

# Mutual Connections, Mutual Benefit.



For Mutual Benefit Group, nurturing our core relationships is an essential part of our DNA as a mutual company. Everyone at MBG works to build trusting relationships and provide

outstanding service through effective communication and compassionate service. Our policyholders are the owners of MBG, which means the interests of policyholders, independent agents, employees and the broader community are inherently connected.

Assessing risks, providing coverage and settling claims are common across all insurance companies. However, MBG's consistent commitment to building, developing and nurturing long-lasting connections allows us to deliver value above and beyond indemnification.

# We connect the power of our agents to the needs of our policyholders by delivering on our promise.

Our independent agents, weaved into the fabric of the Pennsylvania and Maryland communities we serve, deliver personalized assistance and expert advice. When our insureds experience a loss, their local independent agent is often the first person they'll turn to. Bringing their knowledge to the complex and sometimes intimidating world of insurance, independent agents provide comfort and security to policyholders amidst times of confusion and difficulty.

We are connected with qualified, compassionate agency partners who help us provide the most tailored, caring coverage based on personal needs. And in the event of a loss, we are here to deliver on our promise for every policyholder, every day.

#### The financial stability of our policyholders is our joint goal.

As a mutual company, MBG knows that when we work to take care of our communities, they will support us in return. The coverage we provide to our policyholders underpins the financial strength of families and businesses across PA and MD, providing a safety net of protection during times of both stability and volatility.

In today's world, we understand the speed of change is accelerating; equilibrium and peace are rare and often short-lived, from economic instability to technological innovations and political conflict. Being a steady, dependable anchoring point for our policyholders and agents through building strong financial success remains our top priority.

Over our 117 years in business, we have built our connections with compassion, integrity and respect, creating strong, powerful trust with our policyholders and agents. Our values underpin every communication, interaction and transaction, making it possible to foster our mutual connections while delivering mutual benefits to all.

Here is the power of MBG's mutual connections in 2024:

- MBG's largest Direct Written Premium at \$151 million (from \$132 million in 2023)
- Combined Ratio of 97.0 (turnaround from 117.7 in 2023)
- Added \$11 million to MBG's Surplus (increased to \$117.3 million)
- Leverage Ratio improved to 1.1 (0.3 points better than plan)
- MBG recognized as a Best Place to Work in PA for the 10th time since 2009
- MBG's largest group of Inner Circle agents (see back cover for those who qualified)

Thank you for making this year a success story for MBG. I know that the connections we share will help us continue to protect economic security across our communities in 2025 and beyond.

Gary A. Williams, President and CEO

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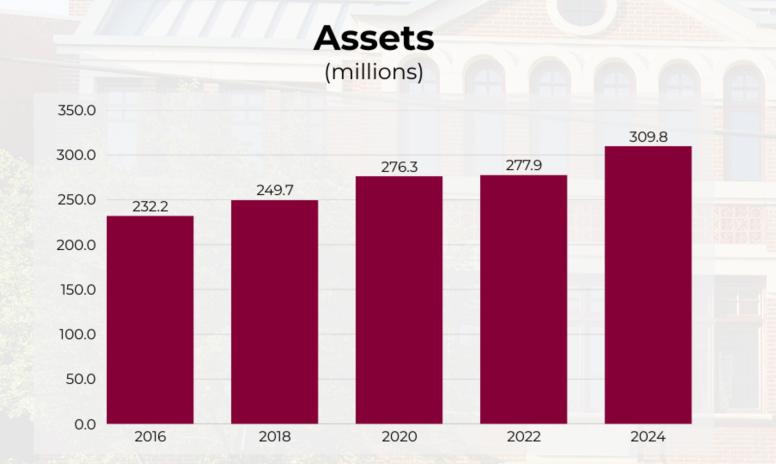
#### What does MBG's logo represent?

Our logo was redesigned in 2018 to symbolize our commitment to meeting the needs of our policyholders in today's ever-evolving market — but the meaning and significance have remained the same for the past 117 years.

The three interconnected circles represent the strong, interdependent, invaluable relationships that are formed when a financially sound mutual insurance company, experienced independent insurance agents and wise consumers pool their resources to face the risks of everyday life. Our logo is our policyholders' symbol of security: Mutual Benefit Group's promise to help build and protect their economic wellbeing.

The openness between these three circles conveys a forward-thinking, forward-moving approach to insurance protection as we all work together to adapt to a changing world. Ringed in our signature shade of maroon, the circles are shielded by MBG's ongoing commitment to providing protection and security for policyholders as well as a strong, stable market for agents.

# Our financial strength connects to the economic well-being of our partners.

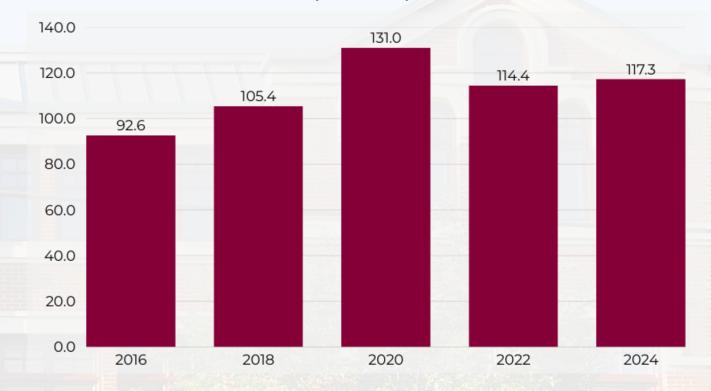


Assets (000s)		2024	2023		
Cash in Bank	\$	5,971	\$	16,191	
Bonds (Amortized)	\$	218,628	\$	186,381	
Stocks (Market)	\$	31,030	\$	31,753	
Real Estate	\$	6,263	\$	6,409	
Accounts Receivable	\$	44,626	\$	41,393	
Reinsurance Recoverable	\$	888	\$	1,543	
Accrued Interest	\$	2,074	\$	1,895	
All Other Assets	\$	350	\$	586	
Total Assets	\$309,830		\$ 286,151		

