

# U.S. ECONOMIC OUTLOOK: INDUSTRY AND ECONOMIC TRENDS

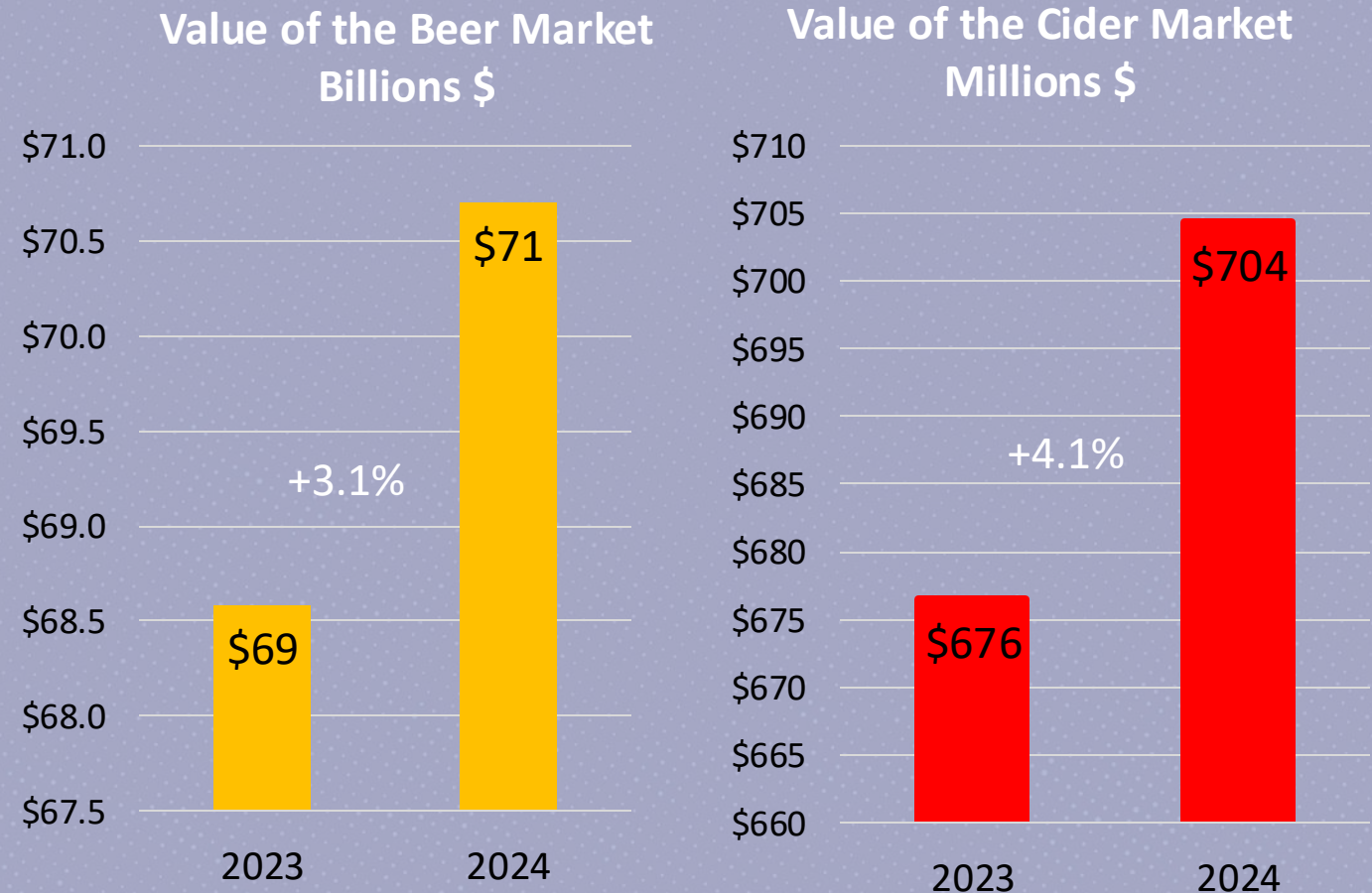
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## Dollars Are More Important Than Volume Retailer \$ Purchases of Beer and Cider

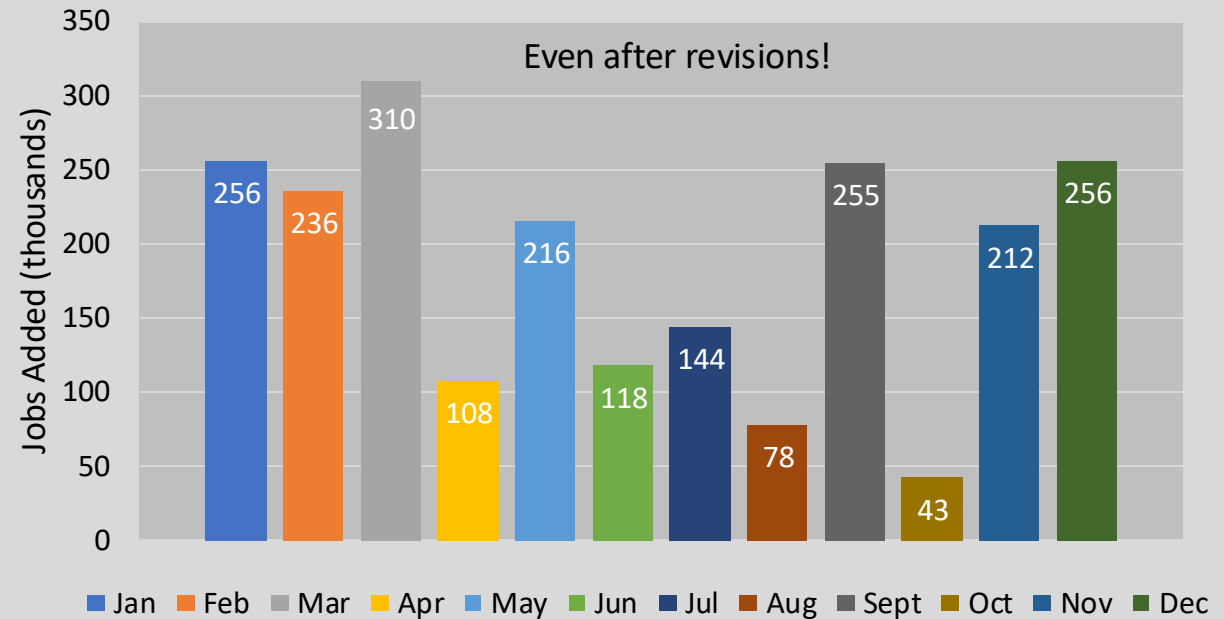


The value of sales to retailers for Beer and Cider grew in 2024  
Cider held its own at 1% of total “beer industry” sales.

# The Economy Remains Resilient

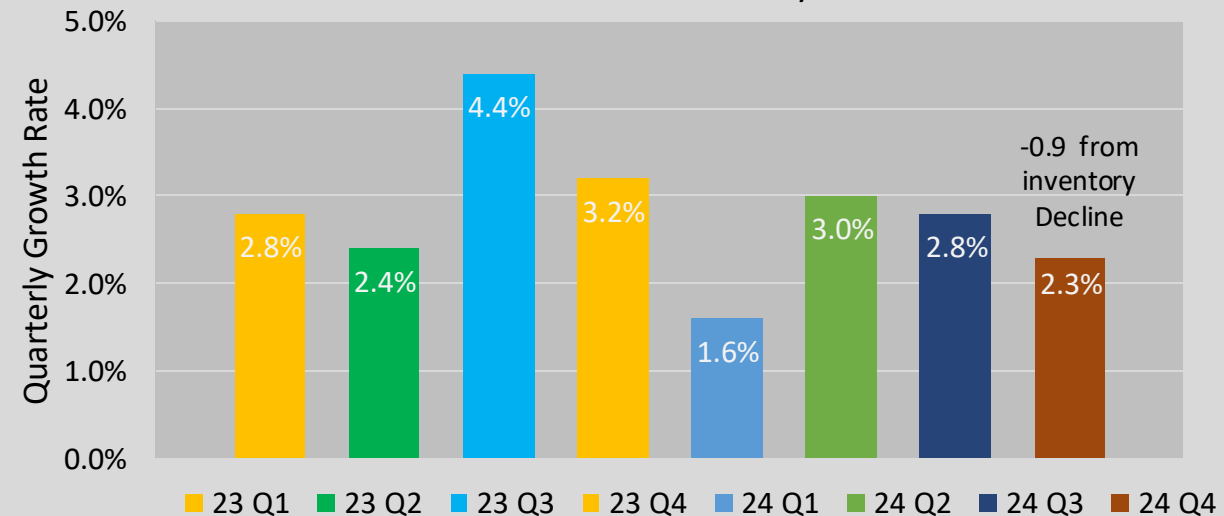
*Still struggles with:  
Mixed Policy Signals,  
Inflation/Deflation,  
Productivity & Labor,  
And Crazy Comps!*

### 2.2 Million New Jobs Added in 2023-2024



### Real GDP Growth Positive Over Past 2 Years

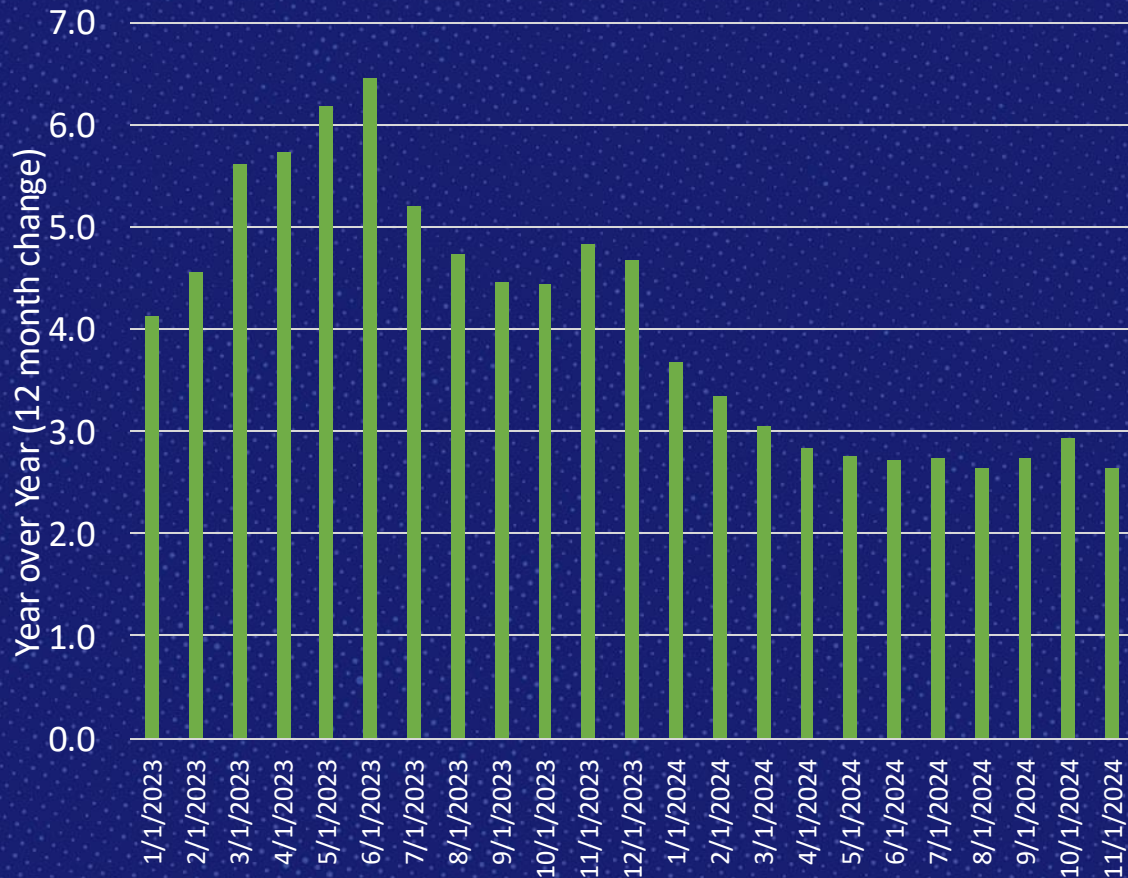
Bureau of Economic Analysis



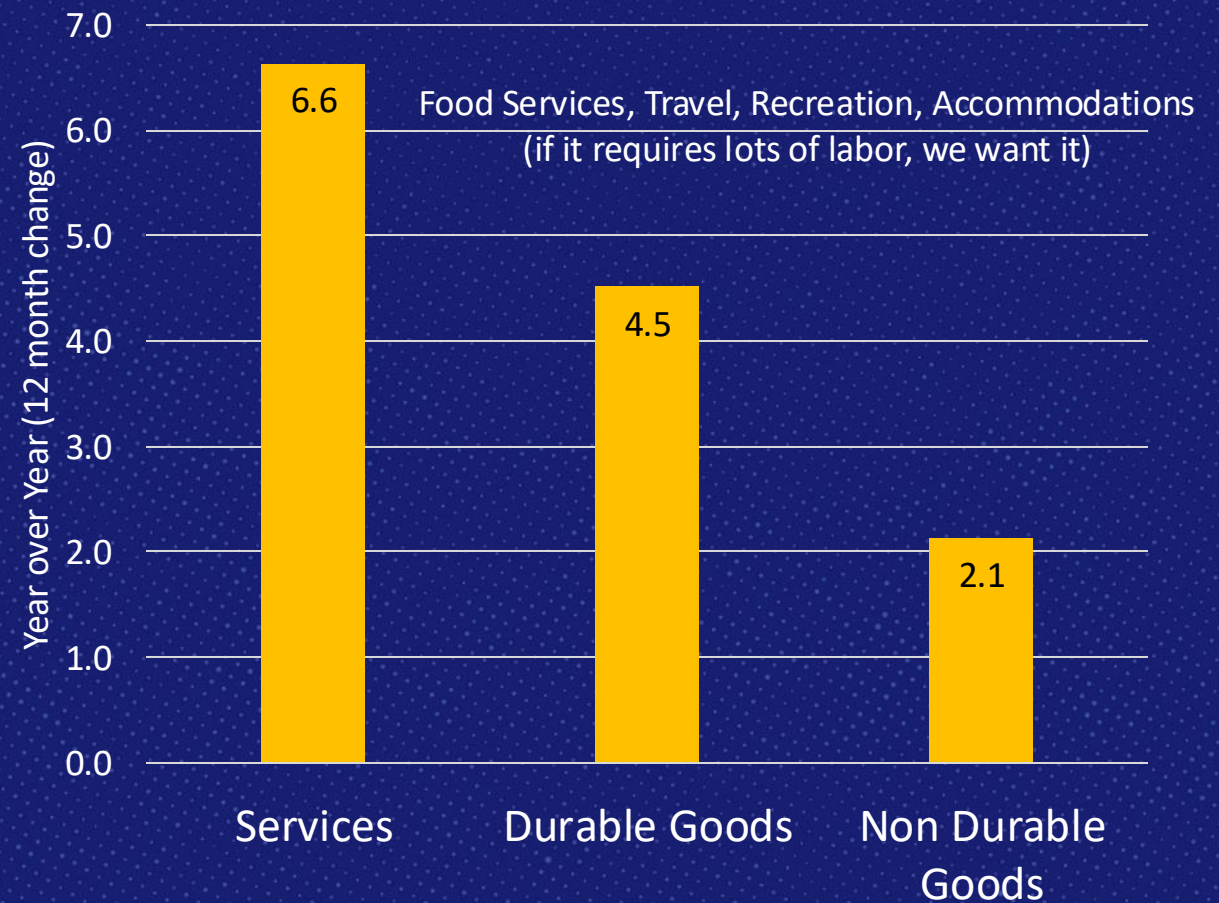
# Real Personal Income and Consumer Spending

