construction expertise. With decades of combined experience, they bring a refined architectural vision rooted in technical precision, sustainability, and practical buildability.

Scott Graham is a leader in sustainable design and Building Information Modeling, ensuring projects are forward-thinking and environmentally responsible. Robert Conklin's extensive experience in documentation and construction administration makes him a vital link

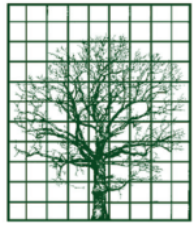
between concept and execution, fostering strong relationships with contractors. Jim Sarro's expertise in adaptive reuse and municipal planning brings a unique perspective that balances historical integrity with modern functionality.

Together, they champion a collaborative and construction-friendly approach, ensuring that each project is as structurally sound and efficiently built as it is aesthetically compelling.

In recent developments, MG Architects has relocated to a permanent office at 1268 Penn Avenue, Wyomissing, PA 19610. This strategic move enhances their ability to serve the local community and underscores their commitment to the region. The new location offers a centralized base for clients and staff, facilitating better collaboration and accessibility. This transition marks a significant milestone in the firm's century-long history, reinforcing their dedication to shaping the built environment of Berks County.

For those seeking a collaborative and experienced architectural partner, MG Architects invites you to contact them to discuss your upcoming project needs.

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Reppert's Candy, operating out of a 12,000 square foot facility in Oley Township, now offers more than 65 varieties of candy and approximately 200 different style chocolate molds. Reppert's Candy retail store is filled from end to end with seasonal chocolate decorative pieces, Halloween candy, and Thanksgiving treats. From full-size jack-o-lanterns, turkeys and cornucopias to chocolate and marshmallow ghost pops, the variety of seasonal treats will get you in the autumn spirit! The retail store's transition from Autumn to Christmas begins at Thanksgiving and lasts through the new year. Chocolate tree ornaments and custom packaged party favors are



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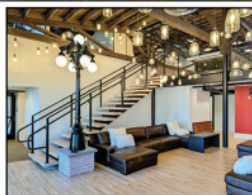


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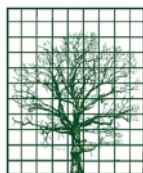
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Berks Digital Inc. is located at 2620 Hampden Boulevard, Reading, PA 19604. For additional information, please call 610.929.1200 and visit www.berksdigital.com.

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Ludgate Engineering has provided civil engineering for land development since the company was founded by Bob Ludgate Sr. in 1976. Although rules and regulations have changed, the planning process still deals with the several impacts imposed by almost all development plans. While the site civil engineer provides plans to identify and offset or mitigate impacts, the Engineer must do so in a way that does not impede the essential functions the site shall provide,



nor shall the plan compromise the Architect's vision of the development.

Each site plan deals with the impacts of traffic management and parking layout. Managing stormwater for drainage and flood prevention often governs the design. Bringing sewer, water, and other utilities to the site can present difficult problems for the Engineer to solve.

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