

2023 Top Metal Builders

The return to growth

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This year, the list of top metal builders shows a growing industry with the largest contractors and erectors reporting significant growth in the average tonnage and square footage of the metal buildings they constructed between 2021 and 2022.



For the second year, we've broken out the list of 20 top erectors from the list of 100 top contractors. The most important reason is so that we don't end up counting work on the same building twice, once for the contractor furnishing the metal building system and again for the erector putting up the steel.

That does cause complications, though, because some companies furnish and erect, but also are contracted to only erect a building, making them both contractors and erectors. Rather than separate those numbers out in the same entity, we identify those companies as contractors.

The two lists make it difficult to compare trends such as changes in market share or building size over the years. To alleviate that, we identified the 100 largest companies, regardless of definition, and show how their averages compare to previous years.

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Top Metal Building Contractors by Square Footage

Rank	Company, Location	Year Founded	2022 Footage	2021 Footage	% Change Footage	2022 Tonnage	Affiliated Manufacturer
48	Architectural Building Systems, Phoenix	2009	286,770			305.0	American Buildings Co., Bunger Steel
49	Cincinnati Commercial Contracting, Cincinnati	1979	280,587	186,121	50.8%	862.0	Butler Manufacturing
50	Galbraith/Pre-Design Inc., Carlisle, Pa.	1990	277,946	80,505	245.3%	986.0	Butler Manufacturing
51	Riedel-Wilks Building Structures Inc., Huntington, W.Va.	1978	264,814	467,216	-43.3%	897.0	Parkline Buildings, Varco Pruden Buildings
52	CHG Building Systems Inc., Renton, Wash.	1987	261,369	323,145	-19.1%	1,095.0	Varco Pruden Buildings
53	Wagner Construction Co. LLC, Leesburg, Fla.	1989	260,350	126,750	105.4%	1,151.0	Butler Manufacturing
54	SEA CON LLC, Issaquah, Wash.	1976	258,433	252,785	2.2%	1,992.0	GEM Building Systems, Metallic Building Co., Nucor Building Systems
55	Buildings By Design, Brush, Colo.	2004	248,672	215,882	15.2%	1,771.0	Chief Buildings
56	Lefever Building Systems, Denver	1987	246,613	320,249	-23.0%	1,621.1	Nucor Building Systems, Varco Pruden Buildings, Alliance Steel Building Systems
57	Harrell Construction Co. Inc., Jacksonville, Fla.	1977	245,000	200,000	22.5%	1,670.0	Varco Pruden Buildings
58	Jones Contracting Inc., Albertville, Ala.	2001	230,794	127,184	81.5%	674.0	Schulte Building Systems Inc.
59	BARNES buildings & management group inc., Weymouth, Mass.	1996	222,723	266,595	-16.5%	776.0	Behlen Manufacturing Co., Metallic Building Co., Package Steel
60	Redhawk Metal Buildings LLC, Richfield, Wis.	2016	215,691	280,048	-23.0%	897.0	Nucor Building Systems
61	Spyker Contracting Inc., Defiance, Ohio	1979	210,720	197,030	6.9%	597.0	Nucor Building Systems, Varco Pruden Buildings
62	Ohio Dutch Construction, Millersburg, Ohio	1984	209,898	230,435	-8.9%	567.0	Kirby Building Systems
63	Deming Enterprise, Perry, Ohio		202,565	25,000	710.3%	634.0	Kirby Building Systems
64	Campbell Construction Inc., Wooster, Ohio	1953	202,280	42,000	381.6%	810.0	Butler Manufacturing
65	Lichtefeld Inc., Louisville, Ky.	1918	201,414	140,813	43.0%	736.0	Butler Manufacturing
66	G&W Builders, Brea, Calif.	1984	199,400	92,000	116.7%	582.0	American Buildings Co., Star Building Systems
67	MAR Building Solutions, Lee's Summit, Mo.	2014	194,700	247,600	-21.4%	432.0	Butler Manufacturing