Households spending more than expected, just of different things

### Total U.S. Real Personal Income YoY Growth (November 2024)

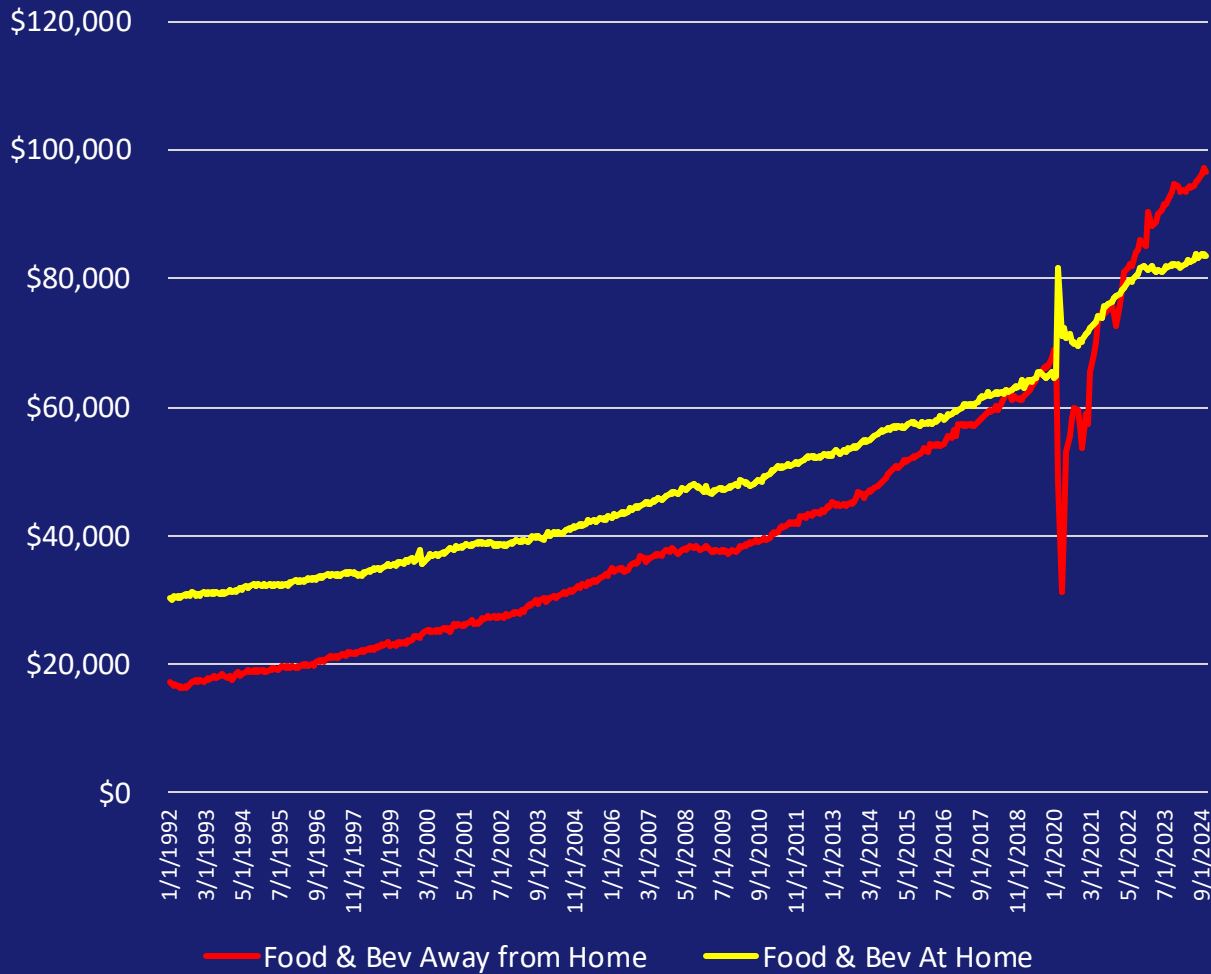


### Personal Consumer Expenditures YoY Growth 12 months (November 2024)

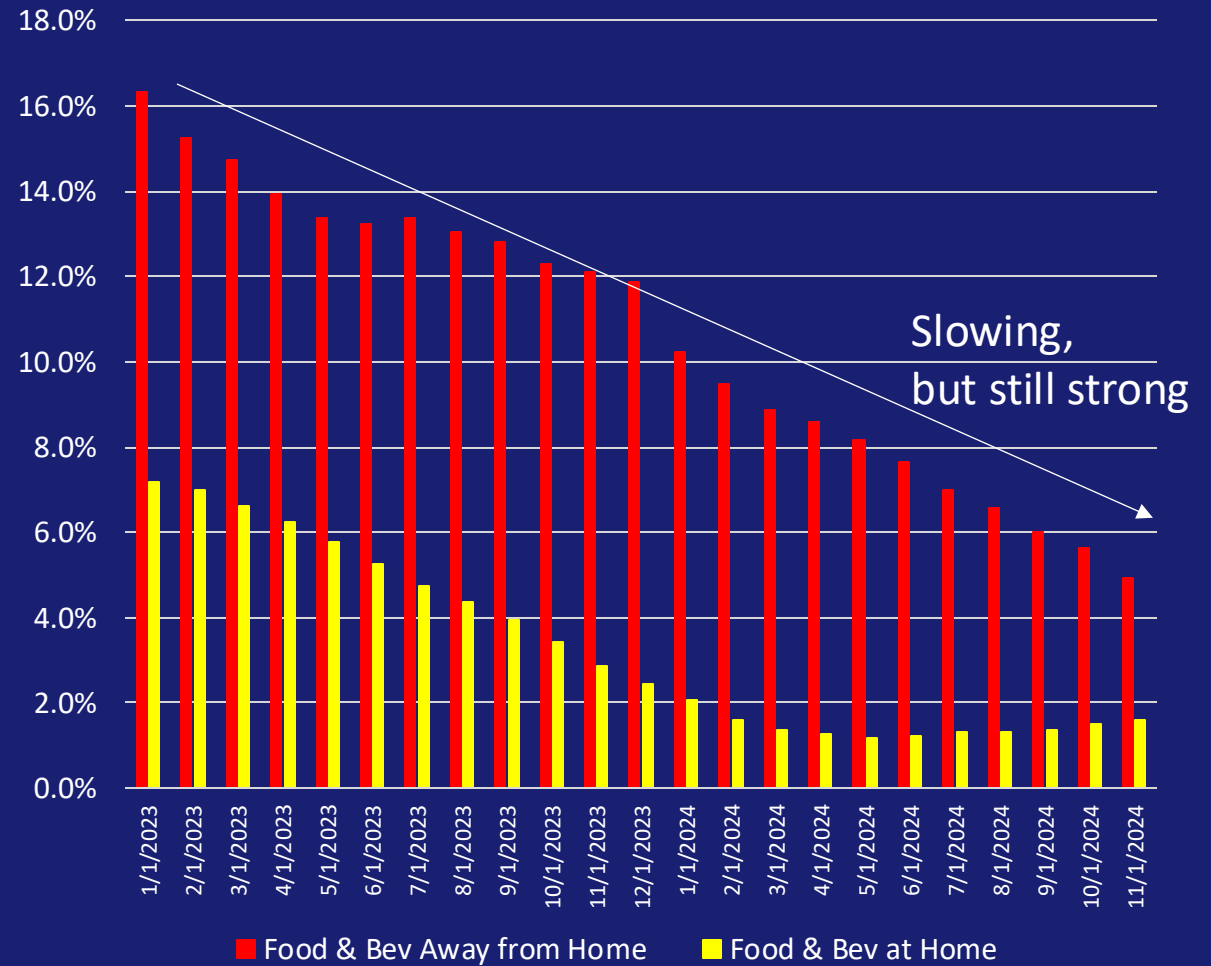


# Consumer Retail Sales Food and Beverages Away From Home Greater Than At Home Spending

Total Spending Away Home vs At Home

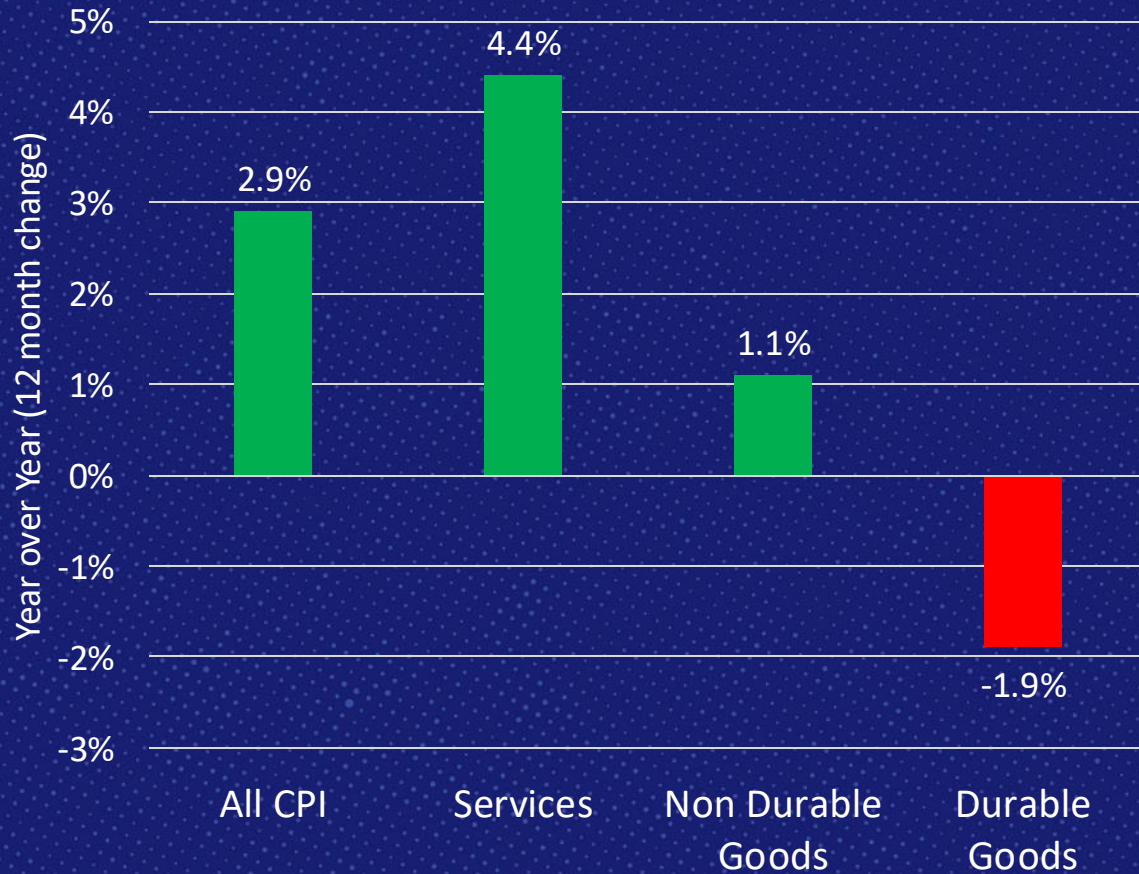


12 Month Moving Average Change

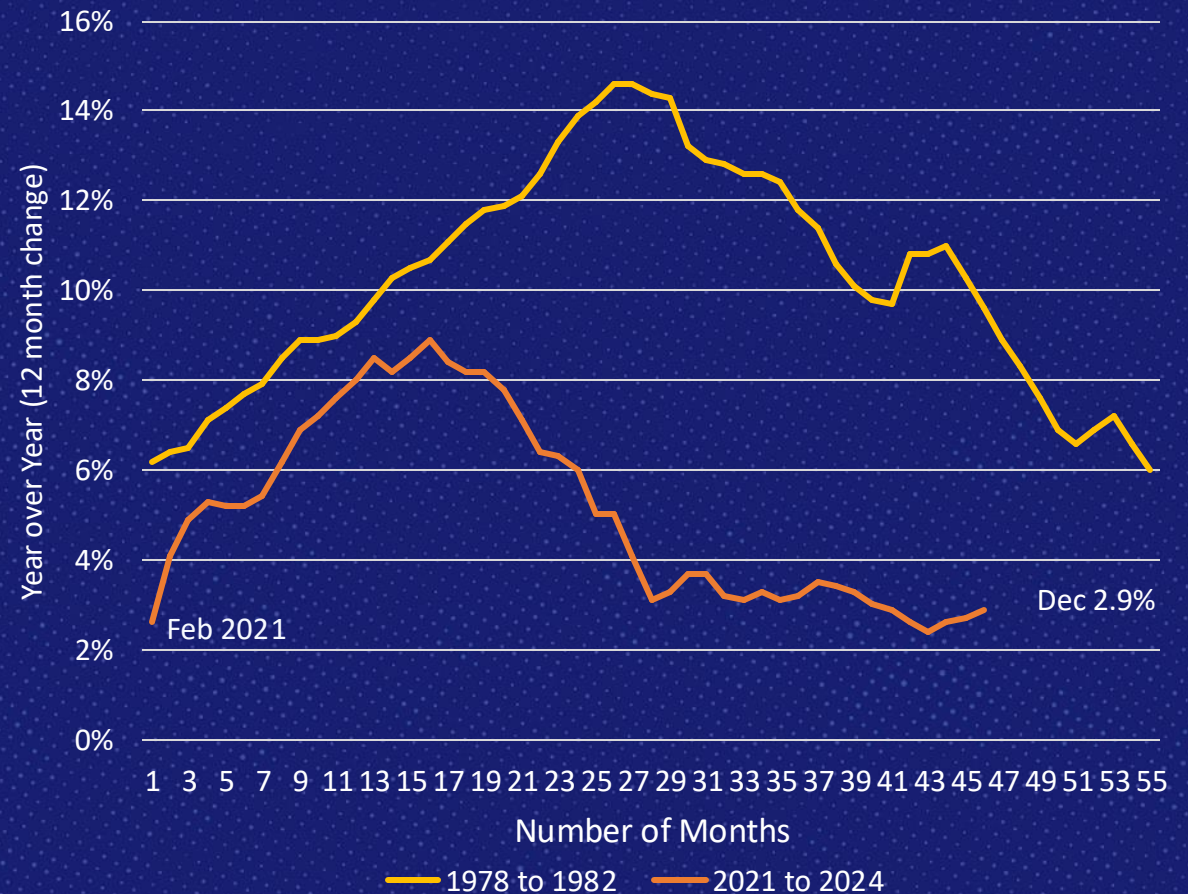


# The Economy's Struggle with Inflation Continues, With Some Deflation...

December 2024 Inflation  
12 Month Change



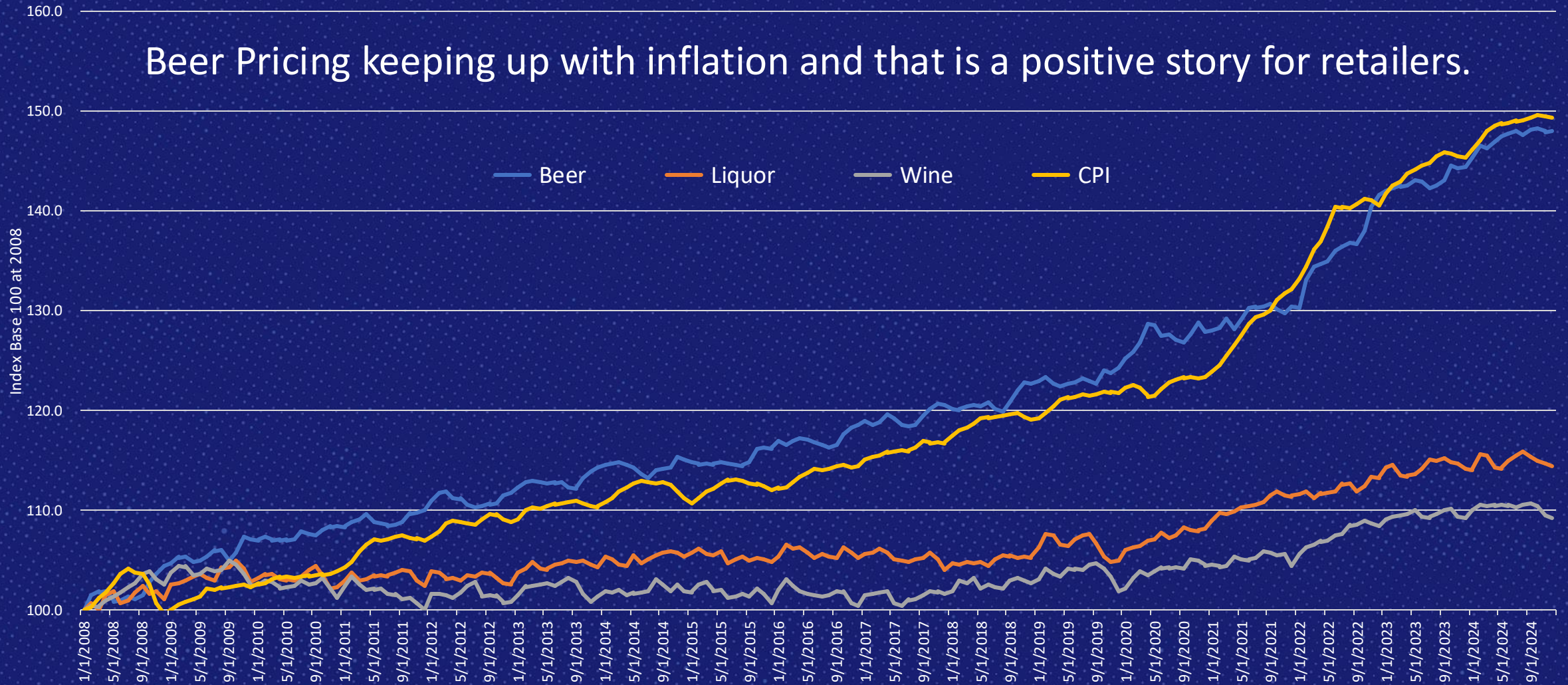
1980s Inflation vs 2023-24 Inflation  
