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UK & IRELAND TOP RENTAL FLEETS SURVEY

The crane, aerial lift and telehandler rental markets across the UK and Ireland have experienced steady but uneven growth in 2026, coupled with dramatically rising costs. While sectors such as commercial office and residential housing construction faced a range of pressures, the rental market has been buoyed by major infrastructure construction, such as data centres and renewable energy transition projects. At the same time, uncertainty, higher equipment prices and financing rates have pushed many contractors back towards rental to preserve cash flow, all of which has helped keep most rental companies reasonably busy.



CRANES

The crane market has performed reasonably well in the past 12 months, especially among those companies that can work on specialist heavy lift infrastructure projects. Public infrastructure modernisation of rail and road networks, and the renewable energy sector also created demand for All-Terrain and crawler cranes. In Ireland, urban regeneration and data centre footprints dominate.

AERIAL WORK PLATFORMS

The Northern European aerial work platform market has seen a slower, less certain landscape, but the UK seems to have avoided the worst of it so far, and remains one of the three largest markets. Growth has, though, been constrained by slower traditional retail and commercial builds. Mega data centres - heavily concentrated around Dublin and the west of London - new R&D facilities, and massive logistics hubs are primary sectors driving demand for heavy duty electric scissor lifts and some articulated boom lifts. Non-construction facilities management and industrial maintenance apparently now make about a third of total platform rental activity.

Fleet renewal is increasingly focused on all electric and hybrid powertrains to accommodate urban low-emission zones and strict indoor air/noise quality mandates on major contractor sites. However, rental companies have faced flat to downward rate pressure due to increased regional competition.

TELEHANDLERS

Telehandlers remain a versatile 'backbone' of UK and Irish jobsites, although house building, a major market for telehandlers, has been slow. Massive infrastructure developments and rail upgrades have though, created more demand for larger fixed frame and 360 degree models. Smaller, local contractors frequently face availability crunches for 14 to 18 metre units during peak spring to autumn seasons.

Enforcement of Stage V low-emission requirements in regional 'Green Zones' has started to push older diesel units off-site, triggering an influx of contractors renting newer, compliant equipment to avoid regulatory fines.

Given all these factors, it is unsurprising that the fleet numbers show no consistent patterns, with the leading players' fleets remaining fairly consistent, with very few large movers.

METHODOLOGY

Regular readers will know the survey as the Top 30 Rental Companies but we have changed the name to reflect growing participation over the years. It began 25 years or so ago as the Top 10, and later became the Top 20 and then Top 30, which we kept for several years after the main table was more like Top 40 or 50. The original straightforward table also expanded into something broader, hence the Top Rental Fleet Guide.

This year marks the 26th edition, which says something about how the guide is used: contractors, public service providers - Police and Fire etc - financial institutions and market analysts turn to it to track down specific equipment, rental equipment suppliers or to track market trends and evaluate fleets and companies for various reasons.

This year we have continued to use the online questionnaire in a bid to speed up the process and make it easier to enter the data. Once again, this has proved popular with a record number of responses received.

In spite of this, it has been a struggle to obtain data from a few companies. For those that failed to send their data in on time, or even 'refused', we have used our industry sources, company websites and social media pages to estimate fleet numbers and hope that they are reasonably accurate or at least representative of those fleets.

As always, a very big thank you to all of the companies that have enthusiastically participated in this year's survey. We hope that it will prove to be another useful and insightful report for our readers both in the UK and around the world. Numerous requests from major contractors regarding its publication date indicate that it is becoming an increasingly popular tool for end users.

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CRANES

UK & IRELAND

TOP RENTAL FLEETS

SURVEY 2026



Over the past 12 months, the UK crane rental industry has faced a good few challenges, including sporadic demand, while having to absorb soaring operating costs, and acute labour shortages. At times, this has led to friction, leading to crane operator strikes and other issues. While mobile crane rental market leader Ainscough reduced its fleet by 18 cranes - less than five percent - King Lifting and Kavanagh Crane Hire added five and seven cranes respectively to slightly close the gap. This year we have 11 new entrants with fleets ranging from 14 to 22 cranes, possibly indicating that smaller companies have been more active with fleet renewals or expansion, perhaps having started with an older fleet and encouraged by some generous finance deals, especially from those manufacturers trying to gain a foothold in the market?



