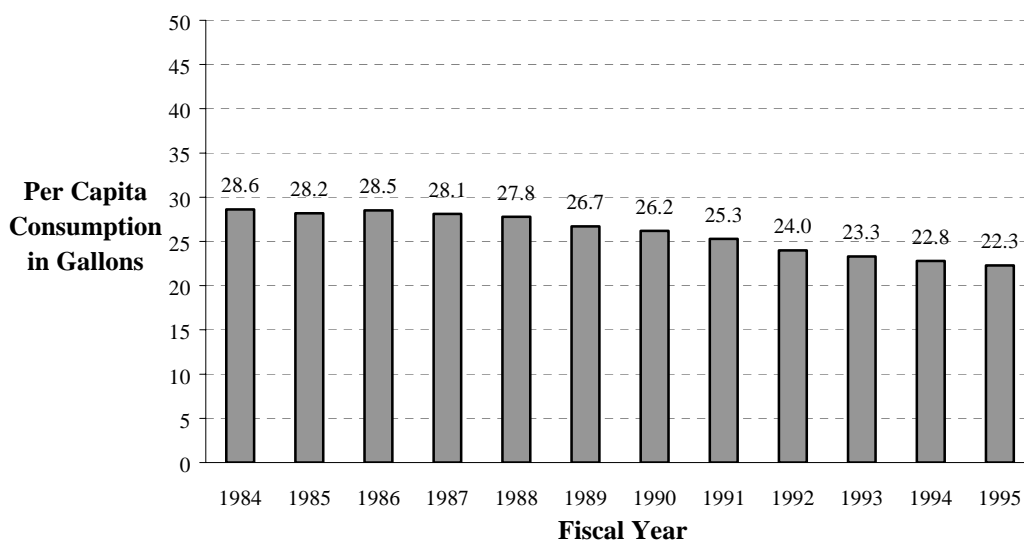


Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in Maryland Continues to Decline

Maryland's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Annual Report for fiscal year 1995 shows that the total per capita consumption of alcoholic beverages has decreased by 22% since 1984. The per capita consumption of beer and wine has decreased by about 20% while consumption of distilled spirits has decreased by 37%. Maryland per capita consumption is calculated using the entire state population--including nondrinkers and all age groups. Thus, the actual per capita consumption rate in Maryland may be higher among those who drink.

Maryland Per Capita Consumption, in Gallons, of Distilled Spirits, Wine and Beer, FY 1984 - 1995*



*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 for each year. On average, 85% of alcohol sales in Maryland is of beer, 8% of wine, and 7% of distilled spirits.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from Comptroller of the Treasury, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, State of Maryland Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Annual Report, Tax Year 1995.

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