Intensity and duration is less intense



Source: <https://www.bls.gov/cpi/data.htm>

# Alcohol Beverage Inflation vs CPI Inflation At-Home (Off Premise) Consumer Price Index Jan 2008 to Dec 2024

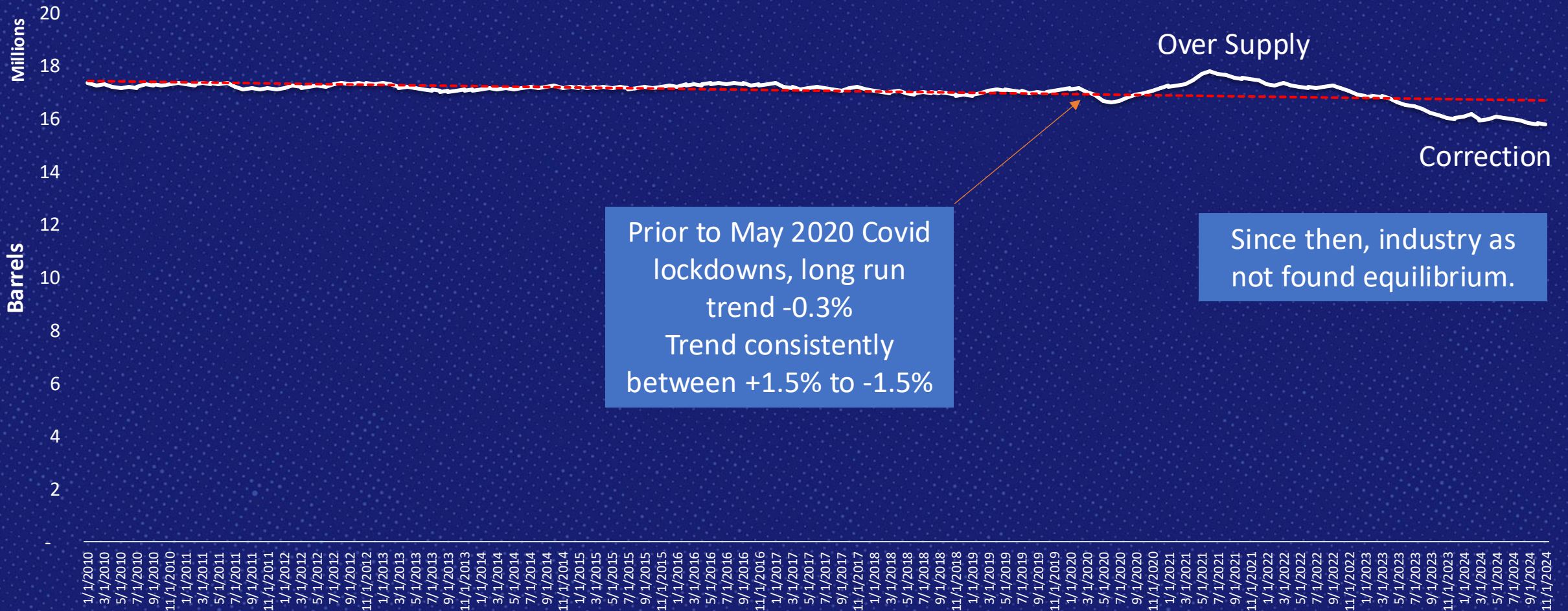
Beer Pricing keeping up with inflation and that is a positive story for retailers.



# Total Industry Supply of Beer Industry

## Four Years Later, Stability as Not Returned

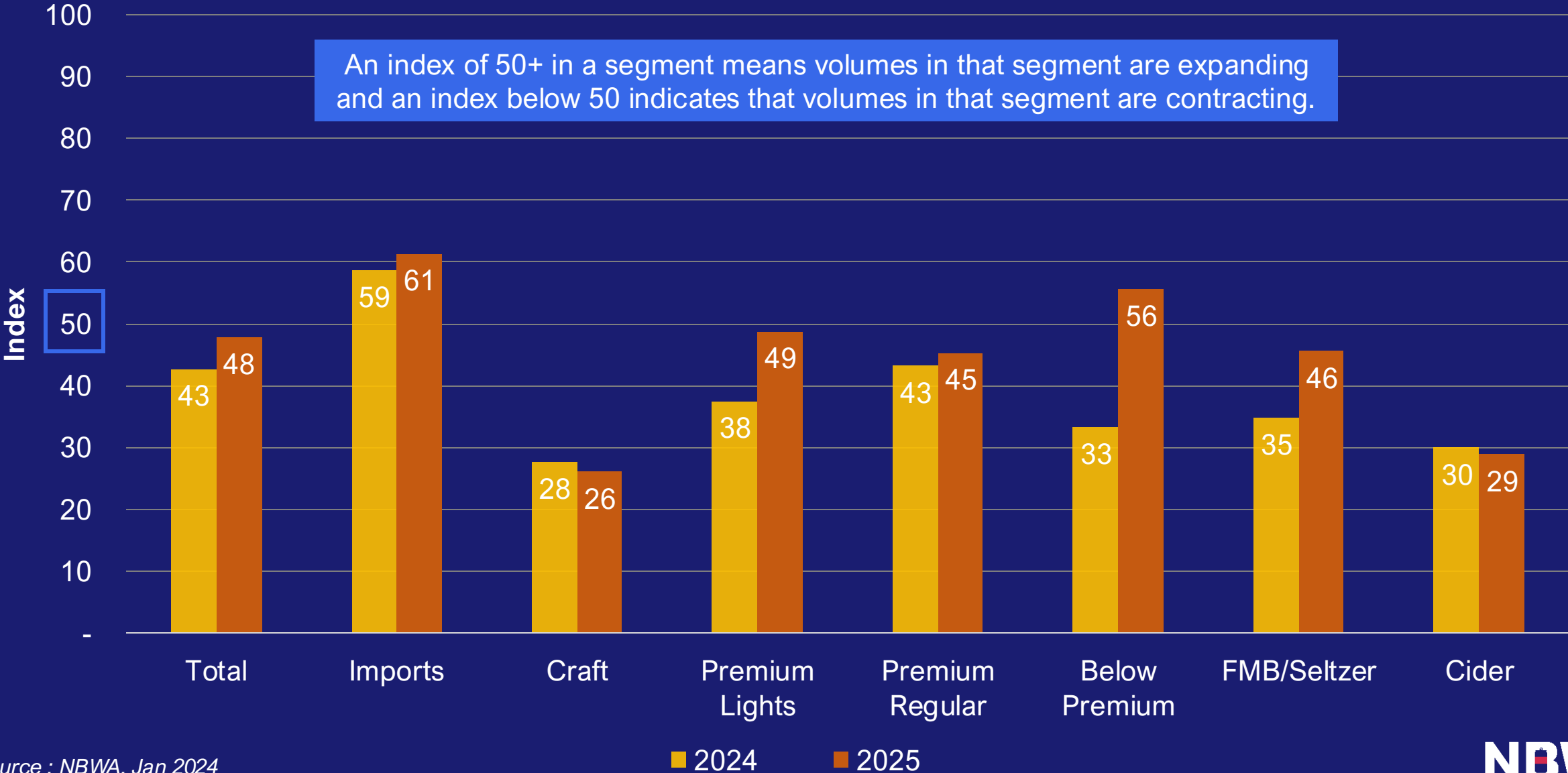
### 12 Month Moving Average Volume - Monthly Jan 2010 to November 2024



# NBWA Beer Purchasers' Index

## All Segments for Jan 2024 vs Jan 2025

An index of 50+ in a segment means volumes in that segment are expanding and an index below 50 indicates that volumes in that segment are contracting.