TOP MOBILE CRANE COMPANIES

Company	Total	All Terrain/ Trucks	Rough Terrain	Mobile Towers	Pick & Carry	Trailer Cranes
Ainscough Crane Hire	359 ▼	342	0	8	3	6
King Lifting	140 ▲	131	0	2	3	4
Kavanagh Crane Hire	80 ▲	72	0	4	0	4
Baldwins	76 ▼	75	0	1	0	0
Global Port Services	65 ▲	65	0	0	0	0
Bryn Thomas Cranes	65 ▼	63	0	2	0	0
Emsley Crane Hire	64 ▼	63	0	1	0	0
Sparrow Crane Hire	63 ▲	33	0	29	1	0
Forsyth of Denny	61 ▲	34	0	1	0	26
City Lifting	61 ▲	36	0	17	0	8
Davies Crane Hire	58 —	52	0	3	0	3
Southern Cranes & Access	56 ▲	47	0	3	1	5
Emerson Crane Hire	54 ▲	52	0	0	0	2
Marsh Plant Hire	45 ▼	45	0	0	0	0
Crowland Cranes	45 ▼	32	3	1	5	4
Dewsbury and Proud	42 —	40	0	0	0	2
Coussens Cranes	41 ▲	34	1	1	0	5
ABA Cranes	41 —	39	0	2	0	0
Macsavors	35 ▼	35	0	0	0	0
East Cork Crane Hire	40 ▲	35	1	2	0	2
Bray Cranes	40 ▲	19	0	1	20	0
Bronzeshield Lifting	36 ▲	33	0	2	0	1
John Sutcliffe Cranes	32 ▼	31	0	1	0	0
Cork Crane Hire	31 ▼	25	0	6	0	0
Steve Foster Cranes	26 —	20	0	1	2	3
NMT Crane Hire	26 ▲	22	0	3	0	1
Tusker Crane Hire	26 ▲	25	0	1	0	0
Thanet Crane Hire	24 ▲	21	0	0	0	3
Crane Hire	22 NEW	13	2	4	1	2
Lee Lifting Services	22 NEW	20	0	1	0	1
J Hewitt	23 ▲	22	1	0	0	0
Bernard Hunter Cranes	21 ▲	13	1	3	0	4
Falcon Tower Crane Services	21 NEW	0	0	0	0	21
County Lifting Services	19 —	14	0	0	5	0
DM Cranes	18 NEW	4	0	14	0	0
MGA Group	18 NEW	15	0	2	1	0
Horizon Reinforcing & Cranes	18 NEW	14	0	2	0	2
R W Christopher Crane Hire	18 ▲	17	0	0	0	1
RRC Crane Hire	18 ▼	17	0	1	0	0
Bob Francis	16 ▼	12	0	0	0	4
Marsden Crane Services	17 —	17	0	0	0	0
PP Engineering	17 ▼	17	0	0	0	0
Cadman Cranes	18 ▲	18	0	0	0	0
Stoddart Crane Hire	16 NEW	14	0	0	0	2
Wire Cranes and Lifting	16 NEW	15	0	1	0	0
Nationwide Group	15 NEW	12	0	0	1	2
Birmingham Crane Hire	14 NEW	4	0	8	0	2
Cramscene	14 NEW	11	0	0	0	3

LARGEST MOBILE CRANES

Company	Capacity t	Make & Model	# in Fleet
Baldwins	1,000	Terex Demag AC1000	1
Ainscough Crane Hire	800	Liebherr LTM1750-9.1	2
East Cork Crane Hire	800	Liebherr LTM1750-9.1	1
Kavanagh Crane Hire	800	Liebherr LTM1750-9.1	1
King Lifting	800	Liebherr LTM1750-9.1	1
Osprey	800	Liebherr LTM1750-9.1	1
PSG Group	800	Liebherr LTM 1750-9.1	1
Global Port Services	750	Liebherr LTM1750-9.1	1
Forsyth of Denny	700	Liebherr LTM 1650-8.1	2
Crane Hire	700	Liebherr LTM 1650-8.1	1
Bernard Hunter Cranes	700	Liebherr LTM1650-8.1	1
Davies Crane Hire	700	Liebherr LTM1650-8.1	1
Bronzeshield Lifting	500	Liebherr LTM1500-8.1	1
City Lifting	450	Liebherr LTM 1450	2
Emerson Crane Hire	450	Liebherr LTM1450-8.1	2
R W Christopher Crane Hire	450	Liebherr LTM1450-8.1	1
John Sutcliffe Cranes	450	Liebherr LTM1450-8.1	1
DLH Lifting Services	450	Liebherr LTM1450-8.1	1
RRC Crane Hire	450	Liebherr LTM1450-8.1	17
Cramscene	450	Grove GMK7450	1
Cork Crane Hire	350	Liebherr LTM1350-6.1	1
Tusker Crane Hire	350	Terex AC350-6	1
Sparrow Crane Hire	300	Liebherr LTM 1300-6.3	1
Steve Foster Cranes	300	Grove GMK6300L-1	1
Crowland Cranes	300	Liebherr LTM1300-6.2	1
Southern Cranes & Access	300	Liebherr LTM1300-6.3	1
NMT Crane Hire	300	Liebherr LTM 1300-6.2	2
Bryn Thomas Cranes	300	Grove GMK6300L-1	2
Stoddart Crane Hire	300	Liebherr LTM 1300-6.2	1
J&M Crane and Transport	250	Grove GMK5250L	1
J Hewitt	250	Grove GMK5250L	1
E J McGovern Crane Hire	250	Liebherr LTM1250-5.1	1
Lee Lifting Services	250	Grove GMK 5250 XL	1
Walsh Crane Hire	250	Liebherr LTM1250-5.1	1
Horizon Reinforcing & Cranes	250	Grove GMK5250XL-1	1
Wire Cranes and Lifting	250	GMK5250XL	1
Dewsbury and Proud	250	Grove GML5250-XL	2
APH Cranes	230	Liebherr LTM1230-5.1	1
Cadman Cranes	500	Liebherr LTM 1500-8.1	1
BCS Crane Hire	230	Liebherr LTM1230-5.1	1
Coussens Cranes	230	Liebherr LTM1230-5.1	1
24/7 Crane Hire	230	Liebherr LTM1230-5.1	1
Sangwin Plant Hire	230	Liebherr LTM1230-5.1	1
PP Engineering	220	Tadano ATF220	1
Emsley Crane Hire	220	Liebherr LTM 1220 5.2	1
Central Crane Hire (Hull)	230	Liebherr LTM 1230-5.1	1
Roadcraft	200	Grove GMK 5200	1
Macduff Shipyards	180	Liebherr 1160-5-2	1
ABA Cranes	180	Liebherr LTM1160	1
Marsh Plant Hire	150	Liebherr LTM1150-5.3	1
Marsden Crane Services	150	Liebherr LTM1150-5.3	1
Thanet Crane Hire	150	Grove GMK 5150XL	1
Bray Cranes	150	Liebherr LTM1150-5.3	1

