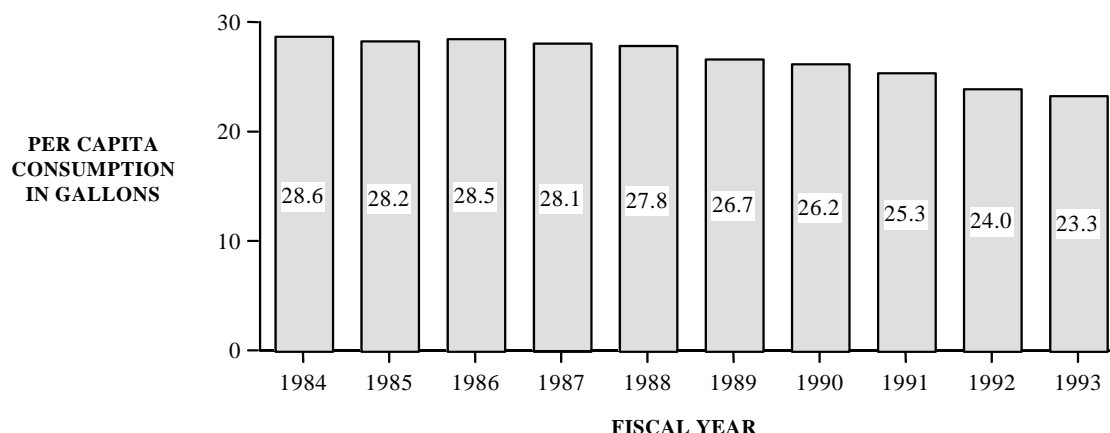


## *Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in Maryland Continues to Decline*

The State of Maryland's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Annual Report for fiscal year 1993 indicates that the per capita consumption of alcoholic beverages in Maryland continues to gradually decline. Since 1984 the total per capita consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits has decreased by 18.7%. This decline is largely attributable to a 30.4% decrease in the consumption of distilled spirits.

### **Maryland Per Capita Consumption of Distilled Spirits, Wine and Beer, 1984 - 1993\***



\* In Maryland, distilled spirits are any beverage, other than beer and wine, containing .05 percent or more of alcohol by volume. Per capita consumption is based on deliveries to retail licensees in the various subdivisions by holders of Maryland wholesalers' licenses and Maryland Department of Health total population estimates.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from Comptroller of the Treasury, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, State of Maryland Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Annual Report, Fiscal Year 1993.

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