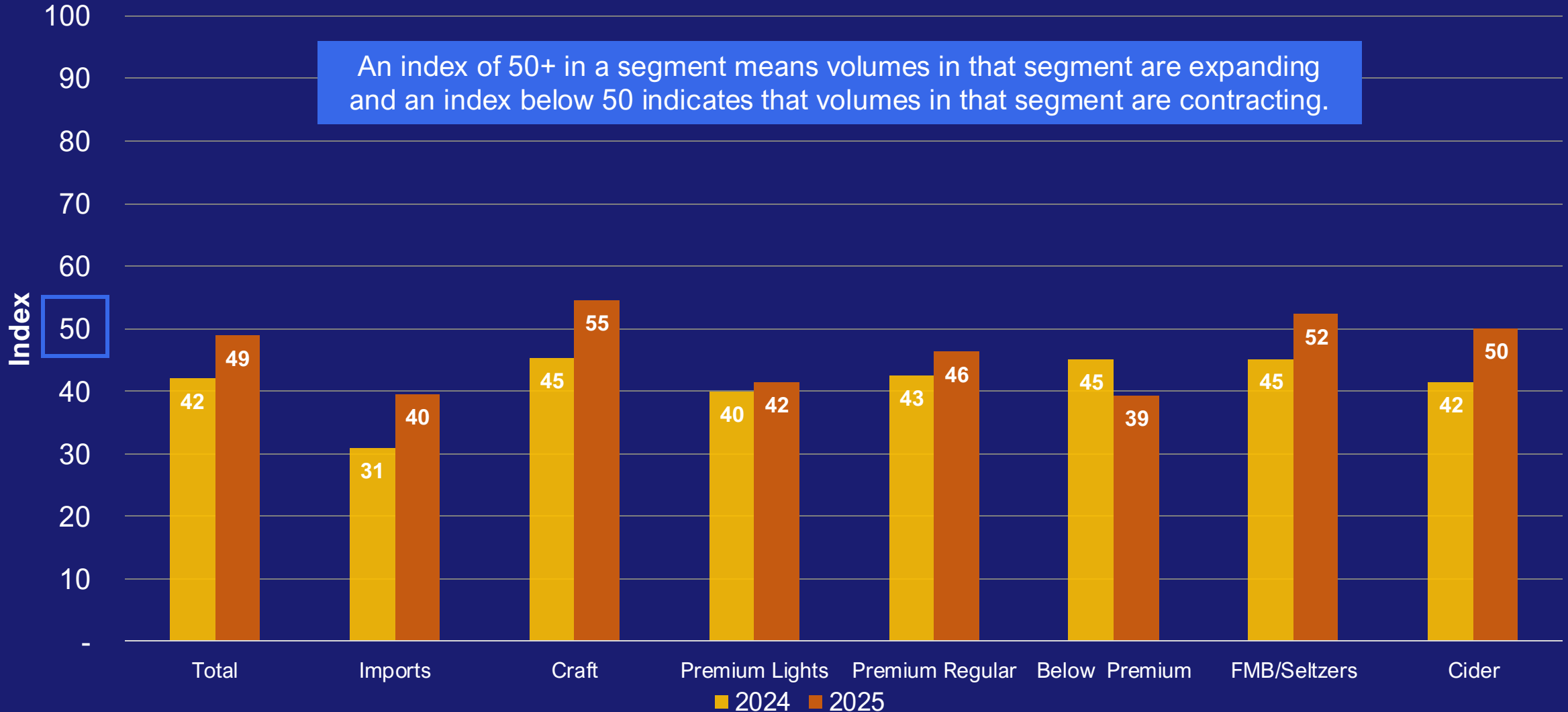


Source : NBWA, Jan 2024

# “At-Risk” Inventory Index

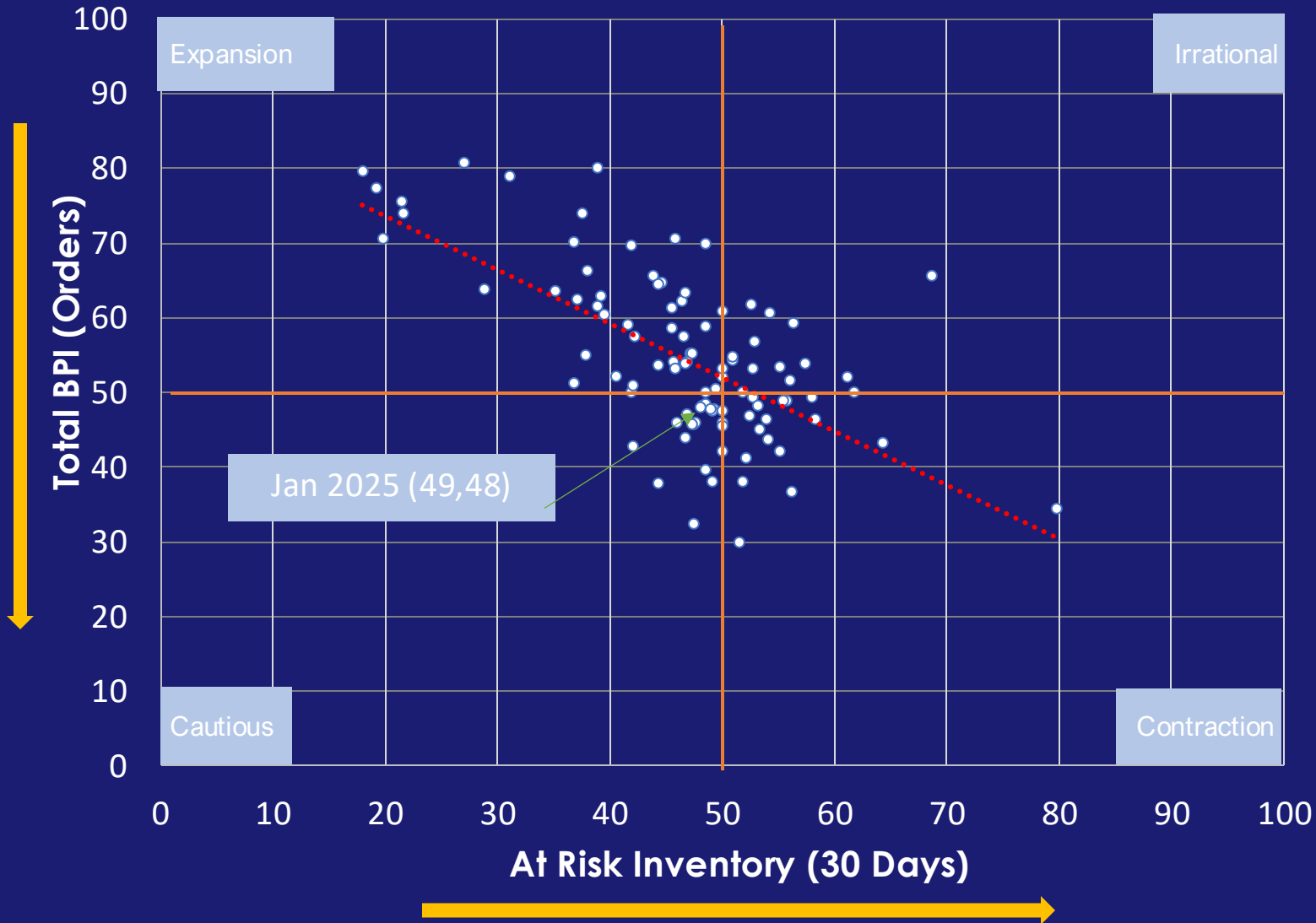
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# Total At-Risk (ARI) vs Total Beer Purchasers (BPI)

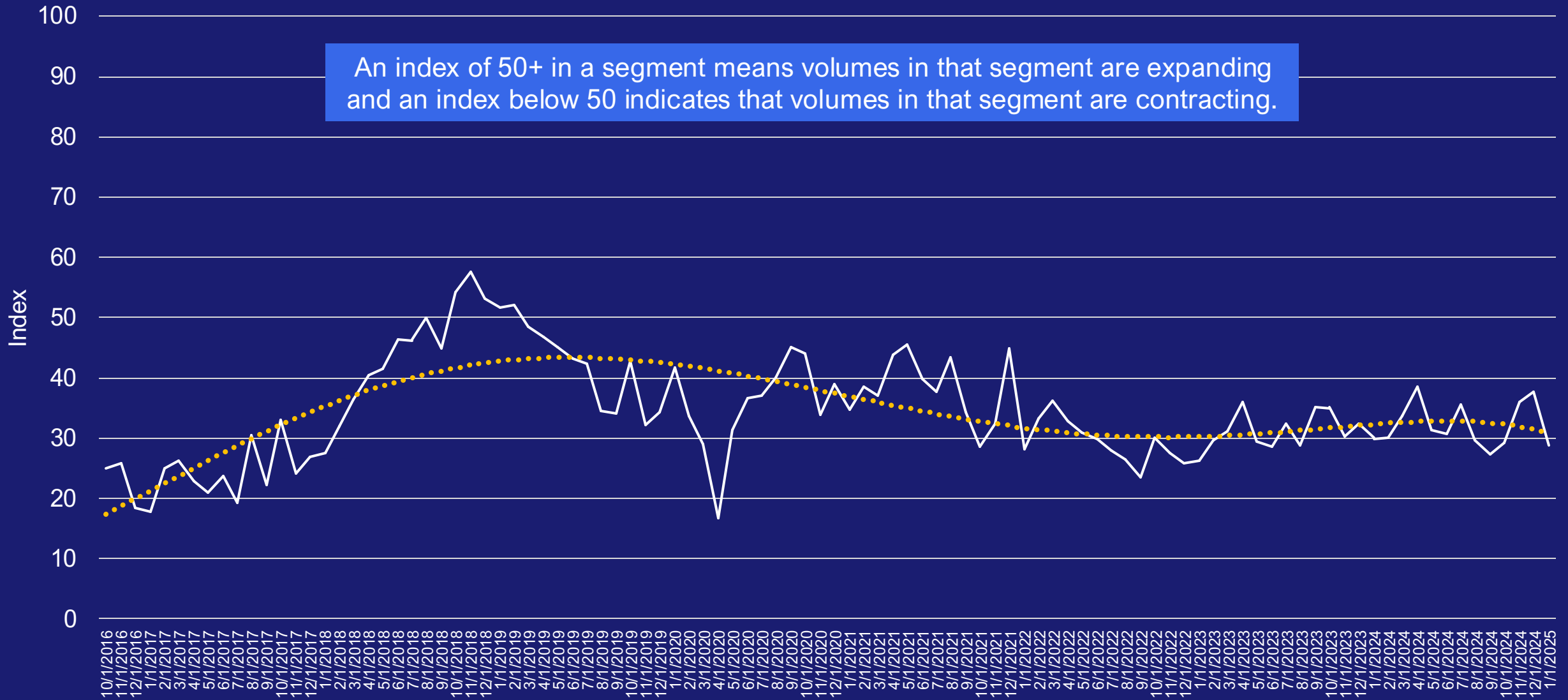
## Distributor Sentiment Remains in Bullseye Territory 3 Month



- The BPI serves as a forward-looking measure of beer-retailer demand. The ARI serves as a measure of missed expectations of that beer demand.
- Plotted together, the industry exists in one of four “states”
  - Expansionary BPI>50, ARI<50
  - Contractionary BPI<50, ARI>50
  - Cautious BPI<50, ARI <50
  - Irrational BPI>50 and ARI >50
- The industry spends most of its time in the “expansionary” quadrant and focused around the 50/50 “bullseye.”

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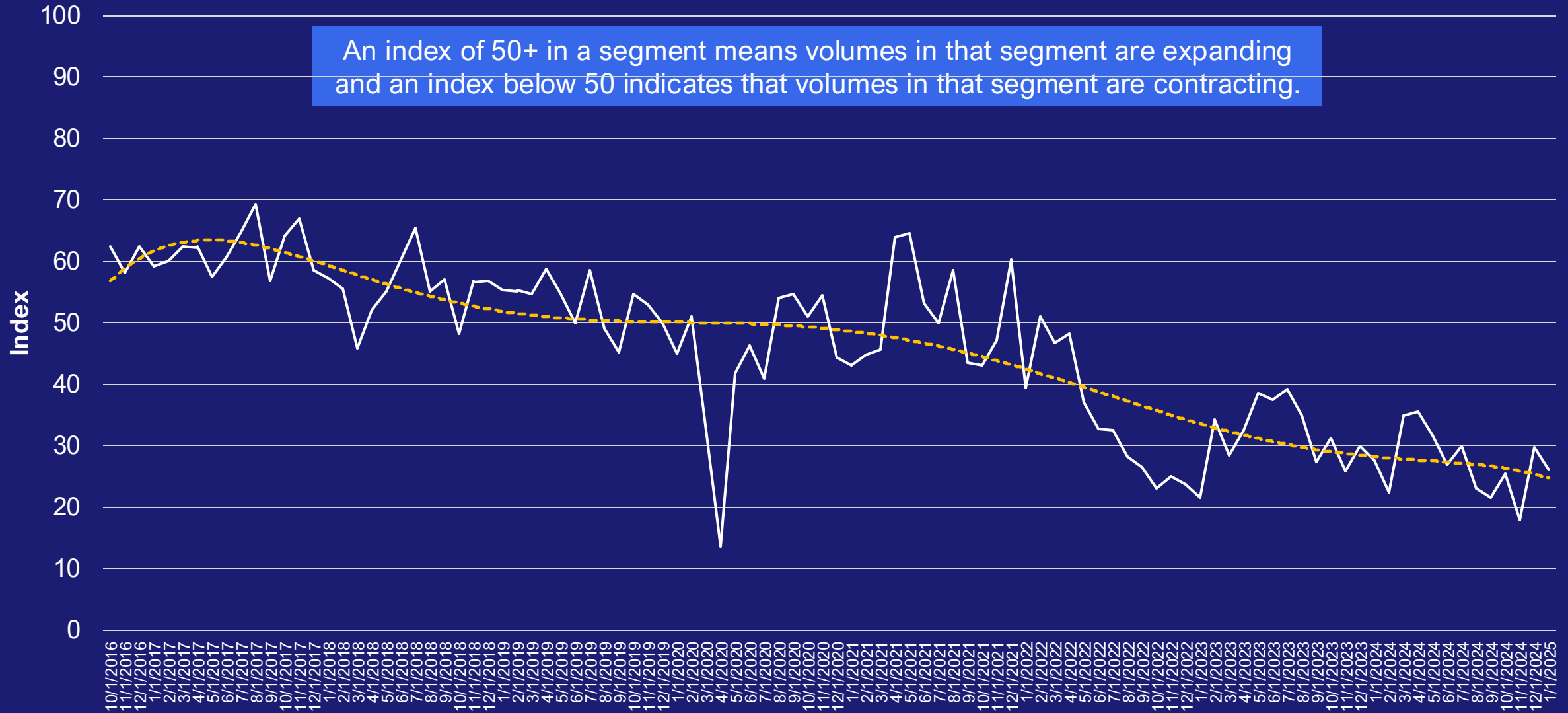
## Cider Segment Oct 2016 to Jan 2025



Source : NBWA, Jan 2025

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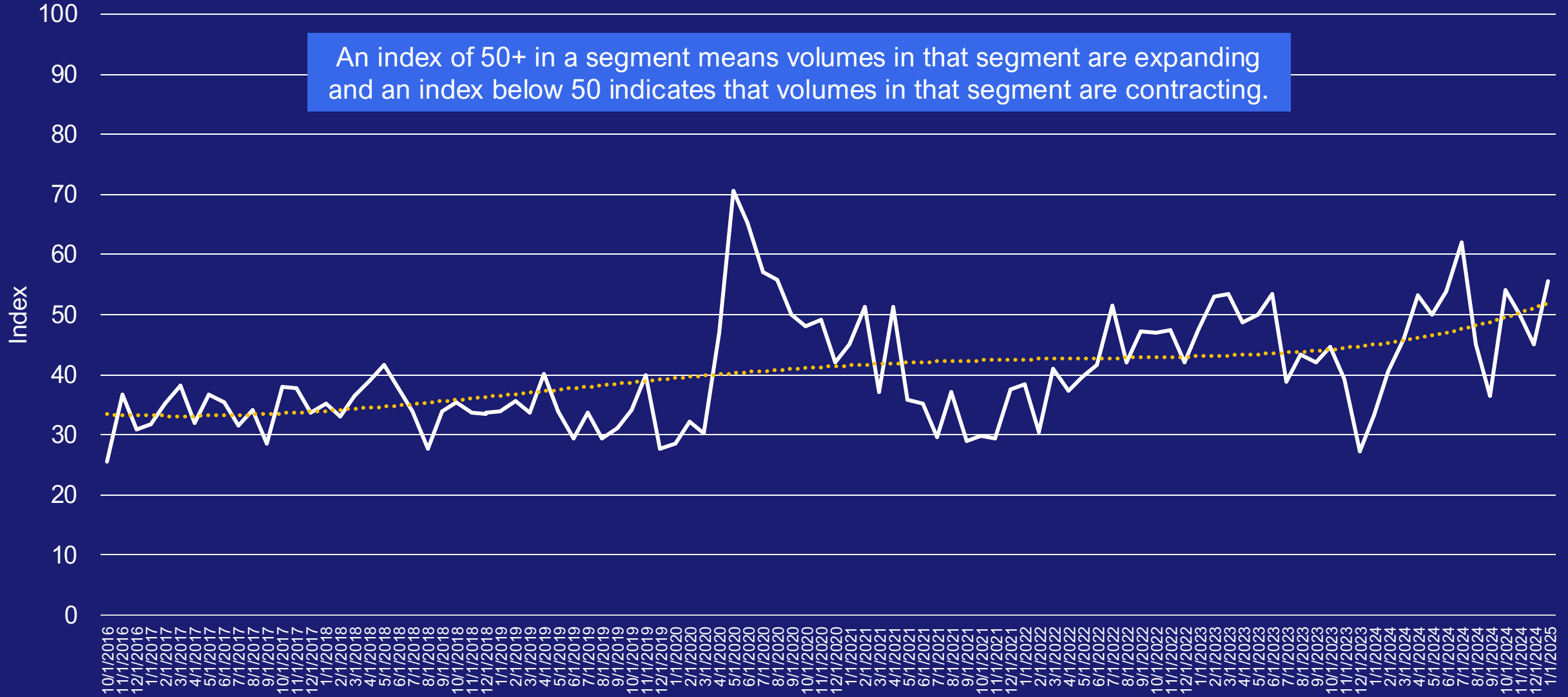
## Craft Segment Oct 2016 to Jan 2025