Fleet size in the past 12 months has: ▲ Increased ▼ Decreased — Remained the same

TOP TOWER CRANE COMPANIES

Company	Total	Rope Luffers	Hydraulic Luffers	"Normal" Self Erectors	Hammerhead/ Flat Tops
Falcon Tower Crane Services	417 ▼	134	89	89	105
Wolffkran	180 ▼	100	0	0	80
Select Plant Hire	176 ▲	125	21	0	30
Mantis Cranes	165 ▲	0	6	114	45
Bennett's Cranes	141 –	32	78	0	31
Trident Lifting Solutions	141 ▲	62	28	28	23
City Lifting	140 ▲	58	17	26	39
London Tower Cranes	135 ▼	30	50	15	40
Uperio UK	80 ▼	50	11	6	13
Ladybird Cranes	80 –	0	0	50	30
Irish Crane & Lifting	64 ▼	1	3	5	55
Tower Cranes UK	57 ▲	38	12	0	7
Heathrow Cranes	50 ▼	29	9	1	11
Radius	36 ▼	14	6	0	16
A Abraham	35 ▼	8	7	2	18
Sparrow Crane Hire	33 ▲	0	0	33	0
Nationwide Group	31 ▲	4	15	4	8
Dowse Crane Hire	24 ▲	0	0	20	4

TOP CRAWLER CRANE COMPANIES

Company	Total	SpiderCranes	Telescopic	Lattice	Mini (<12t)
Weldex	156 ▲	0	51	104	1
Select Plant Hire	76 ▼	0	45	30	1
AGD Equipment	71 –	0	58	10	3
Delden Cranes	70 ▲	0	25	45	0
NRC Plant	65 ▼	0	15	30	20
Q Crane & Plant Hire	50 ▲	0	7	41	2
GH Johnson Crane Hire	44 ▲	3	8	33	0
BPH Equipment	35 –	0	10	25	0
Hawks Crane Hire	22 ▼	0	10	10	2
Jones Crawler Cranes	20 –	0	10	8	2
Sparrow Crane Hire	18 ▲	9	1	0	8
City Lifting	13 ▲	8	0	1	4
King Lifting	9 –	1	8	0	0
Emerson Crane Hire	8 –	3	3	0	2
Cadman Cranes	7 –	3	0	0	4
Marsden Crane Services	7 NEW	2	2	0	3
Southern Cranes & Access	7 NEW	7	0	0	0
Osprey	6 NEW	0	2	4	0
Stoddart Crane Hire	6 ▼	0	2	0	4

LARGEST TOWER CRANE IN FLEET

Company	Capacity t	Make & Model	# in Fleet
Trident Lifting Solutions	200	Yongmao STL4600	2
Select Plant Hire	66	Terex CTL1600-66	12
Falcon Tower Crane Services	64	Jaso J780PA.64	5
City Lifting	50	Comansa 21LC750	1
Bennett's Cranes	45	Wolff 500B	1
Heathrow Cranes	36	Saez SL730	1
Radius	32	Potain MR608	5
London Tower Cranes	24	Jost 416.24	2
Irish Crane & Lifting	24	Raimondi T577	10
Uperio UK	24	Terex CTL260	1
Tower Cranes UK	24	Terex CTL 430	2
Mantis Cranes	20	Saez TLS80	2
A Abraham	16	Terex CTT331	2
Ladybird Cranes	10	MDT219	2
Nationwide Group	10	Terex CTT 231	2



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TOP 30 RENTAL COMPANIES



TOP MINI/SPIDER/PICK & CARRY COMPANIES

Company	Total	Mini Crawlers	Spider Cranes	Pick & Carry
GGR Group	262 ▲	32	142	88
Hird	179 ▼	7	87	85
Lift Minicranes	60 ▼	4	50	6
Coppard Plant Hire	56 ▼	1	50	5
TCA Lifting	32 ▲	9	20	3
NRC Plant	20 NEW	20	0	0
Bray Cranes	20 NEW	0	0	20
Sparrow Crane Hire	18 ▲	8	9	1
Nxgen Lifting	12 ▲	0	11	1
City Lifting	12 ▲	4	8	0
John Taylor Crane Services	10 ▼	0	10	0
Crowland Cranes	9 ▼	2	2	5
Southern Cranes & Access	8 ▲	0	7	1
County Lifting Services	6 –	1	0	5
Marsden Crane Services	5 NEW	3	2	0
Emerson Crane Hire	5 –	2	3	0
Dewsbury and Proud	5 –	2	3	0

