

Ten Tallest Completed Buildings in the World¹

Rank	Building Name	City	Year	Stories	Material	Use	Height (Meters / Feet)			
							To Architectural Top ²	To Highest Occupied Floor ³	To Top of Main Roof ⁴	To Tip ⁵
1	Taipei 101	Taipei	2004	101	Composite	Office	509m/1670'	438m/1440'	448m/1473'	509m/1670'
2	Shanghai World Financial Center	Shanghai	2008	101	Composite	Office/Hotel	492m/1614'	474m/1555'	487m/1599'	494m/1622'
3	Petronas Tower 1	Kuala Lumpur	1998	88	Composite	Office	452m/1483'	375m/1229'	379m/1242'	452m/1483'
4	Petronas Tower 2	Kuala Lumpur	1998	88	Composite	Office	452m/1483'	375m/1229'	379m/1242'	452m/1483'
5	Sears Tower	Chicago	1974	110	Steel	Office	442m/1451'	436m/1431'	442m/1451'	527m/1730'
6	Jin Mao Building	Shanghai	1999	88	Composite	Office/Hotel	421m/1381'	366m/1200'	370m/1231'	421m/1380'
7	Two International Finance Centre	Hong Kong	2003	88	Composite	Office	415m/1362'	377m/1237'	392m/1285'	415m/1362'
8	CITIC Plaza	Guangzhou	1996	80	Concrete	Office	391m/1283'	318m/1043'	323m/1060'	391m/1283'
9	Shun Hing Square	Shenzhen	1996	69	Composite	Office	384m/1260'	298m/978'	325m/1066'	384m/1260'
10	Empire State Building	New York	1931	102	Steel	Office	381m/1250'	373m/1224'	381m/1250'	443m/1455'

Footnotes:

1. A completed building can be considered such if it fulfills all three of the following criteria: a) topped out structurally and architecturally, b) fully-clad, and c) open for business, or at least partially occupied.
2. Height is measured from sidewalk level of the main entrance to the architectural top of the building, including spires, but not including antennae, signage or flag poles.
3. Height is measured from sidewalk level of the main entrance to the highest continually-occupied floor within the building (i.e. not including maintenance areas).
4. Height is measured from sidewalk level of the main entrance to the highest point of the building's main roof level, not including spires or antennas.
5. Height is measured from sidewalk level of the main entrance to the highest point of the building, irrespective of material or function of highest element (thus including antennae, flagpoles and signage).

For a more complete overview of the CTBUH's height criteria see <http://www.ctbuh.org/HighRiseInfo/TallestDatabase/Criteria/tabid/446/Default.aspx>