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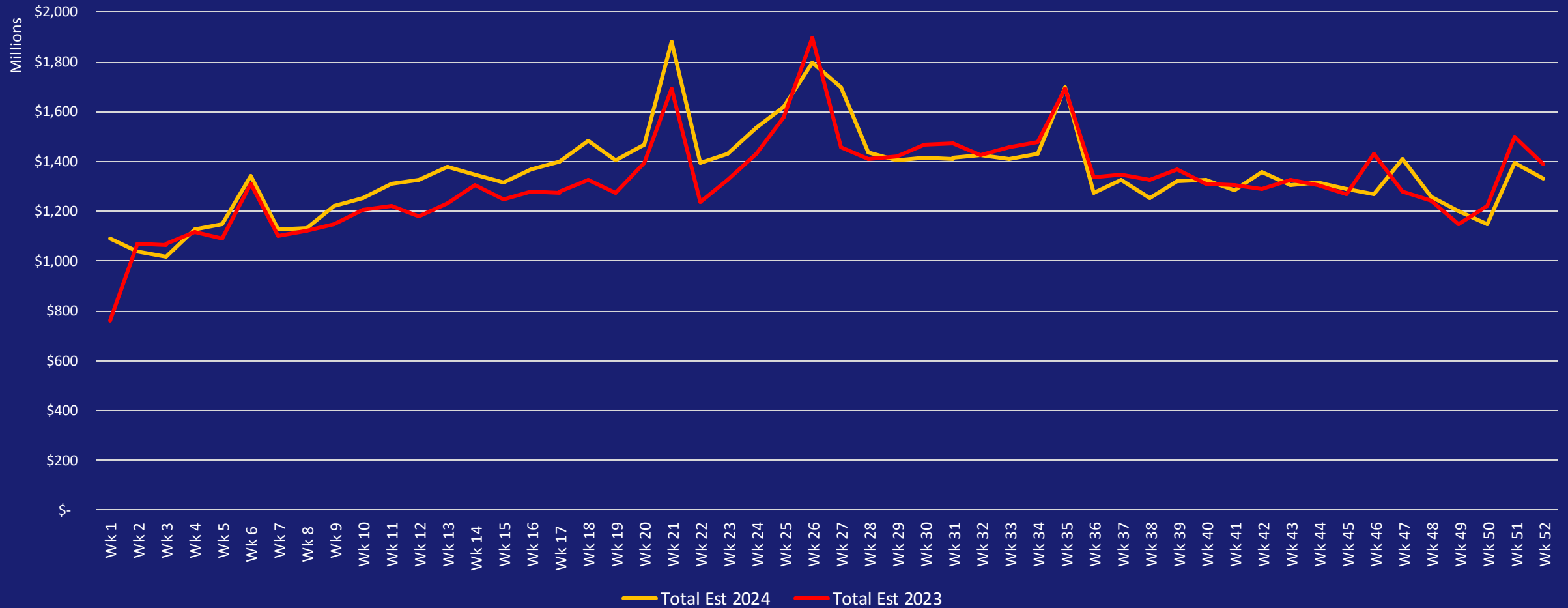


Source : NBWA, Jan 2025

# 2023 and 2024 Retailer Beer Purchases \$'s

## Retailers BUY Beer With Dollars

### \$68.6 Billion in CY 2023 and Estimated \$70.7 Billion in CY 2024



\*Total values estimated by NBWA, Industry Affairs using Fintech data and most recent total industry volumes available year-to-date.



## NOAA: Climate at a Glance

Every state and region has a maximum temperature for beer consumption.

Knowing that maximum temperature needs to be part of your market assessments and planning.

Hint: Its Not Linear!

Parameter:

Year:

Month:

*Please note, Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI), Palmer Hydrological Drought Index (PHDI), and Palmer Modified Drought Index (PMDI) are not offered for multiple-month time scales.*

Update

## Contiguous U.S.

### October 2024 Average Temperature Rankings

Download:

View Period (Months):  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 18 24 36 48 60

Record Coolest	Bottom 1/10	Bottom 1/5	Normal	Top 1/5	Top 1/10	Record Warmest
Period	Value	1901-2000 Mean	Anomaly	Rank (1895-2024)	Coollest/Warmest Since	Record
<a href="#">October 2024</a> <b>1-Month</b>	58.98°F (14.99°C)	54.10°F (12.28°C)	4.88°F	129th Coolest	Coollest since: <a href="#">2023</a>	<a href="#">1925</a>
				2nd Warmest	Warmest since: <a href="#">1963</a>	<a href="#">1963</a>
<a href="#">Sep-Oct 2024</a> <b>2-Month</b>	63.79°F (17.66°C)	59.47°F (15.26°C)	4.32°F	130th Coolest	Coollest since: <a href="#">2023</a>	<a href="#">1976</a>
				1st Warmest	Warmest to Date	2024
<a href="#">Aug-Oct 2024</a> <b>3-Month</b>	67.18°F (19.54°C)	63.67°F (17.59°C)	3.51°F	130th Coolest	Coollest since: <a href="#">2023</a>	<a href="#">1976</a>
				1st Warmest	Warmest to Date	2024
<a href="#">Jul-Oct 2024</a> <b>4-Month</b>	69.31°F (20.73°C)	66.15°F (18.97°C)	3.16°F	130th Coolest	Coollest since: <a href="#">2023</a>	<a href="#">1976</a>
				1st Warmest	Warmest to Date	2024
<a href="#">Jun-Oct 2024</a> <b>5-Month</b>	69.80°F (21.00°C)	66.61°F (19.23°C)	3.19°F	130th Coolest	Coollest since: <a href="#">2023</a>	<a href="#">1912</a>
				1st Warmest	Warmest to Date	2024
<a href="#">May-Oct 2024</a> <b>6-Month</b>	68.55°F (20.31°C)	65.54°F (18.63°C)	3.01°F	130th Coolest	Coollest since: <a href="#">2023</a>	<a href="#">1917</a>
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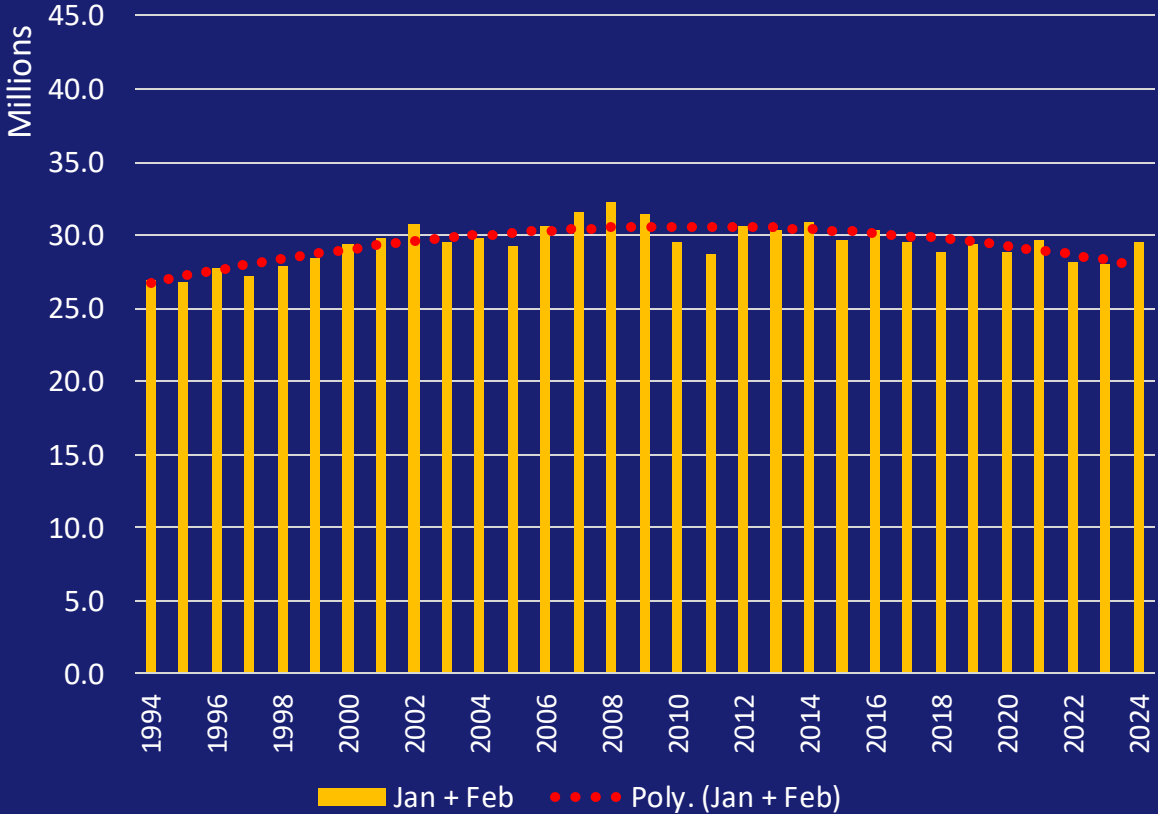
# A Hot & Dry Summer is Worse than Any Dry January

## US Shipments Winter vs Summer

### Beer Institute STWs 1994 to 2024

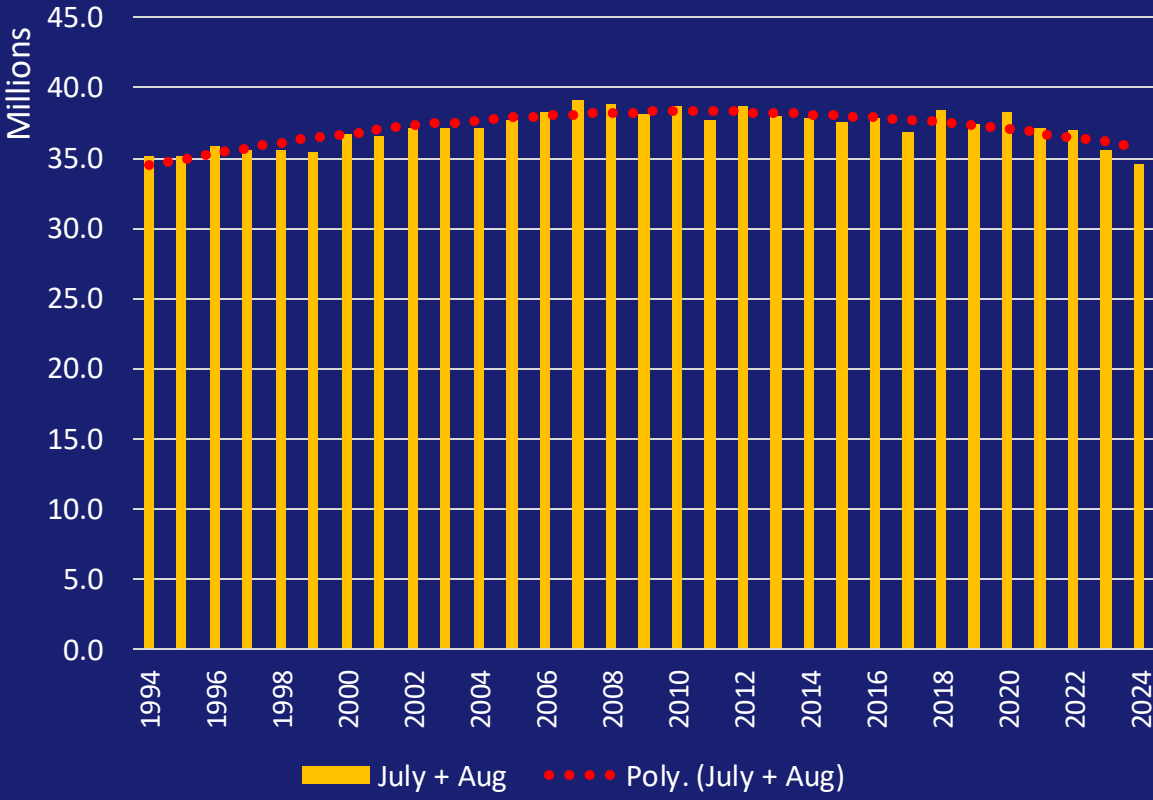
Beer Institute STWs

Jan + Feb 1994 to 2024 (15% of Total Volume)



Beer Institute STWs

Jul + Aug 1994 to 2024 (18% of Total Volume)

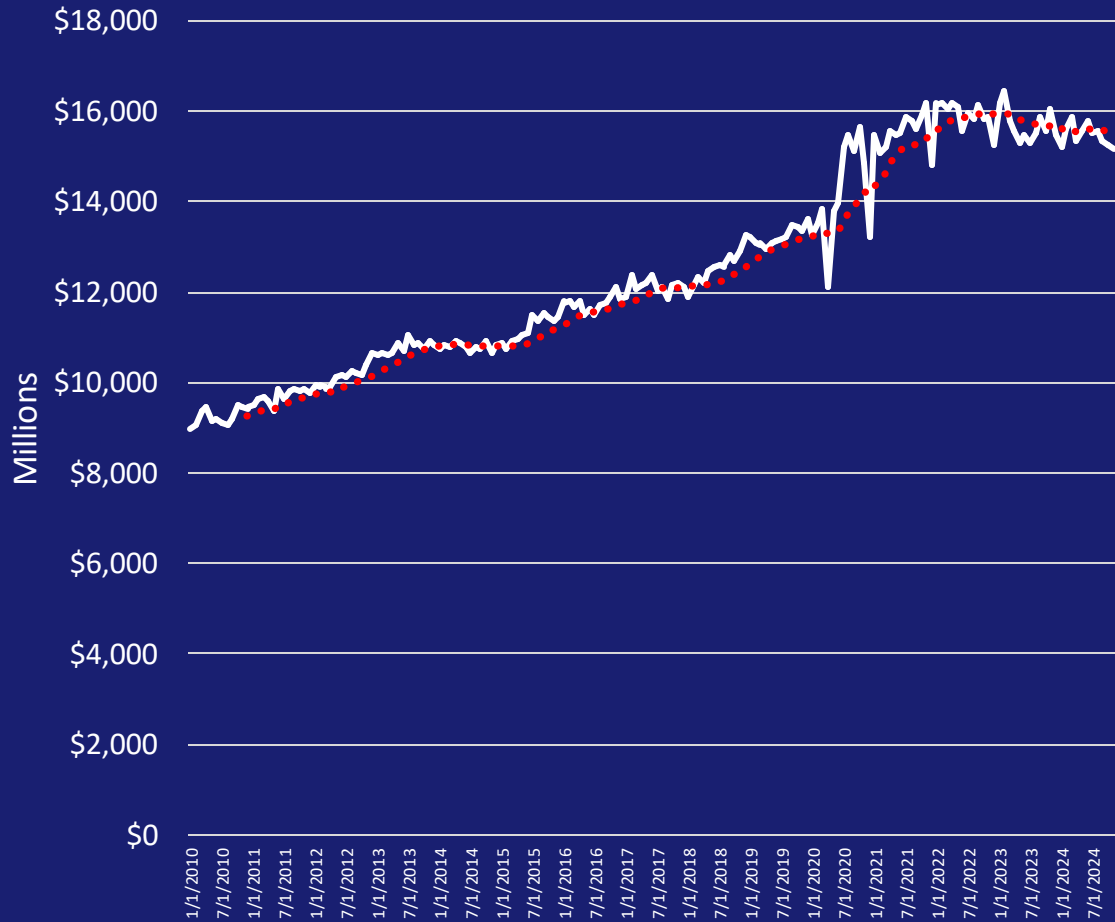


# U.S. Census of Wholesale Trade - Total Alcohol Beverage Distributors Alcohol Beverage Inventory/Sales Ratio January 2010 to November 2024 (red=12 month moving average)