CRANE COMPANIES & INVESTMENT

Company	Investment £	# Bought	# Sold	Depots	Staff
24/7 Crane Hire	1,800,000	3	1	1	12
ABA Cranes	1,600,000	1	1	1	60
AGD Equipment	3,000,000	0	0	2	100
Ainscough Crane Hire	6,000,000	6	32	28	800
BCS Crane Hire	1,500,000	0	0	1	9
Bennett's Cranes	1,500,000	0	0	N/D	
Berkeley Crane Hire	245,000	0	0	1	5
Bernard Hunter Mobile Cranes	2,500,000	2	0	1	50
Berry Cranes	500,000	0	0	1	14
Birmingham Crane Hire	1,300,000	1	1	1	30
Bray Cranes	2,500,000	0	0	1	35
Bronzeshield Lifting	5,000,000	6	5	2	50
Bryn Thomas Cranes	2,000,000	0	0	6	120
City Lifting	4,500,000	0	0	3	150
Cramscene	1,000,000	2	1	2	15
Davies Crane Hire	4,500,000	5	4	4	120
Delden Cranes	10,000,000	0	0	1	25
Dewsbury and Proud	3,500,000	9	7	5	80
DLH Lifting Services	4,800,000	3	0	1	16
DM Cranes	2,250,000	0	0	4	44
E J McGovern Crane Hire	3,000,750	4	4	1	20
East Cork Crane Hire	3,000,000	1	1	2	55
Emerson Crane Hire	5,100,000	0	0	3	90
Emsley Crane Hire	1,200,000	2	3	2	80
Falcon Tower Crane Services	8,167,920	53	49	5	410
FJ Crane Hire	1,392,000	0	0	1	15
Forsyth of Denny	4,200,000	13	12	4	174
GGR Group	2,600,000	0	0	3	158
GH Johnson Crane Hire	2,000,000	6	3	1	25
Hird	750,000	4	0	3	120
Horizon Reinforcing & Crane Hire	1,750,000	4	4	2	26
John Sutch Cranes	3,000,000	0	0	2	105
John Taylor Crane Services	0	0	0	1	8
Ladybird Cranes	1,000,000	0	0	1	22
Mantis Cranes	2,650,000	0	0	3	N/D
Marsden Crane Services	3,100,000	3	1	1	44
Marsh Plant Hire	812,174	1	6	5	75
MGA Group	2,500,000	4	0	1	40
Nationwide Group	10,000	0	0	1	115
NMT Crane Hire	1,800,000	3	1	2	48
Nxgen Lifting	50,000	0	0	2	12
Osprey	22,000,000	0	0	3	200
PSG Group	1,400,000	0	0	3	30
R W Christopher Crane Hire	4,000,000	2	0	2	35
Roadcraft (Crane & Plant Hire)	1,144,349	2	2	1	18
RRC Crane Hire	3,800,000	2	2	1	34
Sangwin Plant Hire	1,500,000	0	0	1	35
Select Plant Hire	15,400,000	0	0	7	1,071
Southern Cranes & Access	2,200,000	4	4	3	105
Sparrow Crane Hire	2,000,000	3	1	1	N/D
Steve Foster Cranes	150,000	0	0		46
Stoddart Crane Hire	2,500,000	2	0	1	38
Thanet Crane Hire	1,800,000	0	0	5	32
Total Lifting Services	1,000,000	0	0	1	12
Tower Cranes UK	1,000,000	11	1	2	12
Trident Lifting Solutions	24,000,000	8	0	1	N/D
Wire Cranes and Lifting	4,000,000	7	3	1	30

FUEL TYPE

Hybrid	Electric	Diesel
0%	0%	100%
0%	0%	100%
0%	0%	100%
3%	1%	96%
0%	10%	90%
0%	100%	0%
0%	0%	100%
14%	14%	71%
29%	0%	71%
8%	0%	92%
5%	0%	95%
5%	0%	95%
1%	0%	99%
5%	60%	35%
0%	0%	100%
3%	2%	95%
0%	0%	100%
5%	5%	90%
0%	0%	100%
40%	0%	60%
5%	5%	90%
3%	1%	96%
0%	0%	100%
0%	100%	0%
15%	5%	80%
2%	1%	97%
36%	50%	14%
0%	0%	100%
25%	70%	5%
18%	0%	82%
1%	0%	99%
90%	10%	0%
0%	100%	0%
0%	100%	0%
6%	0%	94%
0%	0%	100%
15%	0%	85%
0%	0%	100%
10%	0%	90%
5%	93%	2%
0%	5%	95%
0%	0%	100%
0%	0%	100%
0%	0%	100%
0%	20%	80%
0%	72%	28%
5%	5%	90%
0%	50%	50%
1%	0%	99%
0%	0%	100%
0%	0%	100%
0%	0%	100%
0%	0%	100%
0%	100%	0%
0%	100%	0%
10%	10%	80%



LARGEST CRAWLER CRANES

Company	Capacity	Make & Model	# in Fleet
Weldex	1,350	Liebherr LR11350	N/D
Mammoet UK	1,200	Gottwald AK-912-1	N/D
Global Port Services	750	Liebherr LR 1750	1
Ainscough Crane Hire	700	Liebherr LR1700	1
Osprey	650	Tadano CC3800	2
Delden Cranes	400	Liebherr LR1400SX	1
Hawks Crane Hire	300	Liebherr LR 1300.1	1
Select Plant Hire	300	Liebherr LR1300	6
GH Johnson Crane Hire	275	HSC SCX2800A-3	1
PSG Group	220	Liebherr LTR1220	1
AGD Equipment	130	Sennebogen 6133	2
Falcon Tower Crane Services	110	Kobelco CKE1100	1
Emerson Crane Hire	100	Liebherr LTR1100	3
City Lifting	90	Liebherr LR853	1
Tower Cranes UK	80	Kobelco BME800-HD	1
Heathrow Cranes	80	Kobelco BME800-HD	1
Forsyth of Denny	60	Liebherr LTR1060	1
Kavanagh Crane Hire	60	Liebherr LTR 1060	1
Crowland Cranes	60	Sany SCE600TB	1
Davies Crane Hire	60	TerexTCC60	1
Stoddart Crane Hire	60	Liebherr LTR1060	1
Sparrow Crane Hire	40	Hitachi SCX400T	1
Marsden Crane Services	20	Maeda CC1908	1
24/7 Crane Hire	15	Jekko JF545	1
Lift Minicranes	15	Jekko JF545	1
County Lifting Services	12	BG Lift	1
GGR Group	10	Sunward MCC1004	N/D



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TOP RENTAL FLEETS

SURVEY 2026

Speedy Hire surprisingly jumped from third to second place, adding more than 2,700 machines including 700 slab scissors and almost 2,000 push around platform. Its total fleet is now not far that behind market leader Nationwide Platforms, which reduced its fleet by almost 750 units - swapping out 1,200 diesel RT scissor lifts for 600 new electric/hybrid articulated booms.