Liabilities (000s)		2024	2023	
Reserves for	\$	67,476	\$	63,947
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Reserve For Loss and	4	104,622	\$	97,848
Adjusting Expense	Ф	104,622	Ф	37,040
Reserve For All	4	20,447	\$	18,007
Other Liabilities	Ф	20,447	Ф	10,007
Policyholder Surplus	\$	117,285	\$	106,349
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$	309,830	\$	286,151

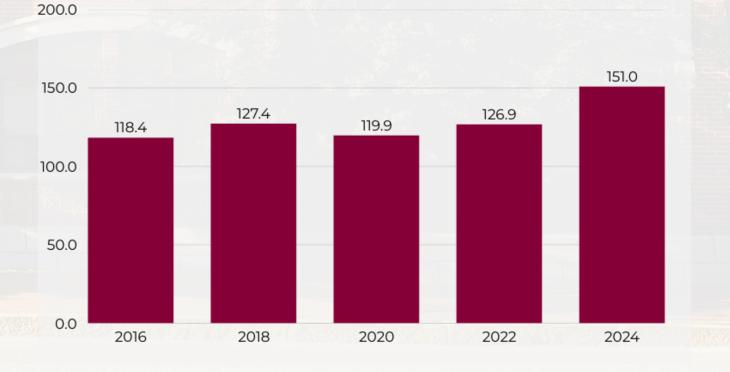
## **Policyholder Surplus**

(millions)



# **Premium Writings**

(millions)





# Connecting the Circles:

Integrity, Community, Dependability

"Integrity is built into the MBG Experience."
- Mark Russell, Chief Claims Officer

Chief Claims Officer Mark Russell became aware of a \$1 million uninsured motorist loss a day before a December 2024 meeting with BMS — a broker that assists Mutual Benefit Group in obtaining our own insurance. Although he knew that informing BMS of the loss would require a significant increase in rates for MBG, he also knew that it was simply the right thing to do.

Shortly after the reinsurance meeting, the loss reserve was bumped up to \$2 million. Luckily, the reinsurers had not yet left MBG's office, so Mark was able to advise them of the increase to get fair and accurate, albeit more costly, rates. "They're our partners, and I think they appreciate the transparency. I know we would, if the shoe was on the other foot," Mark said.

"Everyone at MBG looks out for each other, and we continue that spirit into the **community**."

- Jennifer Hefkin, Vice President - Finance and Accounting

Mutual Benefit Group prides itself in playing an active role in the communities that support our employees, agencies and policyholders. One way we bring this value to life is through our ongoing commitment to providing educational funding to local students and organizations.

For more than a decade, MBG has been an active member in the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program. Every year, we donate \$200,000, split evenly between Scholarship Programs and Educational Improvement Programs, which offers critical support to the areas where our employees live and work.

Our partnership with the program has mutual benefits: as MBG connects local community members to resources that help them learn, grow and thrive, the program provides a tax credit helping to lower our expenses and deliver the MBG Experience to all of our stakeholders.

#### "We can depend on that relationship."

- Neil Robertson, Robertson Insurance & Risk Management

Robertson Insurance & Risk Management is MBG's largest producing agent, and we are honored to be their largest business partner. This strong, symbiotic business relationship dates back as early as 1985. So, what's the key to making our mutual growth and success possible?

Nate Shope is the Commercial Lines Senior Production/Executive Underwriter assigned to work with Robertson. What he appreciates is the trust that arises from shared goals and values: knowing that both parties will both do right by each other. Nate is committed to being available and providing prompt responses to any and all requests from the agency. "They know they can come to me," he said. "They know we'll make things right."

Neil Robertson, Vice President and General Counsel for the agency, said that Robertson can always rely on MBG to care about and be responsive to their needs. "We can have a conversation—that one-on-one interaction is where things get done," Neil said. He appreciates the people and the culture of MBG that have remained stable and trustworthy over the 40-year relationship.

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# Inner Circle

Mutual Benefit Group introduced its Inner Circle Award Program in 1993 to honor outstanding independent agency partners. These agents are recognized for meeting three qualifications:

- A cumulative three-year uncapped loss ratio of 50.0% or less
- Positive written premium growth (including rate increases) in each of the last three years
- Total current year written premium volume of \$500,000 or more

Inner Circle agents will be honored with a celebration and recognition dinner, a commemorative gift and a cash award in the upcoming year. Agents who qualify for five years within a timeframe of eight consecutive years are honored with a commemorative grandfather clock.

Mutual Benefit Group congratulates the agencies listed below who have qualified for Inner Circle in 2024. We are proud to be connected to you.

Altiery Gingerich Insurance Agency LLC

Lewistown, PA

Arthur Hall Insurance

West Chester, PA

Bair Insurance Group, Inc.

Harrison City, PA

Bechtel Kopac Insurance Agency

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