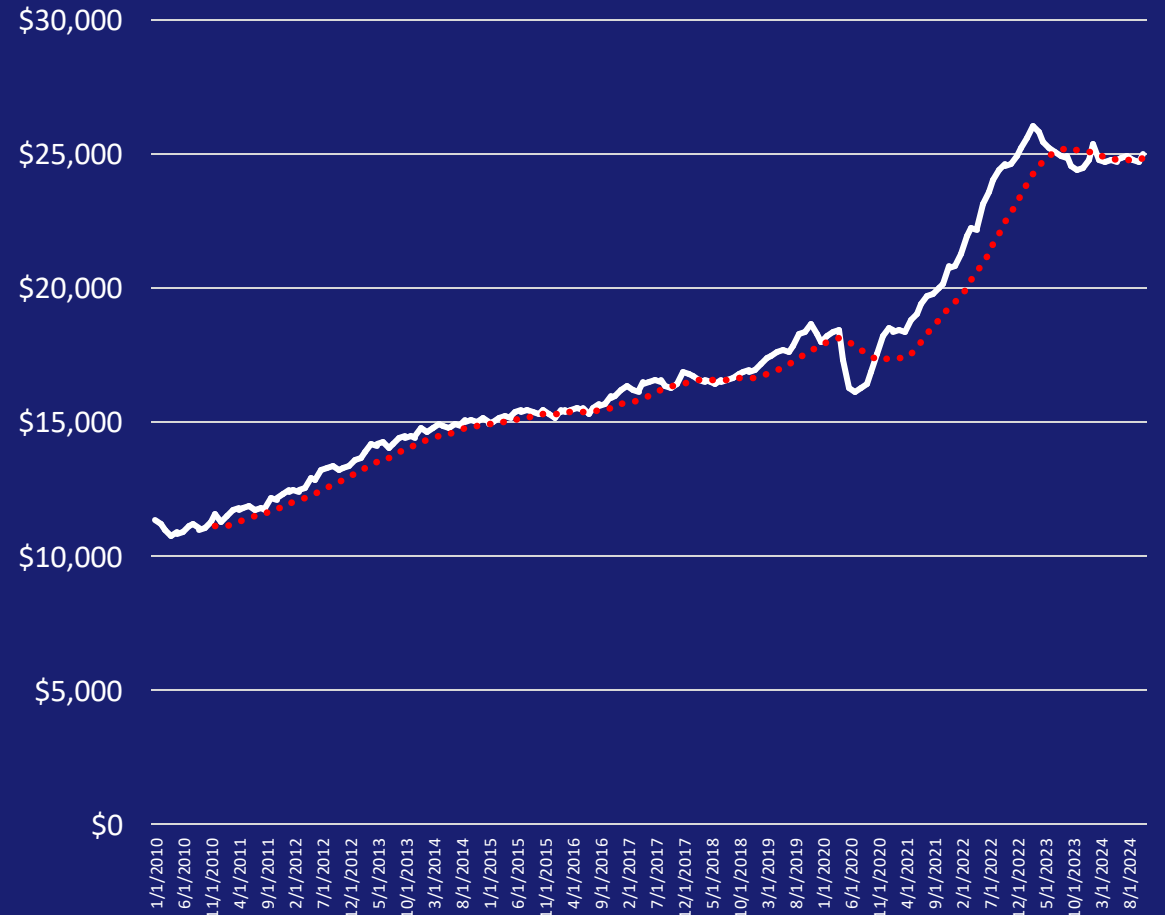


# Alcohol Beverages Sales vs Inventories 2010 to 2024 (November)

## Sales

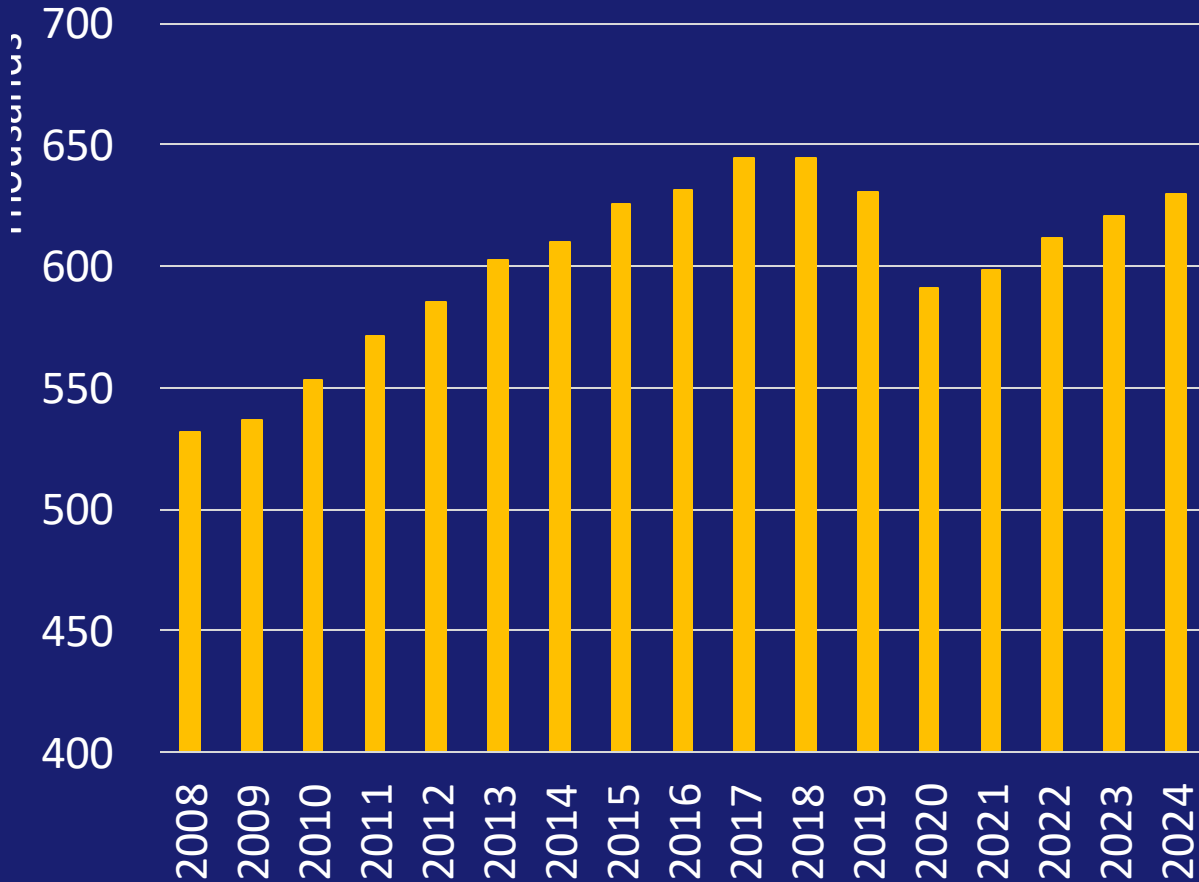


## Inventories

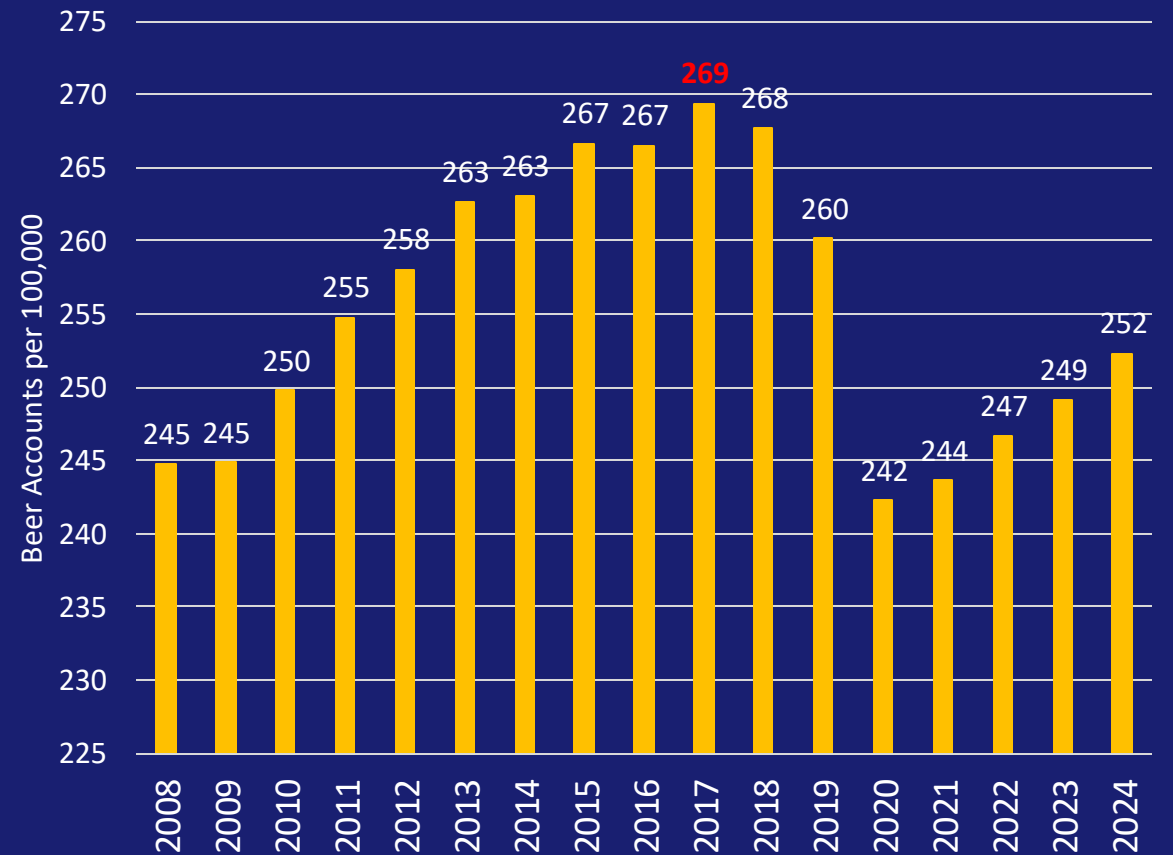


# Total U.S. Retail Establishments Selling Beer Yearly 2008 to November 2024

## Total Alcohol Retail Accounts



## Beer Retail Accounts Per Capita



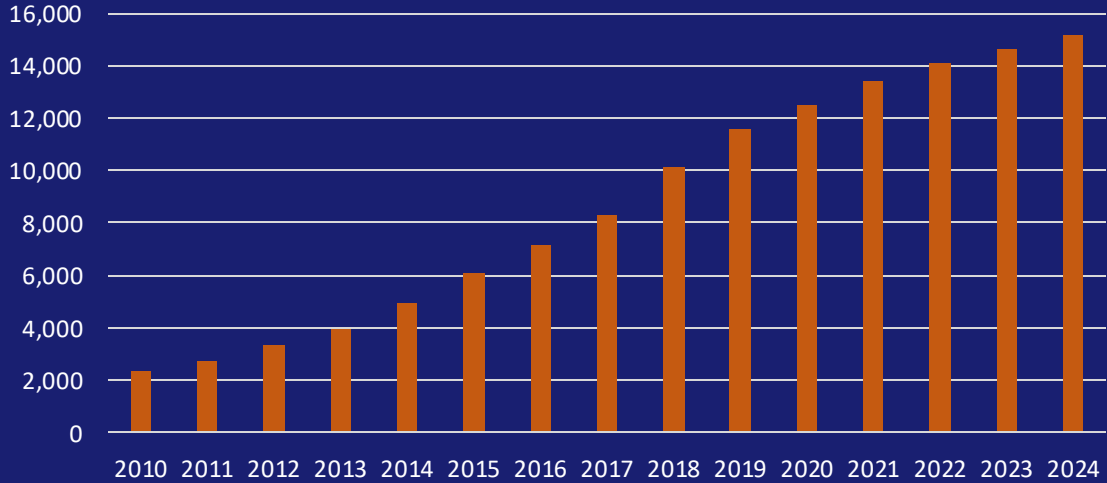
# Two Thirds of All New Beer Selling Establishments Are On-Premise in Both 2023 and 2024

CHANNEL- Establishments	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Nov 2024	Change 22-23	Change 23-24	Share of New Retail Accounts
Convenience Store	122,755	124,833	125,836	2,078	1,003	10%
Liquor	37,921	38,432	39,275	511	843	9%
Grocery	36,405	36,423	36,485	18	62	1%
Mass Merchandiser	16,471	17,361	18,370	890	1,009	10%
Drug	14,166	13,622	12,720	-544	-902	-9%
Cigarette Outlet	2,340	2,509	2,758	169	249	3%
Wholesale Club	1,192	1,209	1,243	17	34	0%
Category Killer	383	417	429	34	12	0%
Off Premise Total	231,633	234,806	237,116	3,173	2,310	24%
Restaurants	213,187	218,084	221,838	4,897	3,754	38%
Bar/Nightclub	80,184	82,417	83,076	2,233	659	7%
Recreation	52,462	52,769	54,033	307	1,264	13%
Lodging	21,748	22,090	23,178	342	1,088	11%
Caterer	8,643	8,885	9,615	242	730	7%
Transportation	650	668	682	18	14	0%
Military On-Premise	622	602	578	-20	-24	0%
On Premise Total	377,496	385,515	393,000	8,019	7,485	76%
Total Beer Selling Accounts	609,129	620,321	630,116	11,192	9,795	100%

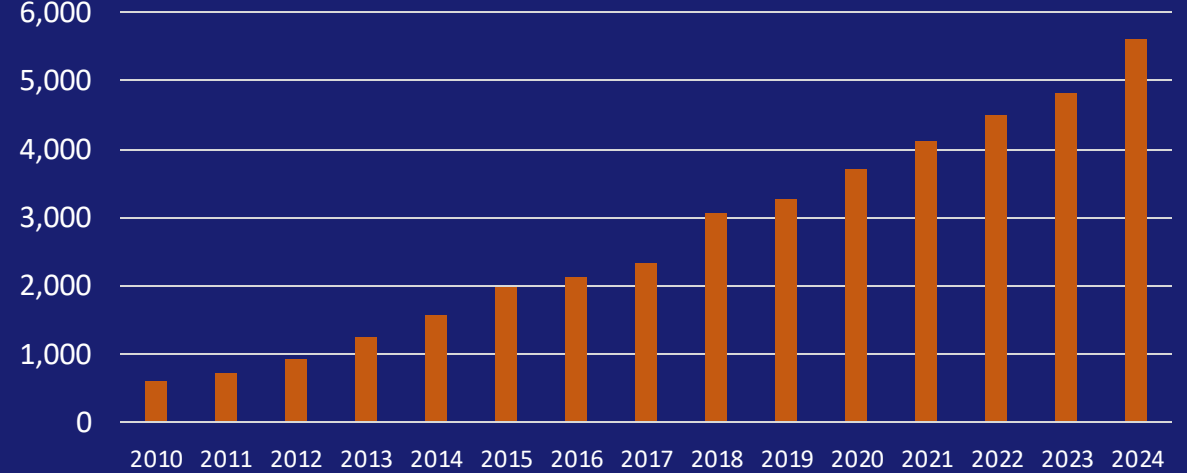
Source: NBWA Industry Affairs and TDLinx, November 2024

