



The chart uses data from license fees and excise tax collections provided by the Montana Department of Revenue. For consistency, data include collections for July-January in each fiscal year. Montana excise tax is levied per barrel and is tiered according to number of barrels produced per year by a given brewery. There are 4 tiers: 0-5,000 are taxed \$1.30 per barrel, 5,000-10,000 at \$2.30, 10,000-20,000 at \$3.30 and more than 20,000 at \$4.30. As beer from small breweries makes up a larger proportion of beer sales in the state, the effective tax rate declines; in FY 2009 the effective rate (yellow line) was approximately \$4.20, in FY 2014 it is about \$4.10.