



Put In Your 2¢ Worth...

About 2¢ a drink yields \$44 million annually to reduce the impact of alcohol problems in Missouri.

Question:

The media occasionally report that Missouri and Wisconsin beer excise tax rates are identical. Is this true?

Answer:

No, not quite. Wisconsin's rate is 14 cents per barrel higher.

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- Wisconsin's excise charge for beer is \$2.00 per barrel. A barrel contains 31 gallons. The rate is therefore 0.065+ per gallon. In the charts, that appears as \$0.006 per 12-ounce can or bottle, or \$0.04 per sixpack.
- Missouri's charge for beer is \$1.86 per barrel. The rate is therefore \$0.06 per gallon. In the charts this also appears as \$0.006 per 12-ounce can or bottle, or \$0.04 per sixpack.
- Only the state of Wyoming's charges are lower: \$0.02 per gallon, or \$0.002 per 12 ounces. All of the other states and the District of Columbia have higher rates. The U.S. average of state excise charges is \$0.27 per gallon or \$0.025 per 12 ounces of beer.
- Missouri's rate was last changed in 1971, as a result of action taken by the Legislature and the Governor in December, 1970. It was doubled, from \$0.03 per gallon to \$0.06 per gallon during a fiscal crisis.
- Missouri would need to more than quadruple the rates just to adjust for inflation which has occurred since 1971.

Sources: For Wisconsin -- <http://www.dor.state.wi.us/faqs/ise/attaxes.html>. For Missouri: <http://www.mdlc.state.mo.us/faq1.htm>.

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