Access Hire Nationwide extended its position as market leader in the Vehicle Mounted section, adding more than 100 units, while Nationwide Platforms reduced its fleet by 34. UK Tool Hire group dropped from third to sixth, cutting its fleet by 32 percent - the vast majority being 3.5 tonne truck mounts.



TOP POWERED ACCESS COMPANIES

Company	Units in Fleet	Articulated Booms		Straight Telescopic Booms		Self Propelled Slab Scissors	Mast Lifts	Mast Booms	Spider Lifts	Push Arouns	Rough Terrain Scissor Lifts		Truck Mounts			
		Electric Hybrid	Diesel	Electric Hybrid	Diesel						Electric Hybrid	Diesel	3.5t GVW	Over 3.5t GVW	Van Mounts	Trailer Lifts
Nationwide Platforms	10,369 ▼	1,574	2,168	32	523	3,710	515	816	113	190	25	240	65	124	274	0
Speedy Hire	9,695 ▲	799	267	0	20	3,231	661	618	0	4,443	2	256	0	0	0	1
MEP Hire	9,394 —	0	0	0	0	1,997	0	0	0	7,397	0	0	0	0	0	0
Summit Platforms	7,296 ▲	669	1,503	8	409	2,261	388	212	0	201	163	1,482	0	0	0	0
Star Platforms	5,318 ▲	350	54	181	0	2,382	413	181	0	1,385	127	245	0	0	0	0
AFI-Uplift	5,116 ▼	428	1,002	6	8	2,149	259	150	53	193	48	567	13	58	178	4
Sunbelt	4,305 ▼	300	1,100	0	25	1,700	280	220	40	300	10	330	0	0	0	0
Advanced Access Platforms	3,347 ▲	412	35	15	45	1,289	171	62	34	1,012	183	87	0	0	0	2
GTAcess Group	2,772 ▼	377	307	5	49	1,323	82	161	45	92	30	251	35	1	0	14
Charles Wilson Engineers	2,672 ▲	309	602	0	118	1,020	47	45	12	170	85	261	0	0	0	3
Hire Safe Solutions	2,572 ▲	60	800	80	600	820	0	44	40	125	0	0	0	3	0	0
JMS	2,503 ▲	138	260	1	44	508	120	58	68	1,080	44	158	17	1	0	6
Essential Access Platforms	2,057 NEW	322	240	0	37	821	66	64	3	158	15	330	0	0	0	1
Access Hire Nationwide	1,998 ▲	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	339	136	1,523	0
Height for Hire	1,835 ▼	200	200	0	250	600	50	40	80	100	15	40	80	60	120	0
X-Hire	1,530 ▲	95	0	0	0	1,140	185	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KDM Hire	1,334 ▲	95	152	8	69	534	109	35	18	154	10	102	6	0	30	12
JPS Platforms	1,182 ▲	91	138	0	8	597	60	48	6	73	1	160	0	0	0	0
Vp CPH	1,153 ▼	47	79	6	59	543	211	40	3	109	7	49	0	0	0	0
1 Up Access	1,112 ▲	227	175	11	14	350	5	60	0	0	70	200	0	0	0	0
Elavation	1,094 ▼	446	36	0	0	322	62	32	46	82	38	18	0	0	0	12
Horizon Platforms	1,069 ▲	128	0	0	0	563	0	181	0	197	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mainline (1982)	972 ▲	124	112	6	20	494	26	41	0	58	51	38	0	0	0	2
Mr Plant Hire	937 ▼	40	20	2	0	280	50	10	5	500	20	10	0	0	0	0
UK Tool Hire Group	905 ▼	63	81	3	6	343	41	30	21	47	0	90	27	3	149	1
Select Plant Hire	889 ▲	46	4	0	0	427	172	32	0	200	4	4	0	0	0	0
Peak Platforms	846 NEW	130	17	0	2	465	16	48	0	135	16	17	0	0	0	0
Smiths Hire	782 ▲	63	50	0	2	385	40	25	6	141	14	54	0	0	0	2
Access Plus - Briggs	740 ▼	50	100	0	15	350	50	5	5	80	15	50	15	5	0	0
Powered Access Services	662 ▲	72	160	0	25	230	0	15	0	5	13	142	0	0	0	0
Hird	600 ▼	209	33	4	1	208	0	18	9	50	2	62	4	0	0	0
Premier Platforms	594 ▼	66	57	0	3	302	21	22	1	23	26	69	2	0	0	2
Gwynedd Forklifts	565 ▼	52	159	0	26	185	17	44	4	8	6	62	2	0	0	0
2 Cousins Powered Access	515 ▼	90	90	0	15	180	15	20	15	25	10	50	0	0	0	5
Ashbrook	514 ▲	102	99	0	32	0	0	26	0	0	149	106	0	0	0	0
Ord Industrial	496 ▼	15	150	0	25	185	25	10	5	20	0	60	1	0	0	0
OK Tool Hire & Sales	466 ▲	15	65	0	26	250	23	16	2	40	0	25	2	0	0	2
The Platform Hire Centre	416 ▲	22	42	0	10	202	52	20	0	10	5	53	0	0	0	0
Astley Hire	357 ▲	54	0	0	0	157	54	36	0	52	3	0	0	0	0	1
GTM Powered Access	342 NEW	36	90	0	10	112	14	6	2	16	5	51	0	0	0	0
United Powered Access	338 ▲	26	19	0	15	143	15	15	0	15	0	90	0	0	0	0
Access Platforms Aberdeen	337 ▼	20	60	0	2	90	15	18	3	100	3	25	0	0	0	1
Dromad Hire	278 ▲	14	14	0	0	170	7	12	11	43	2	2	0	0	0	3
Smart Platform Rental	255 ▲	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	210	20	25	0
Premier Plant & Tool Hire	253 NEW	12	28	0	25	136	0	0	0	11	7	33	0	0	0	1
PG Platforms	212 ▲	22	6	0	0	105	4	9	9	0	2	26	12	7	9	1
One Stop Hire	210 ▼	0	0	3	0	100	0	0	3	100	0	0	0	0	1	3
Orion Access	188 ▼	25	10	0	1	30	0	8	37	4	0	10	38	25	0	0
Lift Hire Ireland	174 ▲	5	10	5	4	25	10	4	6	10	0	8	35	10	42	0
APH Cranes & Access	141 NEW	44	45	0	2	28	3	1	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0
React Access	116 NEW	15	5	0	0	72	6	7	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0
Paramount Platforms	94 NEW	17	0	0	16	0	5	4	51	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