# U.S. Tax and Trade Bureau Alcohol Permits/Approvals Total U.S. 2010 to 2024 (Sept) All Time High at 39,000+

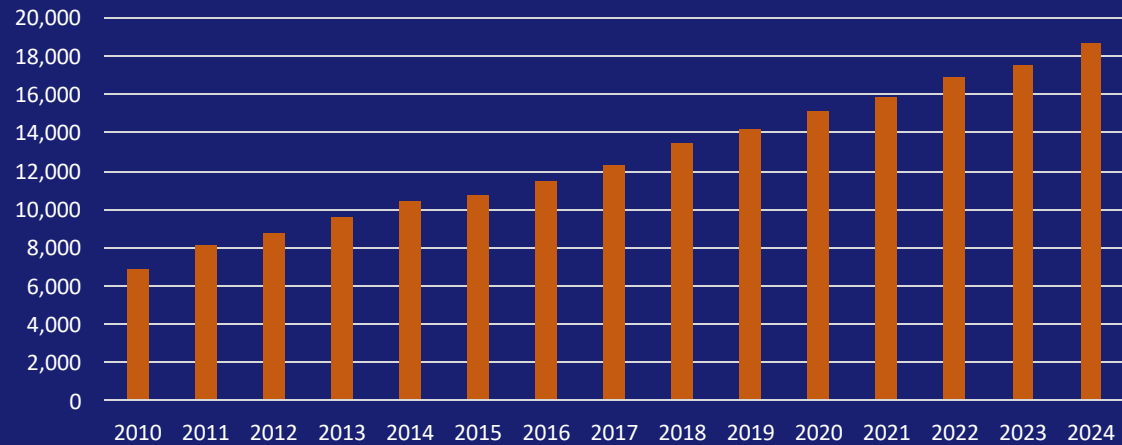
### Brewery



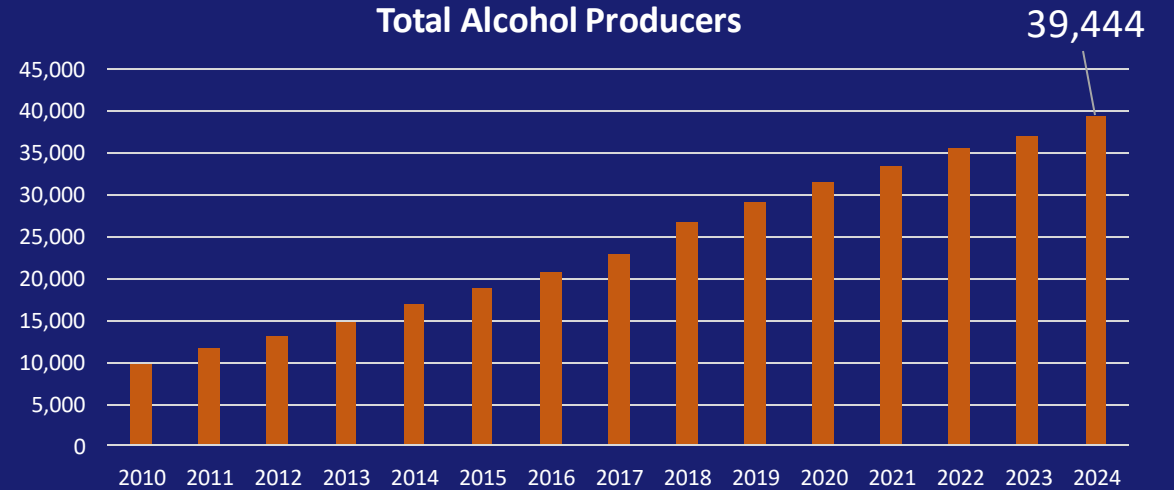
### Distillery



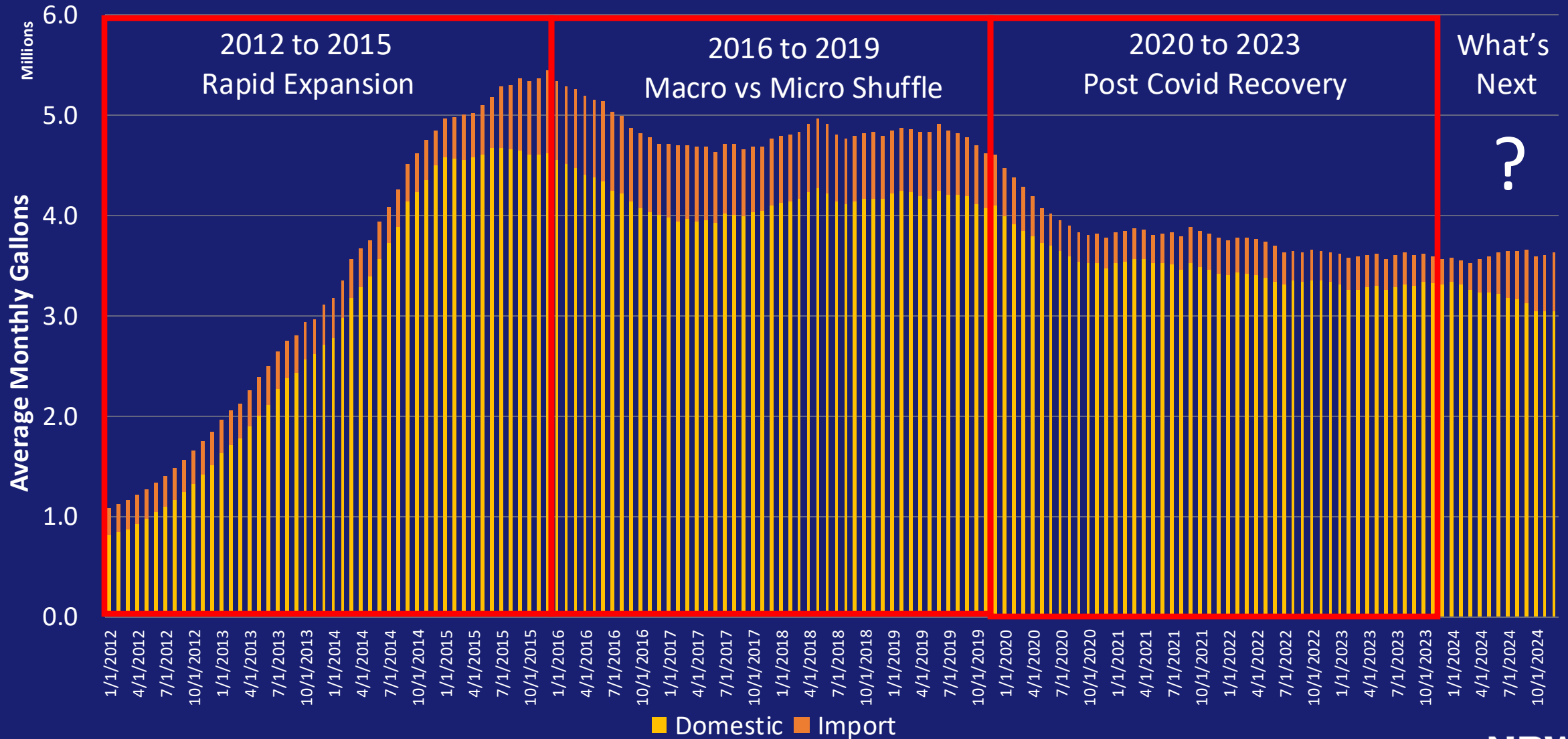
### Winery



### Total Alcohol Producers



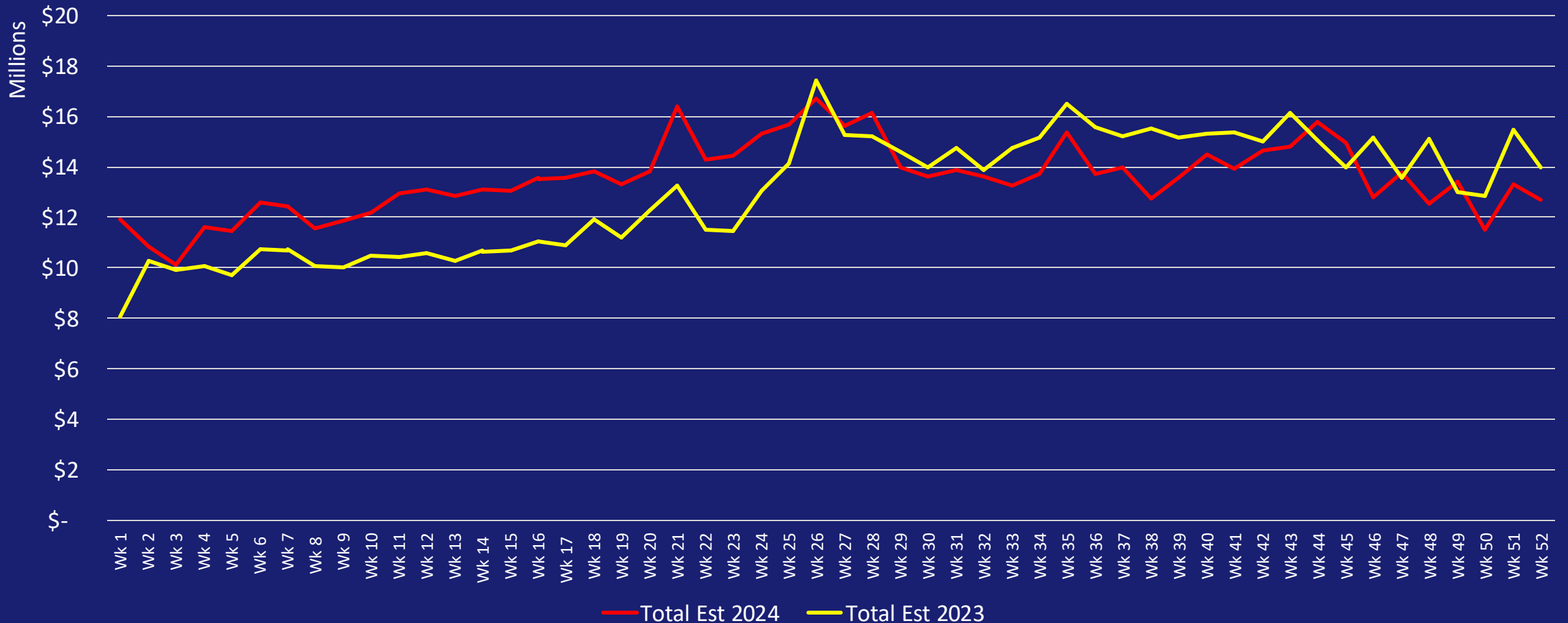
# Cider Volumes Gallons : TTB Domestic + Commerce Imports 12 Month Moving Average (stacked)



Source: TTB Wine Reports and, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, and NBWA, 2025.

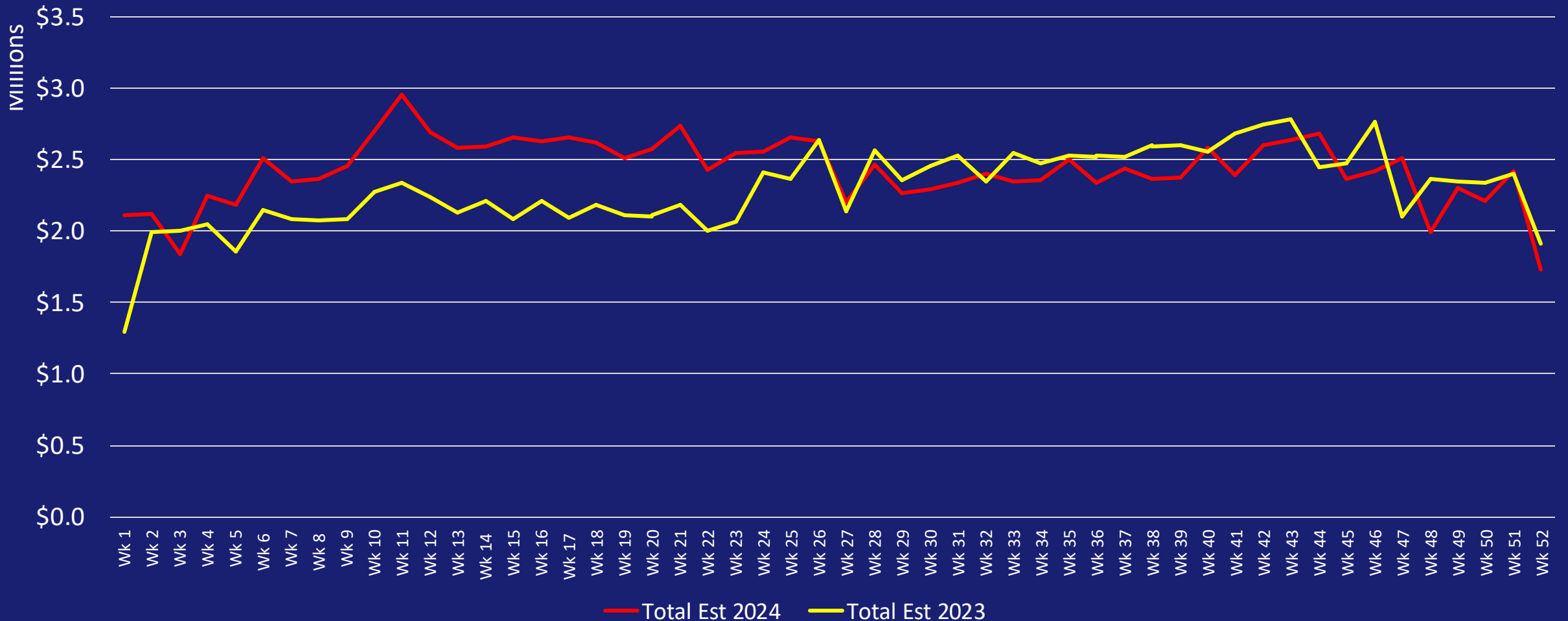
# Retailer \$ Purchases of Cider

## \$676million 2023 vs. \$704 million 2024



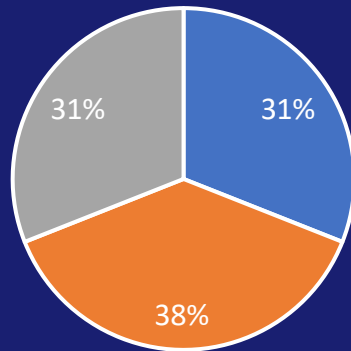
# On Premise Retailer Purchases of Cider

