

Distilled Spirits Facts OHIO



Ohio Distillers Annually Support:

JOBS

46,000

STATE GDP

\$3.5B

STATE EXPORTS

\$2.1M

Ohio 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.

Economic Data

- In 2014, there were 20 distilleries in Ohio.
- Just five years later, the number of distilleries in Ohio had tripled to 65 in 2019.
- Ohio distillers make whiskeys, gins, vodkas, brandies, and specialty spirits.

Quotes from Distillers

“Continuing the federal excise tax reduction is essential to continuing our plans for expansion here at Cleveland Whiskey. We’re designing a new and significantly expanded facility, intend to double our staff and make some serious technology investments and it’s the tax savings that allow us to grow.”

- **Tom Lix**

Cleveland Whiskey

Cleveland, Ohio

"The temporary reduction of the excise tax allowed for us to add jobs, provide medical benefits to our full-time employees, and invest in more production equipment — in turn utilizing significantly more locally sourced agricultural products. Should the excise tax expire without renewal, these critical investments (and the momentum they generate) would be at risk.”

- **Brady Konya**

Middle West Spirits

Columbus, Ohio



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