

U.S. Crane Title Remains in Emerald City

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Seattle retained its crown as the crane capital of America, a distinction it has held for the past three years. Rider Levett Bucknall, which tracks cranes in major markets, reports Seattle has 65 construction cranes reshaping its skyline, 25 more than the next U.S. city.

Seattle has more than twice as many cranes as any city other than Chicago (which was second with 40) or Los Angeles (36). Portland ranked No. 4 with 30 cranes. New York had 20 cranes. Chicago, Los Angeles and Denver had been tied for second, with 36 each, at the last count in January.

Construction across Seattle rebounded strongly following an early 2018 lull, when 45 cranes were counted. The latest numbers are the most cranes Seattle's seen since Rider Levett Bucknall began counting them in 2014.

By global comparison, the U.S. numbers pale. There are 1,182 cranes in Dubai, while Sydney has 346. Toronto has 97 cranes to lead North America.