

ACT's exclusive ranking of North America's largest specialized transportation companies.

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Big wheels!

Merger and acquisition activity has significantly impacted the 2024 ACTTRANSPORT50. At least three companies are no longer on the list due to larger companies gobbling up smaller companies. In the case of Daseke, the long-time Number 2 company, a big company acquired a big company.

Shortly after press time for the 2023 November/December issue, it was announced that Canada-based TFI International had entered into an agreement to acquire Daseke for \$1.1 billion. The deal closed on April 1,

2024. Despite repeated attempts to contact TFI International about the ACTTRANSPORT50, the ACT editorial team had no choice but to take Daseke off the list, knowing the impact would be big.

While the ACTTRANSPORT50

has retracted from 2023 with a total fleet index of 46,560 – down from 53,949 in 2023 – it actually would have set a record this year if Daseke's data were included. The total fleet index would have been approximately 55,409.

Losing Daseke's data affected every index >24

TOP 10 ACTTRANSPORT50 BY TOTAL CAPACITY OF FLEET

2023 RANK	COMPANY NAME	TOTAL CAPACITY US TONS
1	1 ALL Family of Companies	101,925
2	2 Landstar Transportation Logistics	92,265
3	5 Barnhart Crane & Rigging	91,396
4	4 Mammoet North America	83,263
5	8 Bennett Motor Express	62,140
6	6 ATS Specialized	59,847
7	7 Maxim Crane Works	57,783
8	11 Fagioli USA	42,754
9	9 Emmert International	39,822
10	13 Bay Ltd	37,640

* ACT estimate

	2022	2023	2024
TOTAL FLEET SIZE	55,239	53,949	46,560
TOTAL CAPACITY	1,171,807	2,061,188	1,053,256
NUMBER OF TRUCK/TRACTORS	24,677	22,943	17,811
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	29,809	32,548	26,349
NUMBER OF TERMINALS	2,239	2,228	1,808
NUMBER OF MODULAR/HYDRAULIC PLATFORM TRAILERS/DOLLIES IN FLEET	8,591	9,080	9,360
CAPACITY OF MODULAR/HYDRAULIC PLATFORM TRAILERS/DOLLIES IN FLEET	429,301 tons	437,851 tons	486,369 tons
NUMBER OF SPECIALIZED TRAILERS (INCLUDING ALL MULTI-AXLE UNITS) IN FLEET	23,050	23,024	21,657
TOTAL CAPACITY OF SPECIALIZED TRAILERS (INCLUDING ALL MULTI-AXLE UNITS) IN FLEET	759,555 tons	773,734 tons	723,224 tons

BY THE NUMBERS

2023 RANK	2022 RANK	COMPANY NAME	CITY STATE	# OF TERMINALS	SCOPE OF OPERATION	# OF EMPLOYEES	SENIOR CONTACT
28	31	Berard Transportation	New Iberia, LA	5	National	80	Brett Berard, vice president, operations
29	32	Omega Morgan	Hillsboro, OR	9	International	725	Erik Zander, COO
30	28	Miller Transfer	Rootstown, OH	18	International	56	Mitchell J Unger, president
31	30	Bricker Transport	Laredo, TX	4	International	60	Brick Jones, CEO
32	31	J. F. Lomma Inc.*	South Kearny, NJ	5	National	170	Frank Signorelli, COO
33	33	Oxbo Inc.	Rosharon, TX	2	International	50	Keith Settle, CEO
34	34	Atlas Crane Service	Aurora, IL	5	National	220	Charles Kent, CEO
35	35	Southwest Industrial Rigging*	Phoenix, AZ	5	International	110	Harry Baker, president
36	36	Trans-United	Burns Harbor, IN	7	International	112	Jeffrey S. Fleming, president/CEO
37	37	MSA Delivery Services	Canton, MI	3	International	65	Jerry Rozum, president
38	38	Triton Transport	Chilliwack, BC, Canada	3	International	81	Jared Bragg, vice president/general manager
39	43	Buckingham Heavy Transport	Bernville, PA	3	Regional	50	Mike Brovont, sales and project manager
40	44	Borsheim Crane Service	West Fargo, ND	3	Regional	105	Tyler Goodman Jr., president
41	40	Roll Group	Dayton, TX	1	Regional	100	Ed Talbot, managing director, USA
42	39	Precision Heavy Haul	Tolleson, AZ	2	National	24	Mike Poppe, president
=43	41	Yarbrough Transfer Company	Winston-Salem, NC	2	Regional	70	David Yarbrough, president
=43	42	Turner Industries Group*	Baton Rouge, LA	5	National	294	Mike Morain, president
44	45	Taylor Crane & Rigging	Coffeyville, KS	2	International	107	Jim C. Taylor, president
45	48	Advanced Freight Dynamics	Conroe, TX	2	National	38	Steven Lyons, owner
46	46	Barr Specialized	Pinckneyville, IL	1	National	53	Joe Folden, COO
47	47	Marco Transport	Santa Ana, CA	2	Regional	34	Tim McVay, president
48	NEW	RGM Transport	Bethel, PA	1	National	63	Ryan Good, CEO
49	NEW	Palco Transportation	Pennington, NJ	3	National	13	Frank Palecek, president
50	NEW	TEFCO Transportation	Jacksonville, FL	2	Regional	25	Garrison Gaylord, president

* ACT estimate

except two. The number of and capacity of Modular/Hydraulic Platform Trailers/Dollies actually increased, showing that a lot of high capacity equipment was added to company fleets over the past year. For reference, take a look at the chart on page 25 that shows the history of the list from 2022 to 2024.

In terms of new companies, three were added to the 2024 **ACTTRANSPORT50**, including RGM Transport, Palco Transportation and TEFCO Transportation.

While the **ACTTRANSPORT50** is ranked by fleet size, capacity of fleet is also a big indicator of the types of specialized transportation fleets on

the list. Ranked by total capacity, the **ACTTRANSPORT50** top 10 are ALL Family of Companies, Landstar, Barnhart, Mammoet North America, Bennett Motor Express, ATS Specialized, Maxim Crane Works, Fagioli, Emmert International and Bay Ltd.

Trends and analysis

Other analysis of the 2024 **ACTTRANSPORT50**:

- M&A activity removed two companies. Barnhart acquired NCSG, and Omega Morgan acquired Intermountain Rigging and Heavy Haul.
- Aside from the omission of Daseke, the top 10 companies didn't change much.

Bennett Motor Express moved from Number 6 to Number 2.

■ TNT Crane & Rigging made a big leap to Number 8. TNT made its debut on the list last year.

■ Sarens moved up to 17 from 29, a substantial jump. The reason for this jump is that in 2023, the Sarens survey form included the fleet from Sarens USA. This year the numbers include the fleets of Canada and the USA, hence the title Sarens North America.

■ Other big gainers included Fagioli from 13 to 11; Bay Ltd, from 25 to 14; NessCampbell from 24 to 16; Berard Transportation from 31 to 28; Buckingham Transport from 43 to 39; Borsheim Crane