

BLYTHECO'S 2026 ERP TRENDS

How Leading Organizations Are Modernizing for Growth

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Insights That Matter From a Partner Who's Walked the Journey

For more than **45** years, Blytheco has helped mid-market businesses modernize their operations and get measurable results from their ERP investments. With thousands of implementations, deep cross-industry expertise, and long-standing partnerships with leading ERP platforms, we have a front-row view into how technology is transforming the way companies operate. We see every day how the right system reduces manual work, eliminates data blind spots, improves forecasting accuracy, and empowers teams to make faster, more confident decisions. As we look toward 2026, one reality stands out: technology is evolving at a pace that requires companies to adapt quickly and intentionally. Modernization is no longer a one-time upgrade. It is an ongoing partnership built on trust, transparency, and clearly defined outcomes. With decades of experience guiding organizations through change, Blytheco is uniquely equipped to help businesses understand where the industry is headed and how to stay ahead of it.

The Reality of Legacy Systems

Whether you have already invested in a modern ERP or you are evaluating a replacement, one thing is clear: the role of ERP has fundamentally changed. Today's pace of business demands systems that eliminate manual workarounds, break down data silos, and support streamlined, connected workflows. Many organizations still struggle with outdated tools, while others are discovering how much more their new platforms can do. Across the industry, leaders want the same things: less time wrestling with systems and more time driving strategic growth. Modern ERP empowers that shift by delivering real-time visibility, scalability, and the agility needed to compete in a digital-first world. For those already on a modern platform, staying ahead means continually optimizing and leveraging new capabilities as they emerge.



What's Shaping ERP in 2026

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Cloud Is Now the Default. Over 65% of new ERP implementations are now cloud-based (Gartner, 2025), offering lower maintenance costs, faster innovation, and the flexibility to adapt to change. Organizations moving to the cloud report 30% to 40% faster access to business insights and improved collaboration across teams.

> **"Cloud ERP is no longer about cost savings alone; it's about the ability to adapt at speed."**
> - IDC, 2025

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AI and Automation Are Changing the Game. IDC's ongoing research shows that mid-sized organizations are rapidly adopting AI-enabled ERP tools to streamline operations, reduce manual effort, and make faster, data-driven decisions, highlighting automation, embedded intelligence, and predictive insights as top priorities when evaluating ERP investments. For organizations exploring a new ERP or optimizing the one they already have, the trend is clear: AI-driven ERP is becoming a core advantage for mid-sized businesses competing in a digital-first world.

> **"Artificial intelligence is transforming ERP from a system of record into a system of foresight."**
> - Gartner Analyst, 2025

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Real-Time Data Builds Trust. When everyone works from one version of the truth, accountability and confidence rise. 71% of leaders cite data visibility as a top driver for ERP modernization (IDC, 2025). Organizations that achieve unified ERP data report decision-making cycles 35% faster than those using disconnected systems (Forrester, 2025).

> **"Real-time visibility has become the new currency of trust between teams, partners, and customers."**
> - Forbes Tech Council, 2025

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Mobility Drives Productivity. With 75% of professionals expected to work remotely at least part-time (Forbes Tech, 2025), mobile ERP access has become essential. Teams using mobile ERP tools see productivity increase by 22% and approval turnaround times accelerate by up to 40% (Gartner Digital Workplace Report, 2025).

> **"The workforce expects the same seamless experience at work that they have on their phones."**
> - IDC Manufacturing Insights, 2025

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Industry-Specific Tools Create Real Value. ERP platforms are evolving into composable systems designed around the needs of each organization. Companies adopting modern, flexible ERP solutions report an average 18% gain in operational efficiency compared with legacy systems (IDC MarketScape, 2025).

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How Companies Are Making the Leap

For most organizations, deciding to move forward with a new ERP isn't just a technology choice; it's a leadership decision. It begins with asking hard questions about what's holding the business back and how teams can work better together. According to Gartner's 2025 Cloud ERP Market Guide, the most successful ERP projects share three things in common:

1. **They start with strategy, not software.** Organizations that see the strongest ROI align ERP goals with business priorities such as efficiency, insight, and scalability.

2. **They involve cross-functional champions early.** Gartner found that projects with active collaboration across business and IT were 40 percent more likely to stay on budget and meet adoption goals. When leadership teams plan together, ERP transformation becomes a shared success story.

3. **They choose partners who understand their world.** Across the industry, organizations consistently credit the success of their ERP projects to the strength of their implementation partner, specifically their ability to anticipate challenges, guide change, and support long-term adoption. At Blytheco, we have seen this proven time and again. The best outcomes come from partnerships grounded in trust, clear strategy, and shared accountability.

Modernizing ERP is a bold step, but with the right strategy and the right partner, it's also one of the most rewarding.





Sources:
IDC (2025) – ERP Market Update; Gartner (2025) – Cloud ERP Market Guide; Panorama Consulting (2025) – ERP Report; ERP Today (2025); Forrester (2025); Forbes Tech Council (2025).

Looking Ahead

2026 will be a defining year for digital transformation. Organizations that embrace modernization now are positioning themselves to lead in agility, innovation, and resilience. Modern ERP isn't just a tool; it's the foundation for growth and connected success. Let's build it together. Talk to Blytheco about your path to modernization and how we can help your ERP become one of your greatest assets.

The Business Impact of Modern ERP

Businesses adopting modern ERP platforms are achieving measurable gainsin performance and collaboration. From faster financial closes and improved reporting accuracy to real-time dashboards and connected customer experiences, the impact goes beyond technology. Modern ERP enables leaders to see their business clearly, act quickly, and empower their teams with data they can trust. Companies that transition to cloud-based ERP typically see double-digit improvements in efficiency, transparency, and customer satisfaction within the first year (Gartner, 2025).

More Than Software. A Partner You Can Count On.

At Blytheco, we believe ERP is personal. It's not just about software; it's about people, process, and trust. Our clients stay with us because we stay with them. We take accountability for results, celebrate wins, and work side by side through challenges. We don't just implement technology; we help you build the systems and processes that support your long-term growth. Whether it's Sage, Acumatica, or another modern ERP solution, we'll help you find the right fit, design the right roadmap, and ensure your investment delivers lasting value.

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