



Alcoholic Beverage Taxes

Taxpayer

- Manufacturers, importers, wholesale distributors (beer, wine, and mixed beverages).
- Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control (liquor).

Tax Base

Beer, wine, mixed beverages, and liquor.

Rates**Beer**

Barrel (31 gallons) \$5.58 per barrel

Containers (over 12 ounces)
per six ounces \$0.0084

Containers (12 ounces or less)
per ounce \$0.0014

Wine

Less than 14% alcohol by volume \$0.32 per gallon

14% to 21% alcohol by volume \$1.00 per gallon

Apple cider (alcohol content
over 0.5%) \$0.24 per gallon

Vermouth \$1.10 per gallon

Sparkling wine, champagne \$1.50 per gallon

Mixed beverages \$1.20 per gallon

Liquor \$3.38 per gallon

Major Exemptions

- Sacramental wine.
- Sales to the federal government.
- Sales in interstate commerce.
- Small breweries and wineries.

Revenue (In Millions)

Fiscal	Wine & Mixed			
Year	Beer	Beverages	Liquor	Total
2000	\$46.9	\$9.0	\$28.5	\$84.4
2001	46.9	8.8	29.0	84.7
2002	47.6	8.9	29.3	85.8
2003	48.3	9.0	29.7	87.0
2004	48.1	9.1	30.9	88.1



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Disposition of Revenue

- General Revenue Fund.
- Ohio Grape Industries Fund (see Ohio Revised Code section 4301.432): (five cents per gallon of wine, two cents of which is a temporary levy).

Payment Dates

Beer	Advance payment by 18 th of current month; balance due 10 th of following month.
Wine and mixed beverages	18 th of each month for previous month.
Liquor gallonage	Weekly on or before Monday.

Special Provisions/Credits

Beer taxpayers can receive a 3.0% discount on the amount of their estimated advance payment when filing and paying their return. Estimated advance payments must be made by the 18th of the month, and returns are due by the 10th of the following month.

Wine and mixed beverages taxpayers can receive a 3.0% discount for timely filing of their return and payment of the tax if payment is received by the 18th of the month.

Any licensed Ohio brewer whose total production is less than 31 million gallons in a calendar year will receive in the following year a credit for the full amount of excise tax up to 9.3 million gallons of beer distributed in Ohio, and a refund of any excise tax paid.

Any licensed Ohio wine producer whose total sales do not exceed 500,000 gallons in a calendar year will be granted in the following year an exemption from excise tax and a refund of any excise tax paid.

Counties and convention facilities authorities may levy taxes of up to \$0.16 per gallon on beer, \$0.32 per gallon on wine and mixed beverages, \$0.24 per gallon on apple cider, and \$3.00 per gallon on spirituous liquor. This revenue is to

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be used for the construction of a sports facility. Cuyahoga County adopted this tax effective August 1, 1990 (see **Alcoholic Beverage Taxes – County** section).

Sections of Ohio Revised Code

Chapters 131, 4301, 4303, 4305, and 4307.

Responsibility for Administration

- Tax Commissioner (beer, wine and mixed beverages).
- Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control (liquor).

History of Major Changes

- 1933 • Beer and malt beverages taxed at \$1.00 per barrel.
- Wine taxed at 10% of retail price.
- 1934 • Liquor taxed at \$1.00 per gallon.
- Rate on bottled beer and malt beverages set at \$0.0075 per six ounces.
- 1935 • Mixed beverages taxed at 10% of retail price.
- Malt beverage tax increased to \$2.50 per barrel.
- 1939 • Mixed beverages taxed at \$0.40 per gallon.
- Wine tax revised as follows:

Wine (less than 14% alcohol)	\$0.12 per gallon.
Wine (14% to 21% alcohol)	\$0.30 per gallon.
Vermouth	\$0.60 per gallon.
Sparkling wine and champagne	\$1.00 per gallon.
- 1959 • Sales of wine and mixed beverages subjected to sales tax.
- Beer tax increased to \$2.50 per barrel.
- 1967 • Beer and malt beverages subjected to sales tax.
- 1969 • Liquor gallonage tax increased to \$2.25 per gallon.
- Mixed beverage tax increased to \$0.80 per gallon.
 - Wine tax revised as follows:

Wine (less than 14% alcohol)	\$0.24 per gallon.
Wine (14% to 21% alcohol)	\$0.60 per gallon.