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TOP 30 RENTAL COMPANIES

TOP VEHICLE MOUNTED FLEETS

Company	Total	Truck Mount		Straight Telescopic Booms
		3.5t GVW	Over 3.5t GVW	
Access Hire Nationwide	1,998 ▲	339	136	1,523
Nationwide Platforms	463 ▼	65	124	274
AFI-Uplift	249 ▲	13	58	178
Smart Platform Rental	255 ▲	210	20	25
Height for Hire	260 ▲	80	60	120
UK Tool Hire Group	179 ▼	27	3	149
Blade Access	110 ▼	50	50	10
Lift Hire Ireland	87 ▲	35	10	42
Orion Access	63 –	38	25	0
Clearview Services	45 –	3	42	0
GTAcess Group	36 –	35	1	0
KDM Hire	36 ▲	6	0	30
PG Platforms	28 ▲	12	7	9
Maps Platforms	26 ▼	10	0	16
Clerkin Elevation	21 –	3	18	0
JMS	18 NEW	17	1	0



LARGEST TRUCK MOUNTED LIFTS

Company	Model	Working Height - m	# in Fleet
Clearview Services	Bronto S104HLA	104	1
Blade Access	Palfinger P1000	102	N/D
Elev8	Palfinger P900	90	2
Clerkin Elevation	Bronto S90	90	N/D
Height for Hire	Bronto S90HLA	90	N/D
AFI-Uplift	Palfinger P750	75	1
Orion Access	Socage 75 TJJ	75	1
Smart Platform Rental	Bronto S56XR	56	2
PG Platforms	Ruthmann T510	51	1
Sky Platform Hire	Ruthmann T510HF	51	1
NSS	Palfinger P450	45	N/D
JMS	Ruthmann T330	33	1
GTAcess Group	Ruthmann T330	33	1

LARGEST SCISSOR LIFTS

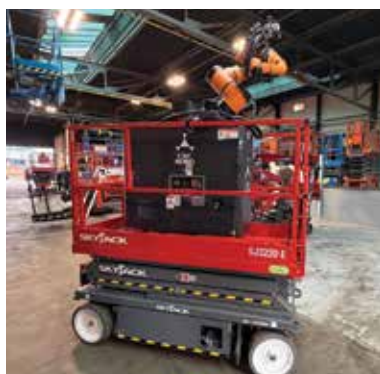
Company	Model	Working Height m	# in Fleet
JMS	Liftlux 320	34	1
AFI-Uplift	Holland Lift G320	34	3
Mainline (1982)	Holland Lift Megastar	34	4
Essential Access Platforms	Dingli 3225RT	32	1
Elevation	Dingli 3225	32	4
AFI-Uplift	Dingli JCPT3225DC	32	4
Mainline (1982)	Dingli 3225	32	6
GTM Powered Access	Dingli 3225RT	32	2
Essential Access Platforms	Dingli 2812	28	3
KDM Hire	Holland Lift HL-275 D25	28	N/D
Powered Access Services	Dingli 280-24	26	6
Advanced Access Platforms	Dingli 2223	23	15
Ord Industrial	Dingli 2223RT	22	3
Sunbelt	Dingli 2223DC	22	2
JMS	Dingli 2223DC	22	N/D
Charles Wilson Engineers	Dingli 2223RT	22	12
Astley Hire	Dingli 2212	22	2
Vp CPH	Dingli JCPT2212DC	22	3
AFI-Uplift	Dingli JCPT2212DC	22	3
JPS Platforms	Dingli 2212	22	2
GTAcess Group	Dingli JCPT2223RT	22	8
Premier Platforms	Dingli 2212	22	3
Premier Plant & Tool Hire	Dingli	22	7
KDM Hire	Dingli JCPT 2223DC	22	N/D
Star Platforms	Dingli 2223	22	50

