

BEER IN THE U.S. THROUGH 2029: MARKET ESSENTIALS

2025 EDITION (To be published July 2025. Data through 2024. Market projections through 2029.) More than 170 Excel tables plus an executive summary detailing trends and comprehensive profiles of leading companies, their brands and their strategies.

This comprehensive market research report on the largest beverage alcohol segment examines trends and top companies' strategies and gives a picture of the entire beer market and its many nuances. It provides preliminary 2025 statistics on key sub-segment trends including beer, flavored malt beverages (FMBs), cider and no-alcohol beer, plus projections through 2029. Discusses and provides data to back conclusions regarding innovation transforming the category, leading brands, packaging and channels of distribution. It also offers data on regional markets, demographics, advertising, five-year growth projections and more. Plus, volume, sales, growth and market share data is provided for leading craft brews, microbrews and brewpubs!

The report presents the data in Excel spreadsheets, which it supplements with a concise executive summary highlighting key developments as well as a detailed discussion of the leading beer companies.

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THE ANSWERS YOU NEED

Beer in the U.S. through 2029: Market Essentials is the culmination of an extensive body of industry research conducted each year by Beverage Marketing Corporation (BMC). This report provides in-depth market data, shedding light on various aspects of the beer market, enabling users to gain insight into this huge and multi-faceted industry and its challenges. Questions answered in this report include:

- What are the growth prospects for regular domestic, light and imported beer in the United States?
- How did FMBs, including hard seltzer, perform?
- How are no-alcohol beers faring? Is their share of the total beer/cider market increasing?
- How many gallons of beer did U.S. residents consume in 2024, and how did that differ from previous years? Which U.S. regions were strongest?
- Which brands and segments grew in 2024 and which did not?
- Which segments of the market will gain share by 2029?
- How did developments in the craft beer market compare with those of large, traditional national brands?
- Which are the leading distribution points for beer and how have market share figures changed in the past five years? What will the next five years likely bring in terms of distribution?
- What are the prospects for a turnaround in beer by 2029?

THIS REPORT FEATURES

The report provides essential information on category volume, retail dollar and wholesale dollar sales, and per capita consumption figures. BMC's research provides an in-depth look at the leading companies and brands in the category. Multiple facets of the beer market, including regional data, volume by package type as well as volume by distribution channel, are covered in this industry report.

Advertising expenditures are broken down by 18 media types and demographic data are included, along with statistics regarding the craft and FMB segments. Backed by Beverage Marketing's reliable, all-sales-channel-inclusive data, users of this data-driven market research report get a thorough understanding of all aspects of the beer market including:

- A look at the all-sales-channel-inclusive historical and current statistics of the beer market.
- Data comparing packaged versus draft volume.
- Volume, share and growth of the overall beer marketplace as well as its various segments, including domestic light, value, regular, premium and super-premium; FMBs, including hard seltzer; craft; malt liquor, no-alcohol and more.
- Detailed sales statistics for the leading companies and brands. Coverage includes brands offered by Anheuser-Busch InBev, Molson Coors Beverage Company, Constellation Brands Beer Division, Heineken USA and Diageo Beer Company. Data include volume, growth and market share statistics for key companies and brands.
- Beer volume by packaging type and distribution channel.

- Advertising expenditures of the leading beer companies and brands and a look at category spending by media type (including Internet and Hispanic-targeted advertising).
- An understanding of the share of volume sold through key on-and-off channel outlets.
- Demographic profiles comparing consumers of key beer brands.
- Five-year projections for the beer market and its segments. Includes compound annual growth rates through 2029 for packaged and draft beer, regional and state volume, and volume by distribution channel.

As marketers shift their strategies and innovate to meet challenges brought on by changing consumer trends, beer will continue to be a segment to watch, especially with the recent growth in FMB volume fueled by hard seltzer brands. Beverage Marketing Corporation's report provides the reliable historical, current and projected data required to take advantage of opportunities for growth for those within, or competing against, beer.



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NOTE: The 2025 edition of this report has not yet been published. The dates on tables of contents/exhibits and sample data reflect information from last year's edition of this report.

The 2025 edition you receive will have updated data through 2024 and projections through 2029 where applicable.

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While with any luck beer won't endure another episode like the covid-19 pandemic, the contours of the beer landscape could see significant changes in the years ahead.

- Light beer's fall from favor looks unlikely to be a temporary aberration. The declines in volume that have characterized the segment look likely to continue, meaning more share loss for light beer between 2023 and 2028.
- Many of the most popular hard seltzers have some of light beer's qualities – fairly low calories (often around 100 per 12-ounce serving) and low alcohol by volume (frequently about 5%). Consequently, light beer's projected volume and share loss is at least partly related to the rise of hard seltzers, which have the added feature of a wide range of (usually) fruit flavors.
- While FMBs saw several years of exceptionally fast growth, they have since lost momentum, but could see some additional share gains in the near future.
- **Beverage Marketing** expects imports to see modest growth in the years ahead – a significant change from the sort of muscular growth that characterized them in their heyday. From 2023 to 2028, imports are likely to edge up by a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 2.1%. Craft beer, in contrast, is projected to decline.
- Imported beer's future depends on a variety of factors, not all of them related to imported brands' diminishing in consumers' regard. Some of it has to do with the simple fact that some brewers, such as Diageo Beer Company, began producing some of what had previously been imported beers on U.S. soil. However, there are some signs that the badge value of imports has lessened over time, and consumers appear less concerned with the provenance of the beer they drink.
- The latter factor also affects craft beer, as consumers become less inclined to distinguish between craft and non-craft beer (which can become more difficult to do in any case, as many formerly independent beer makers are acquired by non-craft beer makers and lose the craft label, if precisely applied). While consumers may perceive no change in their favorite brands, recent deals such as Heineken buying Lagunitas, Anheuser-Busch InBev absorbing Craft Brew Alliance and Lion's acquisitions of both New Belgium and Bell's do have implications for beer segment classifications.
- Unlike imports, most other beer segments are likely to continue to contract, severely in some cases. Besides light beer, superpremium, premium, value and ice beer are all expected to have lower volume by 2028 than they had in 2023.

U.S. BEER MARKET
SHARE OF VOLUME BY REGION
2018 – 2028(P)

Region	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2028(P)
South	14.1%	14.1%	14.1%	14.1%	14.1%	14.1%	14.1%
Northeast	13.9%	13.9%	13.9%	13.9%	13.9%	13.9%	13.9%
East Central	13.8%	13.8%	13.8%	13.8%	13.8%	13.8%	13.8%
Pacific	13.7%	13.7%	13.7%	13.7%	13.7%	13.7%	13.7%
Southwest	13.6%	13.6%	13.6%	13.6%	13.6%	13.6%	13.6%
West Central	13.5%	13.5%	13.5%	13.5%	13.5%	13.5%	13.5%
West	13.4%	13.4%	13.4%	13.4%	13.4%	13.4%	13.4%
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

(P) Projected

Source: Beverage Marketing Corporation