

# Tower tenacity

The annual  
**ACTTOWERCRANE50**  
sees slight growth, as the  
market appears to remain  
steady in uncertain times.



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BY NUMBERS

## TOWER CRANES

2,191

## BRANCHES

236

## EMPLOYEES

9,014

In the utter whirlwind that has been 2020 thus far, the construction industry has faced many unexpected bumps in the road. Economic indicators once suggested a flourishing market for tower cranes as more commercial projects popped up across the U.S., Canada and

Mexico. No one could have foreseen the impact of the Covid-19 crisis hitting North America in early March. However, despite a global pandemic, growing economic concerns and an upcoming election, the tower crane market is maintaining slow but steady growth as the industry continues to abide and endure in these unprecedented times.

The **ACTTOWERCRANE50** top list reflects this perseverance and development across the industry and also features four first-time participant companies. Many businesses are continuing to see success despite the unstable environment, as fleet numbers climbed solidly.

## Net gain

The list has grown from 2,026 units in 2019 to 2,191 units in 2020, a net gain of 165 units.

With last year's fleets seeing an increase of 85 tower cranes, this year there is a growth of nearly double the amount of units. The 2020 **ACTTOWERCRANE50** features 26 companies with 234 branches and 9,014 employees. Last year's list tallied 24 companies, 250 branches and 8,192 employees.

This year we are seeing a slight decrease in branch locations, possibly due to acquisitions or other business transactions, but a hopeful increase of 822 new employees. Expansions have slowed, >20

## Largest tower cranes (by capacity)

2020 RANK	COMPANY	LARGEST TOWER CRANE	CAPACITY (MT)
1	Leavitt Cranes	Kroll K1650L	135
2	J.F. Lomma Inc.	Favco M1280	100
3	Morrow Equipment	Liebherr 710 HC-L	64
4	Maxim Crane Works	Wolf 1250B	60
5	U.S. Crane & Rigging	Favco M440D	55
6	Stafford Crane Group	Potain MD1400	50
7	Bigge Crane & Rigging	Comedil CTT 721-40B	40
8	Allied Crane	Jaso J380PA	36
9	ALL Family of Companies (ALL Erection & Crane Rental)	Potain MD 610	32
10	PSJ Arcomet	Zoomlion T600	32
11	RMS Cranes	Potain MR60B	32
12	Oxford Builders Supplies	Terex Comedil CTL630	32
13	Skycrane Limited	Sun STT-753	32
14	B&G Equipment and Supply	Terex Peiner SK415	32
15	Wolffkran	Wolff 235 B	28

## 2020 ACTTOWERCRANE50

2020 RANK	2019 RANK	COMPANY	COUNTRY	NO. OF DEPOTS	NO. OF EMPLOYEES	SCOPE OF OPERATION
1	1	<b>Morrow Equipment Company</b>	USA	20	332	Worldwide
2	2	<b>Maxim Crane Works</b>	USA	61	3,700	National
3	3	<b>Bigge Crane and Rigging</b>	USA	21	1,059	National
4	4	<b>P&amp;J Arcomet</b>	USA	4	55	Worldwide
5	5	<b>ALL Family of Companies (ALL Erection &amp; Crane Rental)</b>	USA/Canada	36	1,600	National
6	6	<b>Stafford Crane Group</b>	USA	8	140	Worldwide
7	7	<b>Leavitt Cranes</b>	Canada	4	50	Worldwide
8	8	<b>Creative Lifting Services</b>	USA	1	25	National
9	9	<b>RMS Cranes</b>	USA	5	350	Regional
10	NEW	<b>U.S. Crane &amp; Rigging</b>	USA	2	>500	National
11	11	<b>Oxford Builders Supplies</b>	Canada	4	60	National
12	13	<b>Compass Equipment</b>	USA	4	85	Regional
13	NEW	<b>Concrane Equipment</b>	Canada	1	9	Regional
14	10	<b>Bigfoot Crane Company</b>	Canada	2	29	National
15	12	<b>Blue Hat Crane</b>	USA	6	63	National
16	14	<b>SkyCrane Limited</b>	Canada	2	14	Worldwide
17	15	<b>J.F. Lomma</b>	USA	7	180	Worldwide
18	NEW	<b>Rocky Mountain Crane</b>	USA	1	5	Regional
19	16	<b>B&amp;G Equipment and Supply</b>	USA	6	15	National
20	20	<b>Wolffkran</b>	USA	2	7	Worldwide
21	17	<b>Guay</b>	Canada	20	500	National
22	19	<b>Allied Crane</b>	Canada	1	12	National
23	NEW	<b>Ideal Crane Rental</b>	USA	6	100+	Regional
24	21	<b>Custom Service Crane</b>	USA	5	50	Regional
25	23	<b>Crane Tech Solutions</b>	USA	2	25	Regional
26	22	<b>Connelly Crane Rental</b>	USA	3	49	National

but there does not appear to be a notable hiring freeze despite the current climate, as companies reflect an upward growth in personnel.