LARGEST BOOM LIFTS

Company	Model	Working Height m	# in Fleet
Hire Safe Solutions	Zoomlion ZT82J	82	3
JMS	XCMG XGS58E	59	1
Mainline (1982)	JLG 1850SJ	58	4
Ord Industrial	Genie SX180	57	1
Advanced Access Platforms	Genie SX150	48	1
KDM Hire	Genie SX150	48	N/D
Essential Access Platforms	XCMG XGA 48	48	3
JMS	XCMG XGA 48	48	2
Peak Platforms	Dingli BA44RT	44	2
Gwynedd Forklifts	Dingli BA44RT	44	3
APH Cranes & Access	Genie Z135-70	43	1
Sunbelt	JLG 1350SJ	43	8
Charles Wilson Engineers	Genie ZX135/70	43	7
Vp CPH	Genie Z135	43	1
AFI-Uplift	Genie Z135/70	43	18
GTM Powered Access	JLG1350SJ	43	5
Essential Access Platforms	JLG1350SJ	43	4
GTAcess Group	Genie S-125	40	1
Powered Access Services	ZX135/70	40	4



PERCENTAGE OF FLEET HYBRID/ELECTRIC/DIESEL/NON-POWERED				
Company	Electric	Hybrid	Diesel	Non-Powered
1 Up Access	40	40	20	0
2 Cousins Powered Access	60	10	30	0
Access Hire Nationwide	3	2	95	0
Access Platforms Aberdeen	32	3	65	0
Access Plus	40	10	50	0
Advanced Access Platforms	40	46	5	9
AFI-Uplift	51	6	43	0
APH Cranes & Access	39	11	50	0
Ashbrook	24	2	74	0
Astley Hire	86	7	0	7
Blade Access	0	0	100	0
BMS	0	0	100	0
Charles Wilson Engineers	30	30	30	10
Clearview Services	0	15	85	0
Clerkin Elevation	40	0	60	0
Dromad Hire	85	5	10	0
Elevation	70	30	0	0
Elev8	0	0	100	0
Essential Access Platforms	52	6	38	4
GTAccess Group	70	5	25	0
GTM Powered Access	46	9	45	0
Gwynedd Forklifts	40	20	40	0
Height for Hire	0	0	100	0
Hird	45	35	20	0
Hire Safe Solutions	18	13	70	0
Horizon Platforms	59	23	0	18
JMS	35	15	30	20
JPS Platforms	60	8	22	10
KDM Hire	68	5	27	0
Lift Hire Ireland	30	5	65	0
Mainline (1982)	78	4	18	0
Maps Platforms	15	5	80	0
MEP Hire	55	0	0	45
Mr Plant Hire	90	7	3	0
Nationwide Platforms	51	10	39	0
Newmarket Plant Hire	33	50	17	0
NSS	0	0	100	0
OK Tool Hire & Sales	73	2	20	5
One stop hire	100	0	0	0
Ord Industrial	40	10	50	0
Orion Access	30	30	40	0
Paramount Platforms	34	48	18	0
Peak Platforms	74	4	5	17
PG Platforms	55	15	30	0
Powered Access Services	40	15	45	0
Premier Plant & Tool Hire	45	25	30	0
Premier Platforms	63	15	22	0
React Access	70	20	10	0
Select Plant Hire	98	1	1	0
Sky Platform Hire	0	0	100	0
Smart Platform Rental	0	10	90	0
Smiths Hire	45	20	27	8
Speedy Hire	45	7	5	43
Star Platforms	84	6	10	0
Summit Platforms	40	10	50	0
Sunbelt	43	6	51	0
The Platform Hire Centre	50	10	40	0
Tracked access	0	0	100	0
UK Tool Hire Group	49	8	40	3
United Powered Access	50	15	35	0
Vp CPH	77	3	12	8
X-Hire	90	10	0	0



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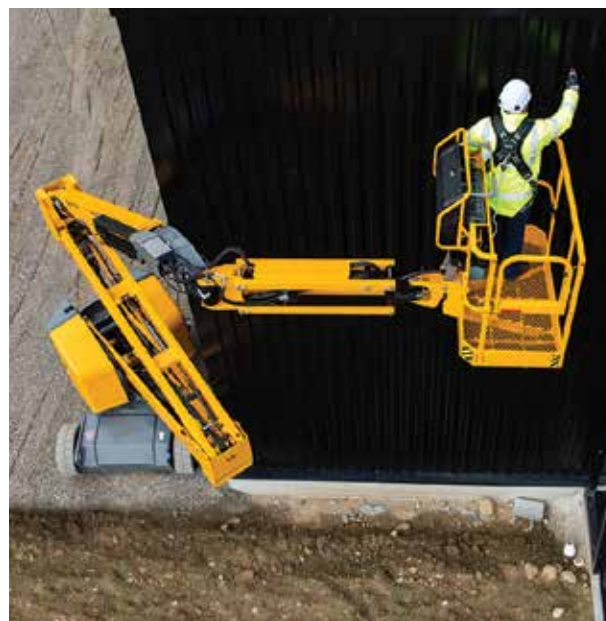
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TOP 30 RENTAL COMPANIES

