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# Tower power

The annual  
**ACTTOWERCRANE50**  
top list continues to mature.  
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reports.

BY NUMBERS

## TOWER CRANES

2,026

## BRANCHES

250

## EMPLOYEES

8,192

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## Largest tower cranes (by capacity)

2019 RANK	COMPANY	LARGEST TOWER CRANE	CAPACITY (MT)
1	J.F. Lomma Inc.	Favco M1280D	96
2	Morrow Equipment	Liebherr 710 HC-L	64
3	Maxim Crane Works	Wolff 1250B	60
4	Bigge Crane & Rigging	Comedil CTT 721-40B	40
5	ALL Family of Companies (ALL Erection & Crane Rental)	Potain MD 610	32
6	Leavitt Cranes Inc.	Terex CTL 630	32
7	P&J Arcomet	Terex Peiner SK 575	32
8	Stafford Crane Group	Terex Peiner SK 575	32
9	RMS Cranes	Potain MR 608	32
10	Oxford Builders Supplies	Terex Comedil CTL 630	32
11	Skycrane Limited	Sun STT-753	32
12	B&G Equipment and Supply	Terex Peiner SK 575	32
13	ML Crane Group	Terex Peiner SK 575	32
14	Wolffkran Inc.	Wolff 355 B	28
15	Crane Tech Solutions	Jaso J560	24
16	Compass Equipment	Potain MD 569	23
17	Guay	Peiner SK 415-20	20
18	Blue Hat Crane & Equipment Rental*	Linden Comansa 21LC550	20
19	Custom Service Crane	Wolff 8033.20	20
20	Connelly Crane Rental	Terex Peiner SK 415	20

Has the tower crane market peaked? 2018 was a banner year for the market and 2019 doesn't seem to be showing any stress. Economic indicators show a growing market for tower cranes but competition for customers is fierce. Several new tower crane players have entered the U.S. market over the past five years, some that are experiencing solid success.

The **ACTTOWERCRANE50** shows steady growth with one new company. The list has grown from 1,941 units in 2018 to 2,026 units in 2019, a net gain of 85 units. While tower crane unit counts are up, they are not at the pace of last year's 168 new units. This year's list has 24 companies with 250 branches and 8,192 employees.

Last year's list had 23 companies, 251 branches and 9,264 employees. So, it looks like companies are retrenching a

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## 2019 ACTTOWERCRANE50

2019 RANK	2018 RANK	COMPANY	COUNTRY	NO. OF DEPOTS	NO. OF EMPLOYEES	SCOPE OF OPERATION
1	1	Morrow Equipment	USA	20	341	Worldwide
2	2	Maxim Crane Works	USA	55	3,615	National
3	3	Bigge Crane & Rigging	USA	18	950	National
4	5	P&J Arcomet	USA	4	56	National
5	4	ALL Family of Companies (ALL Erection & Crane Rental)	USA	36	1,600	National
6	7	Stafford Crane Group	USA	8	100	Worldwide
7	NEW	Leavitt Cranes Inc.	USA	34	40	Worldwide
8	6	Creative Lifting Services	USA	1	26	National
9	8	RMS Cranes	USA	6	311	Regional
10	9	Bigfoot Crane Company	Canada	2	28	National
11	10	Oxford Builders Supplies	Canada	4	64	National
12	12	Blue Hat Crane & Equipment Rental*	USA	6	92	National
13	17	Compass Equipment	USA	4	75	Regional
14	13	Skycrane Limited	Canada	2	12	Worldwide
15	11	J.F. Lomma Inc.	USA	8	163	Worldwide
16	15	B&G Equipment and Supply	USA	6	105	National
17	14	Guay	Canada	20	500	National
18	18	ML Crane Group	USA	2	70	National
19	16	Allied Crane*	Canada	1	14	National
20	20	Wolffkran Inc.	USA	2	7	Worldwide
21	19	Custom Service Crane	USA	5	50	Regional
22	21	Connelly Crane Rental	USA	3	49	National
23	23	Crane Tech Solutions	USA	2	25	Regional
24	22	Kranes Inc. of Central New York	USA	1	4	Regional

\*ACT Estimate

bit, not hiring as rapidly or expanding as much as they did in 2018.

The **ACTTOWERCRANE50** list continues to be affected by mergers and acquisitions, just like our **ACT100** list of top crane-owning companies.