68	Fabri Steel West Inc., Sacramento, Calif.	1997	189,903	127,233	49.3%	719.0	Metallic Building Co., Nucor Building Systems
69	Industrial Building Systems, Milford, Conn.	1997	184,430	132,386	39.3%	999.0	Varco Pruden Buildings
70	M & F Litteken Co., Wichita Falls, Texas	1912	177,970	99,950	78.1%	935.0	Butler Manufacturing, Varco Pruden Buildings
71	Tamora Building Systems Inc., West Chester, Pa.	1989	177,000			717.0	Butler Manufacturing
72	Clear Span Structures LLC, Riviera Beach, Fla.	2007	175,000	110,000	59.1%	1,708.0	Butler Manufacturing, Chief Buildings, Nucor Building Systems
73	Bighorn Steel Buildings Inc., Pueblo, Colo.	2012	172,650	152,055	13.5%	255.0	Corle Building Systems, Nucor Building Systems
74	Northwest Builders Inc., Rice Lake, Wis.	1976	172,515	261,408	-34.0%	543.0	Butler Manufacturing
75	Guardian Construction, Murrysville, Pa.	1973	165,250	46,280	257.1%	802.0	Butler Manufacturing
76	Walker Design & Construction, West Palm Beach, Fla.	1990	158,000	153,300	3.1%	866.4	Butler Manufacturing, Kirby Building Systems
77	SteelCan Building Systems, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada	2018	155,000	130,000	19.2%	2,095.0	Varco Pruden Buildings
78	A.C.E. Building Service Inc., Manitowoc, Wis.	1950	153,923	321,700	-52.2%	514.0	Butler Manufacturing
79	EPOC Construction Inc., Newport News, Va.	2001	151,385	146,646	3.2%	429.0	American Buildings Co., Varco Pruden Buildings
80	Christensen Construction & Design Co. Inc., Estherville, Iowa	1969	146,302	49,616	194.9%	577.0	Butler Manufacturing
81	Mid-States Construction Inc., Elkhart, Ind.	1975	143,501	226,186	-36.6%	429.5	Nucor Building Systems
82	PHI Construction Inc., Portland, Ore.	1992	143,000	86,600	65.1%	407.0	Varco Pruden Buildings
83	Reed Construction & Metal Structures, Sevierville, Tenn.	1982	142,640	182,000	-21.6%		Pinnacle Structures, Inc.
84	Gorski Engineering Inc., Collegeville, Pa.	2003	135,000			758.0	Butler Manufacturing
85	Altmann Construction, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.	1982	130,900			556.0	Butler Manufacturing
86	Svenska Builders Ltd., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada	2016	130,400	265,000	-50.8%	1,040.0	Prairie Steel Products
87	Lock Steel Building Co. Inc., Carrollton, Mo.	1946	129,032	281,587	-54.2%	294.0	Varco Pruden Buildings
88	Milla Construction, Minerva, Ohio		126,397			383.0	Kirby Building Systems
89	A.B. Systems Inc., Rochester, Minn.	1972	120,645	125,338	-3.7%	673.0	Nucor Building Systems, Varco Pruden Buildings
90	Systems West Inc., Litchfield, Minn.	1967	120,000			381.0	Butler Manufacturing
91	Baumer Construction Inc., Minster, Ohio	1952	118,942	43,460	173.7%	448.0	Varco Pruden Buildings
92	PATCO Construction Inc., Sanford, Maine	1987	102,159	148,443	-31.2%	595.0	Varco Pruden Buildings
93	Patterson Horth Inc., Indianapolis	1995	98,028	495,205	-80.2%	1,639.6	Nucor Building Systems
94	Weisheit Construction Co. Inc., Stamford, Neb.	1971	92,930	78,120	19.0%	531.0	Chief Buildings
95	Pat Munger Construction Co. Inc., Branford, Conn.	1968	86,795	196,993	-55.9%	609.0	Varco Pruden Buildings
96	Tarheel Building Systems of New Bern Inc., New Bern, N.C.	1986	83,044	28,066	195.9%	264.1	Ceco Building Systems, Chief Buildings
97	Dunlap & Co., Columbus, Ind.	1873	79,188	200,771	-60.6%	393.3	American Buildings Co.
98	Total Building Solutions LLC, Bourbon, Mo.	1996	78,000	12,000	550.0%	272.0	American Buildings Co.
99	Empire Building Construction, Sioux Falls, S.D.	1983	73,250	281,355	-74.0%	221.4	Ceco Building Systems, Varco Pruden Buildings
100	Metal Building Specialists LLC, Rocky Mount, N.C.	2017	73,200			320.0	Nucor Building Systems