It is also important to note that the **ACTTOWERCRANE50** list continues to be affected by mergers. It will be interesting to see if this trend continues in light of the tenuous economy.

Morrow Equipment continues to maintain the Number 1 spot on our list. Morrow has been at the top of the list since the beginning. This year Morrow logged 571 tower cranes, a slight increase from last year's 568. The company also shows the same number of depots and an increase of nine employees.

Morrow maintains the leading position on the **ACTTOWERCRANE50** owning 146 more tower cranes than the Number 2 firm, Maxim Crane Works.

At Number 2, Maxim Crane Works has 425 tower cranes in its fleet, having added 52 units since this time last year. The company has 61 depots compared to 55 last year and 3,700 employees, increasing from 3,615 last year.

The Number 3 company on the list is Bigge Crane & Rigging. The company showed a slight drop in units, recording 215 versus 250 units last year, a decline of 35 tower cranes.

P&J Arcomet has maintained its Number 4 spot with 116 tower cranes in its fleet,



an increase of nine units. Rounding out the top five companies is ALL Family of Companies with 97 tower cranes, up one unit from last year but still maintaining its Number 5 spot. Most companies on the list have increased the number of tower cranes in their fleets.

SENIOR CONTACT	WEBSITE	LARGEST TOWER CRANE IN FLEET	LARGEST TOWER CRANE CAPACITY (MT)	NUMBER OF TOWER CRANES IN FLEET
Peter Juhren, President and COO	www.morrow.com	Liebherr 710 HC-L	64	571
Bryan Carlisle, CEO	www.maximcrane.com	Wolff 1250B	60	425
Weston Settlemier, President & CEO	www.bigge.com	Comedil CTT 721-40B	40	215
Stephen Jehle, President	www.pjarcomet.com	Zoomlion T600	32	116
Michael L. Liptak, President	www.allcrane.com	Potain MD 610	32	97
Patrick N. Stafford, President	www.staffordcranegroup.com	Potain MD1400	50	81
Erick Zampini, Branch Manager	www.leavittcranes.com	Kroll K1650L	135	77
Will Webb, President	www.creativelifting.com	Saez TLS-65	10	59
Dennis Lebsack, Director of Bus. Dev./Tower Cranes	www.rmscrans.com	Potain MR608	32	53
Thomas Auringer, Owner	www.uscraneriggingllc.com	Favco M440D	55	49
Mike Demelo, VP Equipment	www.oxfordbuilders.ca	Terex Comedil CTL630	32	46
Kelly Hadland, CEO	www.compassequipment.com	Potain MD569	23	44
Ricky Redigonda, President	www.concrane.ca	ENG Cranes ETL253	20	41
Ryan Burton, Managing Director	www.bigfootcrane.com	Potain MDT219 J10	10	41
Henry Volante, Tower Crane Director	www.bluehatcrane.com	Linden Comansa 21LC550	20	38
Jim Howard, President	www.towercranes.net	Sun STT-753	32	34
Frank Signorelli, Chief Operating Officer	www.jflommainc.com	Favco M1280	100	34
Dusty Bitton	www.rockymtncranes.com	Potain MDT 219	10	30
JR Moran, Director of Crane Operations	www.bgeequipmentsupply.com	Terex Piener SK575	32	28
Todd Yager, President	www.wolffkran.com	Wolff 235 B	28	25
Jean-Marc Baronet, President	www.gruesguay.com	Terex Peiner SK415	20	24
Derek Kasa, CEO	www.alliedcraneltd.ca	Jaso J380PA	36	23
Robert Kalhagen, President	www.idealcranerental.com	Liebherr 81K.1	18	13
Randy Huffman, Vice President	www.customservicecrane.com	Wolff 8033.20	20	13
Robert Kohler, Vice President	www.cranetechsolutions.com	Jaso J560	24	8
Michael A. Connelly, President	www.connellycrane.com	Terex Peiner SK415	20	6

**Newcomers**

This year there were four newcomers on the **ACTTOWERCRANE50**, which contributed to the number of units, employees and locations. U.S. Crane & Rigging participated for the first time with 49 tower cranes in its fleet and nearly 500 employees. Canadian company Concrane Equipment has joined the rankings with 41 units, a tie with Bigfoot Crane Company. Newcomer Rocky Mountain Crane came in just behind J.F. Lomma, with 30 units, and Ideal Crane Rental Inc. with 100 plus employees and 13 tower cranes.

In terms of the tower crane with the highest capacity, after an extensive run

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in the Number 1 spot, J.F. Lomma's 100-metric ton capacity Favco M1280 was bumped to Number 2. Canada-based Leavitt Cranes owns a Kroll K1650L, which boasts a capacity of 135 metric tons.

As always, the *ACT* team made a monumental effort to increase the number of companies on the **ACTTOWERCRANE50** list. We created

a database of close to 100 companies that we know have one or more tower cranes. The problem is getting these companies to realize the value in filling out our survey form and submitting their information.

We will continue to try to get this list to its rightful size of at least 50 companies. A huge round of applause to all the participants who secured a spot on our list.

