

Distilled Spirits Facts MARYLAND



Maryland Distillers Annually Support:

JOBS

24,000

STATE GDP

\$2.0B

STATE EXPORTS

\$2.6M

Maryland distillers support the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act (H.R. 1175/S. 362). If Congress doesn't enact the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act by the end of the year, craft distillers could face a 400% tax increase. Combined with current financial uncertainty, that would force many distillers to permanently close their doors.

Maryland and Distilled Spirits

- Today, there are 28 distilleries in Maryland.
- Just 10 years ago, there were only 5 distilleries in the state.
- Statewide, distillers are gaining reputations for producing award-winning gin, rum, vodka, and whiskey as well as for their innovative approaches to various amaros, liqueurs, and cordials.

Quotes from Distillers

“The hospitality industry will feel the effects of this shutdown for an extended period of time as a result of lack of tourism, and visitors to our distillery. With our tasting room shuttered, and the inability to welcome people into our space, sales will continue to suffer. Furthermore, we fear that the momentum that the craft distilling industry has enjoyed throughout our state will continue to fade as we are unable to interact with our consumers.”

- **Jaime Windon**

Windon Distilling Company

St. Michaels, MD

“Distilleries across the country are facing critical distribution and revenue challenges. Making the current excise tax rate permanent would give us parity with beer and wine. It also allows small businesses like ours to react in nimble fashion to our new normal and invest directly in our people and the local community. Raising rates by 400% would cripple our ability to create jobs or commit to local agricultural programs.”

- **Brian Treacy**

Sagamore Spirit

Baltimore, MD



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