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| Vermouth | \$0.75 per
gallon. |
| Sparkling wine and
champagne | \$1.25 per
gallon. |
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- 1981** • Temporary tax increases on beer, malt beverages, wine, and mixed beverages during the period January - June 1981.
- 1982** • Credit against taxes enacted for Ohio brewers and wine producers.
- Wine tax increased \$0.02 per gallon.
 - \$0.03 per gallon of tax on wine earmarked for grape industries.
 - Distinction between “beer” and “malt” beverages repealed.
 - Tax on beer in containers of 12 ounces or less changed to \$0.0125 per ounce.
- 1989** • Barreled beer rate increased to \$3.50 per barrel.
- 1992** • Alcoholic beverage and liquor gallonage rates increased, as follows:
- Beer to \$0.0014 per ounce for bottled and \$5.58 per barrel.
 - Wine (less than 14% alcohol) to \$0.32 per gallon.
 - Wine (between 14 and 21% alcohol) to \$1.00 per gallon.
 - Sparkling wine to \$1.50 per gallon.
 - Vermouth to \$1.10 per gallon.
 - Mixed beverages to \$1.20 per gallon.
- 1995** • An additional \$0.02 of the excise tax on wine allocated to the Ohio grape industry special account until July 1, 1999.
- Tax on apple cider reduced to \$0.24 per gallon.
- 1997** • Department of Liquor Control was renamed Division of Liquor Control and transferred to the Department of Commerce.
- 1999** • Continuation of the two cents/gallon credit to the Ohio Grape Industries Fund until July 1, 2001.

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- 2001 • Continuation of the two cents/gallon credit to the Ohio Grape Industries Fund until July 1, 2003.
- 2003 • Continuation of the two cents/gallon credit to the Ohio Grape Industries Fund until July 1, 2005.

Comparisons with Other States (As of 04/05)(1)(2)

Notes: (1)Percentages refer to alcohol content, which is measured by volume. (2)Beer excludes malt beverages.

California

Beer	\$6.20 per barrel
Wines (less than 14%)	0.20 per gallon
Sparkling hard cider (14% or more)	0.20 per gallon
Champagne, sparkling wine	0.30 per gallon
Distilled spirits (100 proof or less)	3.30 per gallon
Distilled spirits (over 100 proof)	6.60 per gallon

Florida

Malt beverages (in containers more than one gallon)	\$0.48 per gallon
(in containers less than one gallon)	0.06 per pint or fraction
Beverages and wine (0.5% to less than 17.259%)	2.25 per gallon
Beverages, other than wine (17.259% percent to 55.78%)	6.50 per gallon
Beverages (over 55.78%)	9.53 per gallon
Wine (less than 17.25%)	2.25 per gallon
Wine (17.259% or more)	3.00 per gallon
Natural sparkling wine	3.50 per gallon

Illinois

Beer and cider (between 0.5% to 7.0%)	\$0.185 per gallon
Alcohol and spirits, including wine (less than 20%)	0.73 per gallon
Alcohol and spirits (20% or more)	4.50 per gallon



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Indiana

Beer and hard cider	\$0.115 per gallon
Mixed beverages (15% or less)	0.47 per gallon
Wine (less than 21%)	0.47 per gallon
Liquor and wine (21% or more)	2.68 per gallon

Kentucky

Beer	\$2.50 per barrel
Wine	0.50 per gallon
Spirits	1.92 per gallon

Massachusetts

Beer	\$3.30 per 31-gallon barrel
Still wine, including vermouth	0.55 per wine gallon
Sparkling wine and champagne	0.70 per wine gallon
Other alcoholic beverages:	
(15% or less)	1.10 per wine gallon
(over 15% to 50%)	4.05 per wine gallon
(over 50%)	4.05 per proof gallon

Michigan

Beer	\$6.30 per 31-gallon barrel
Wine (16% or less)	0.135 per liter
Wine (over 16%)	0.20 per liter
Liquor (21% or more);	

note: *an additional tax is imposed at a rate of 4.0% of the retail selling price)*

On premises 8.0% of retail price + 4.0% surtax

Off premises 9.85% of retail price + 4.0% surtax

Mixed drinks \$0.48 per liter

New Jersey

Beer	\$0.12 per gallon
Apple cider (3.2% to 7.0%)	0.12 per gallon
(7.0% or more)	0.70 per gallon
Wines, vermouth, sparkling wines	0.70 per gallon
Liquor	4.40 per gallon

New York

Beer	\$0.11 per gallon
Still wine	0.1893 per gallon
Artificial sparkling wine	0.1893 per gallon
Natural sparkling wine	0.1893 per gallon

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Liquor (less than 2%)	0.01 per liter
(2% to 24%)	0.67 per liter
Liquor (more than 24%)	1.70 per liter

Pennsylvania

Beer	\$2.48 per barrel
Wine (all wine sales are through state stores; revenue is generated from various taxes, fees, and net profits)	
Liquor	18% of price (including all applicable federal excise taxes and allowed markups)

Texas

Beer	\$6.00 per barrel
Still wine (14% or less)	0.204 per gallon
Still wine (over 14%)	0.408 per gallon
Sparkling wine	0.516 per gallon
Malt liquor (over 4.0%)	0.198 per gallon
Distilled spirits	0.240 per gallon
Mixed beverages	14% of gross receipts

West Virginia

Beer	\$5.50 per barrel
Wine	0.26406 per liter
Liquor	5.0% of purchase price