COMPANY DETAILS & INVESTMENT

Company	Investment £	Depots	Staff	# Bought	# Sold
1 Up Access	3,400,000	1	50	0	0
2 Cousins Powered Access	N/D	1	18	0	0
Access Hire Nationwide	N/D	6	297	0	0
Access Platforms Aberdeen	N/D	2	15	4	28
Access Plus	N/D	2	50	0	0
Advanced Access Platforms	9,030,100	6	103	622	213
AFI-Uplift	N/D	15	270	0	0
APH Cranes & Access	N/D	1	12	0	0
Ashbrook	N/D	2	N/D	0	0
Astley Hire	495,000	1	24	26	19
Charles Wilson Engineers	9,000,000	29	390	368	232
Clearview Services	N/D	1	65	0	0
Dromad Hire	N/D	1	30	68	40
Elavation	2,000,000	2	46	44	14
Essential Access Platforms	25,000,000	5	100	0	0
GTAcess Group	15,268,876	11	185	528	458
GTM Powered Access	1,500,000	1	19	64	36
Gwynedd Forklifts	2,000,000	2	68	92	76
Hird	1,000,000	3	120	19	0
Hire Safe Solutions	30,575,240	4	165	890	365
Horizon Platforms	N/D	1	80	0	0
JMS	6,000,000	4	90	0	0
JPS Platforms	3,400,000	2	56	161	0
KDM Hire	N/D	7	248	0	0
Lift Hire Ireland	N/D	1	35	0	0
Mainline (1982)	N/D	2	45	0	0
Maps Platforms	200,000	1	6	3	5
Mr Plant Hire	N/D	3	67	0	0
Nationwide Platforms	27,000,000	32	709	0	0
Newmarket Plant Hire	N/D	6	55	0	0
OK Tool Hire & Sales	N/D	2	20	42	21
One stop hire	400,000	18	250	50	0
Ord Industrial	N/D	2	83	0	0
Orion Access	150,000	2	45	0	0
Paramount Platforms	750,000	1	26	3	9
Peak Platforms	4,000,000	2	46	250	0
PG Platforms	1,200,000	2	40	20	14
Powered Access Services	N/D	3	39	26	18
Premier Plant & Tool Hire	5,000,000	3	28	204	0
Premier Platforms	2,000	3	32	0	0
React Access	250,000	1	8	0	0
Select Plant Hire	2,058,000	7	871	345	0
Sky Platform Hire	900,000	2	5	6	2
Smart Platform Rental	N/D	7	78	0	0
Smiths Hire	N/D	19	N/D	0	0
Star Platforms	3,900,000	7	180	425	0
Summit Platforms	22,000,961	11	356	0	0
The Platform Hire Centre	N/D	1	20	0	0
UK Tool Hire Group	1,500,000	8	89	0	0
United Powered Access	N/D	2	19	0	0
Vp CPH	N/D	1	37	0	0
X-Hire	1,000,000	2	50	0	0





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SURVEY 2026

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TOP TELESCOPIC HANDLER COMPANIES

Company	Total		Fixed incl Compact and HD	360°	Compact	Full Size	Heavy Duty	Electric	Largest Fixed m	Largest 360° m	Depots	Employees
Ardent Hire Solutions	2,923	▼	2,803	120	500	2,300	3	0	20	35	6	150
Morris Leslie Plant Hire	1,995	▲	1,995	0	227	1,766	2	0	20	0	13	225
Sunbelt Rentals	1,669	▼	1,660	9	271	1,389	0	18	20	26	200	4,200
UK Forks	1,440	▼	1,400	40	125	1,265	10	25	0	0	0	0
Charles Wilson Engineers	1,237	▼	1,208	29	349	851	8	17	20	35	29	390
GT Lifting Solutions	900	▲	515	385	40	265	210	1	17	51	5	54
Hessle Plant	812	▼	760	52	56	663	41	0	18	40	4	58
H. E. Services	721	▲	721	0	147	326	248	2	20	0	11	145
Jarvie Plant	655	▼	620	35	120	500	0	5	20	30	10	200
Plantforce	650	—	650	0	30	600	0	0	17	0	11	250
Flannery Plant Hire	600	▲	600	0	50	550	0	20	20	0	10	2,150
Boles Hire	563	▲	458	105	122	324	12	2	20	51	1	45
Summit Platforms	517	▲	517	0	0	517	0	0	0	0	11	0
Ashbrook	459	▲	459	0	88	371	0	0	0	0	2	0
Greenwood Hire	450	▲	175	275	25	150	0	0	17	35	9	15
Plant Hire UK	400	—	400	0	20	380	0	0	20	0	1	0
B&T Plant Hire	390	▲	390	0	100	290	0	0	20	0	2	30
Fairfax Plant Hire	350	▲	350	0	122	228	0	0	20	0	4	140
L Lynch Plant Hire	340	▼	340	0	50	290	0	10	20	0	9	0
Chippindale Plant	340	▲	340	0	40	300	0	0	18	0	8	111
Thomas Plant	300	—	300	0	50	250	0	0	20	0	12	150
Mervyn Lambert Plant	250	—	250	0	30	220	0	0	18	0	1	200
KDM Hire	167	▲	154	13	51	98	5	1	0	0	7	248
Gwynedd Forklifts	161	▲	161	0	31	124	6	7	20	0	2	68
Hubbway Hire	160	—	160	0	30	115	15	0	18	0	1	15
PJP (UK)	145	NEW	145	0	67	78	0	0	20	0	2	30
Vp CPH	79	NEW	77	2	22	55	0	0	20	26	1	37
ABBA Plant Hire	57	NEW	57	0	11	46	0	0	20	0	1	12
Smiths Hire	52	NEW	52	0	18	34	0	1	0	0	19	0
GGR Group	22	NEW	22	0	14	8	0	16	17	0	3	158

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