Morrow Equipment is the Number 1 company on our list. Morrow has been at the top of the list since the beginning. This year Morrow logged 568 tower cranes, some 98 fewer units than the 666 units it listed last year. The company shows 20 depots in 2019

and 341 employees. While Morrow's numbers may be down a bit, this is likely a right sizing due to the market. Morrow remains firmly ensconced at the top of the list, rightfully owning the title as the largest tower crane-owning company in North America.

At Number 2, Maxim Crane Works has 373 tower cranes. The company has 55 depots as compared to 52 last year and 3,615 employees, up from 3,500 last year.

The Number 3 company on the list is Bigge Crane & Rigging, which continues

to invest in its tower crane fleet. The company reported 210 units last year and 250 units this year, up 40 tower cranes.

The biggest surprise this year was the jump up by P&J Arcomet from Number 5 to Number 4, taking over the 4th spot held for years by the ALL Family of Companies. P&J Arcomet listed 93 tower cranes in its fleet last year and 107 this year.

The ALL Family of Companies round out the top 5 with 98 tower cranes in its fleet, up four units from 94 in 2018.



SENIOR CONTACT	WEBSITE	LARGEST TOWER CRANE IN FLEET	LARGEST TOWER CRANE CAPACITY (MT)	NUMBER OF TOWER CRANES IN FLEET
Christian Chalupny, president	morrow.com	Liebherr 710 HC-L	64	568
Bryan Carlisle, CEO	maximcrane.com	Wolff 1250B	60	373
Weston Settlemier, president and CEO	bigge.com	Comedil CTT 721-40B	40	250
Stephen Jehle, president and CEO	pjarcomet.com	Terex Peiner SK 575	32	107
Michael L. Liptak, president	allcrane.com	Manitowoc Potain MD 608	32	98
Patrick Stafford, president	staffordcranegroup.com	Terex Peiner SK 575	32	79
Erick Zampini, general manager	leavittcranes.com	Terex CTL 630	32	78
Will Webb, president	creativelifting.com	Saez TLS-65	10	63
Dennis "Whitey" Lebsack, sales	rmscranes.com	Potain MR 608	32	50
Ryan Burton, managing partner	bigfootcrane.com	Potain MDT-219	10	44
Mike Demelo, VP of equipment operations	oxfordbuilders.ca	Terex Comedil CTL 630	32	41
Henry Volante, director, tower crane operations	bluehatcrane.com	Linden Comansa 21LC550	20	37
Kelly Hadland, CEO	compassequipment.com	Potain MD 569	23	36
Jim Howard, president	towercranes.net	Sun STT-753	32	31
James Lomma, president	jflommainc.com	Favco M1280	96	30
JR Moran, director of crane operations	bgequipmentsupply.com	Terex Peiner SK575	32	28
Jean-Marc Baronet, president	gruesguay.com	Terex Peiner SK 415	20	24
Joe Mirabile, Mid-Atlantic general manager	unitedcraneandrigging.com	Terex Peiner SK 575	32	24
Derek Kasa, manager	alliedcraneld.ca	Jaso J300N	12	23
Todd Yager, president	wolffkran.com	Wolff 355 B	28	14
Randy Huffman, vice president	customservicecrane.com	Wolff 8033.20	20	11
Michael A. Connelly, president	connellycrane.com	Terex Peiner SK 415	20	7
Robert Kohler, vice president	cranetechsolutions.com	Jaso J560	24	7
Neil Keukelaar, president	kranesinc.com	Potain MDT 302	17.5	3

Most companies on our list have increased the number of tower cranes in their fleets since this time last year.

In terms of the largest cranes on the list, J.F. Lomma Inc. still has the largest capacity tower crane, the Favco M1280D, with a capacity of 96 metric tons.

As always, the ACT team made a monumental effort to increase the number of companies on the **ACTTOWERCRANE50** top list. We created a database of close to 90 companies that we know have one or

more tower cranes in their fleets. The problem is getting these companies to realize the value in filling out our survey form and submitting their information. As ever, we will continue to try to get this list to its rightful size of at least 50 companies.

The 2019 **ACTTOWERCRANE50** shows that growth may be slowing in the tower crane sector, but the smart companies will be able to handle a decreasing market. Congratulations to those who made our list!

### Disclaimer

Like all of our lists, we work very hard to ensure the accuracy of the information submitted to us. ACT and its editors are not responsible for inaccuracies or errors in our top lists. We hope to continually grow this list. If your company has one or dozens of tower cranes in your fleet, you should be on this list. To receive a 2020 survey, please e-mail: D. Ann Shiffler at d.annshiffler@khl.com or Hannah Sundermeyer at hannah.sundermeyer@khl.com.

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