## \$120 million in CY2023 vs. \$127 million in CY2024



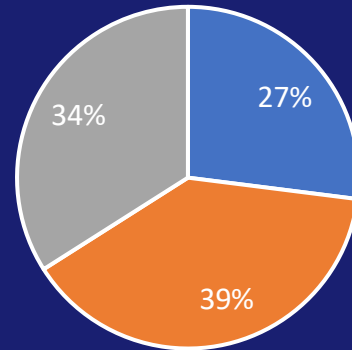
# Cider Package Mix On and Off Prem 2023 vs 2024

2023 On Prem



■ Bottle ■ Can ■ Draft

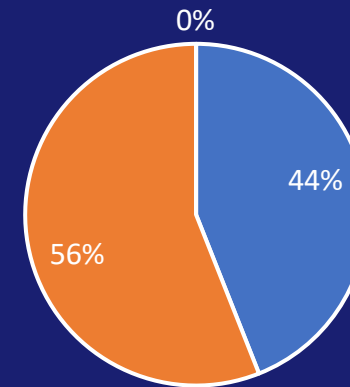
2024 On Prem



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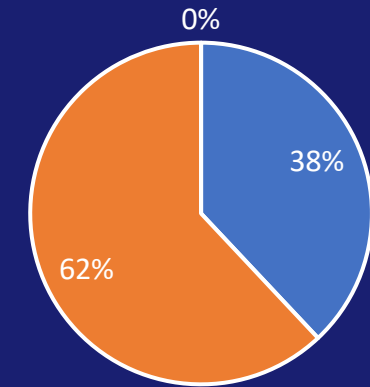
Package	2023	2024	Change
Bottle	\$ 37,029,620	\$ 34,164,728	\$ (2,864,892)
Can	\$ 45,391,147	\$ 49,349,052	\$ 3,957,905
Draft	\$ 37,029,620	\$ 43,022,251	\$ 5,992,630
Total	\$ 119,450,388	\$ 126,536,031	\$ 7,085,644

2023 Off Prem



■ Bottle ■ Can ■ Draft

2024 Off Prem



■ Bottle ■ Can ■ Draft

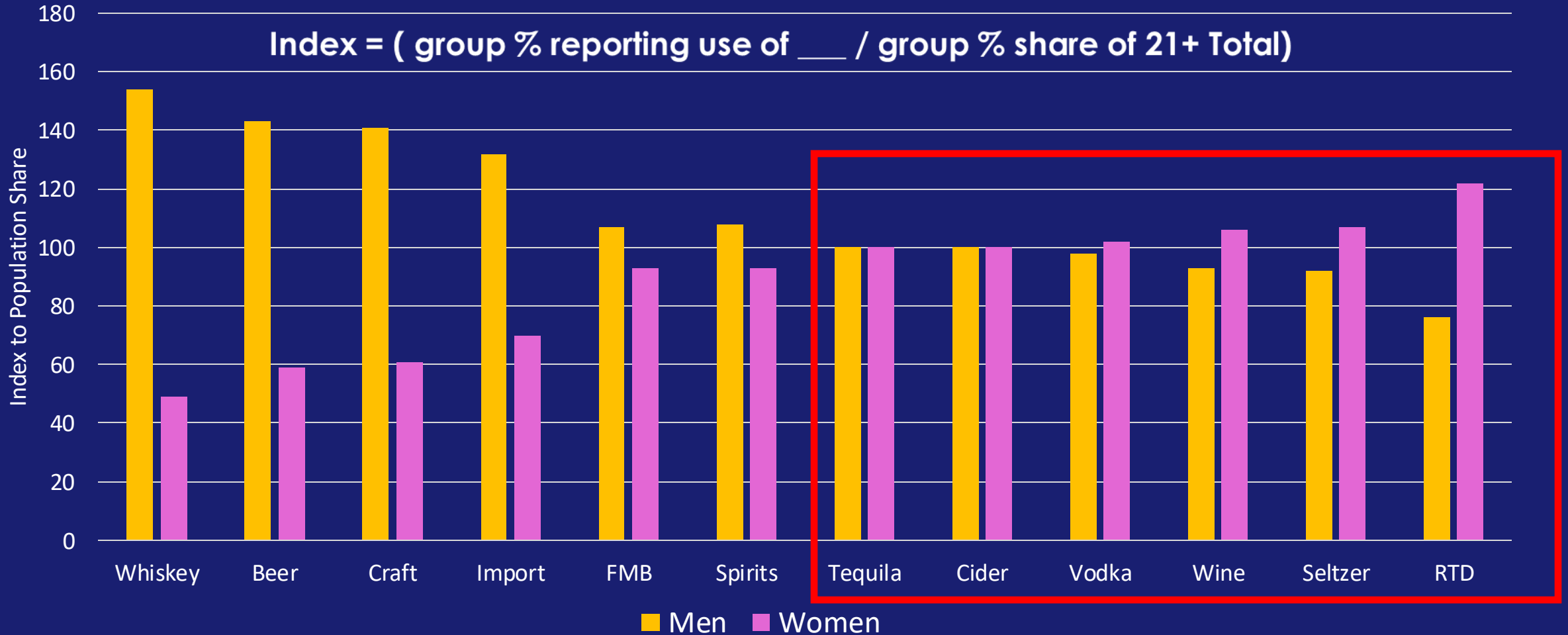
Package	2023	2024	Change
Bottle	\$ 245,100,658	\$ 219,573,220	\$ (25,527,438)
Can	\$ 311,946,293	\$ 358,251,043	\$ 46,304,751
Draft	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 557,046,951	\$ 577,824,263	\$ 20,777,312

# TOP 20: Cider Brands Share of \$ Sales On Premise vs Off Premise 2023 vs 2024

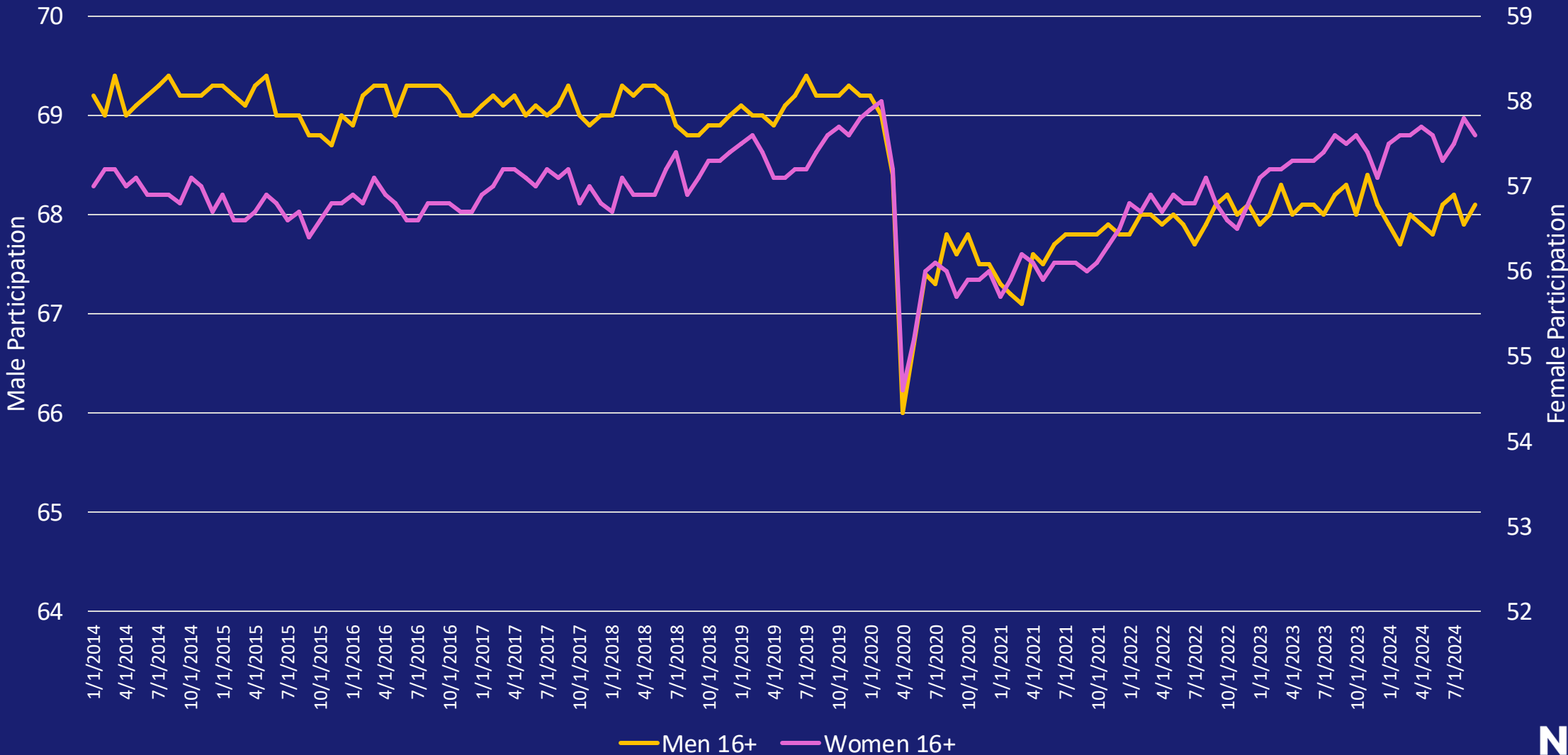
CIDER BRANDS	OFF PREMISE		ON PREMISE		SHARE CHANGE	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	OFF PREMISE	ON PREMISE
ANGRY ORCHARD	38.0%	35.3%	48.8%	47.0%	(2.7)	(1.8)
BOLD ROCK	9.3%	10.1%	6.7%	7.4%	0.8	0.7
2 TOWNS	7.5%	6.8%	1.9%	2.3%	(0.7)	0.4
SCHILLING CIDER	5.9%	6.2%	1.4%	1.3%	0.3	(0.1)
BLAKE'S HARD CIDER	3.9%	5.0%	1.9%	2.2%	1.2	0.3
AUSTIN EASTCIDERS	2.4%	2.0%	6.4%	5.9%	(0.4)	(0.5)
INCLINE CIDER	3.0%	3.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4	0.0
DOWNEAST CIDER HOUSE	2.6%	3.0%	2.0%	2.2%	0.4	0.2
CIDERBOYS	3.1%	2.8%	1.4%	1.3%	(0.3)	(0.1)
ACE CIDER	2.8%	1.7%	4.0%	3.9%	(1.0)	(0.1)
GOLDEN STATE CIDER	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	1.1%	0.2	(0.4)
STRONGBOW CIDER	1.2%	1.0%	1.3%	1.8%	(0.2)	0.5
WOODCHUCK	1.0%	1.1%	1.5%	1.8%	0.0	0.3
SEATTLE CIDER	0.9%	1.3%	0.9%	1.0%	0.3	0.1
STELLA ARTOIS CIDRE	1.2%	1.0%	0.9%	0.7%	(0.2)	(0.2)
WOLFFER	0.5%	1.3%	0.5%	0.9%	0.8	0.4
CITIZEN CIDER	1.1%	0.6%	1.0%	0.3%	(0.5)	(0.7)
TIETON CIDER	0.8%	1.0%	0.4%	0.5%	0.2	0.1
ONE TREE HARD CIDER	0.9%	0.9%	0.2%	0.2%	(0.1)	0.1
PORTLAND CIDER	0.7%	1.0%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3	0.1
ALL OTHERS	11.9%	13.2%	16.7%	17.5%	1.2	0.8
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-	-

# Who Buys What with the Money the Earn?

## Gender differences across alcohol beverages segments

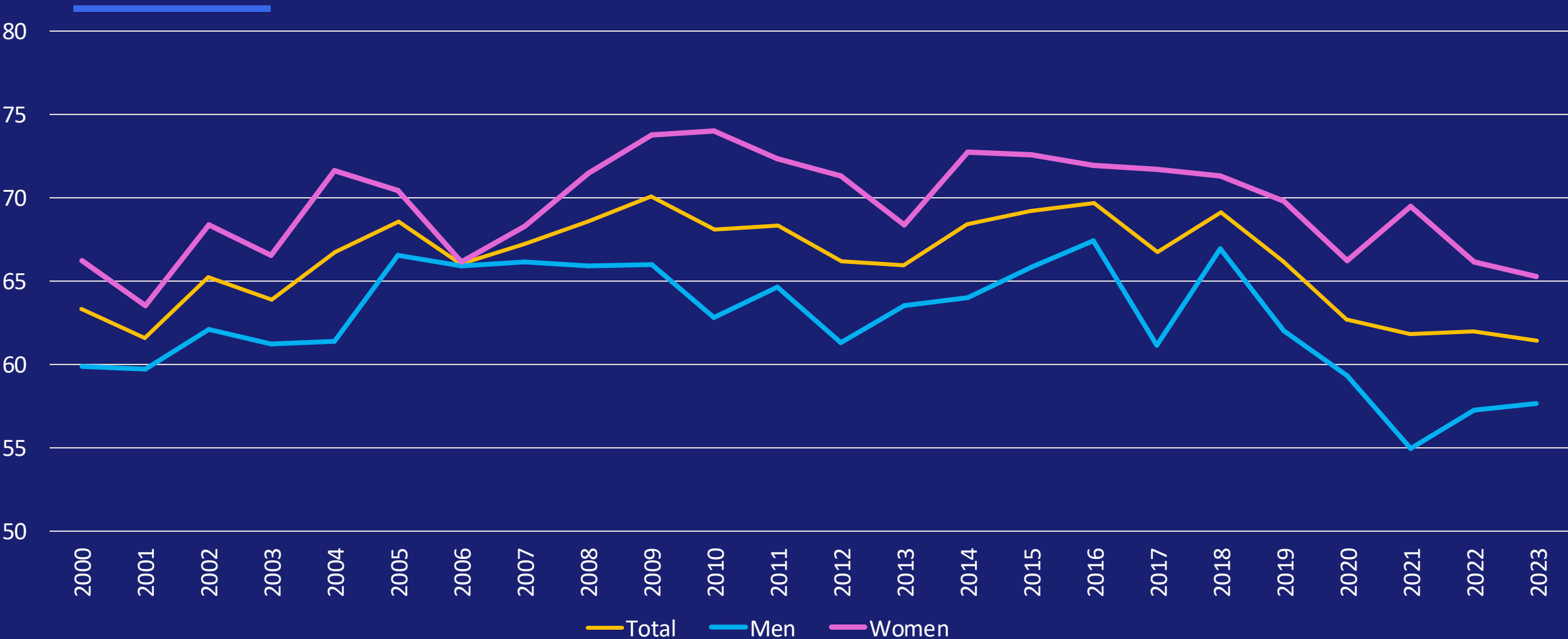


# Labor Force Participation



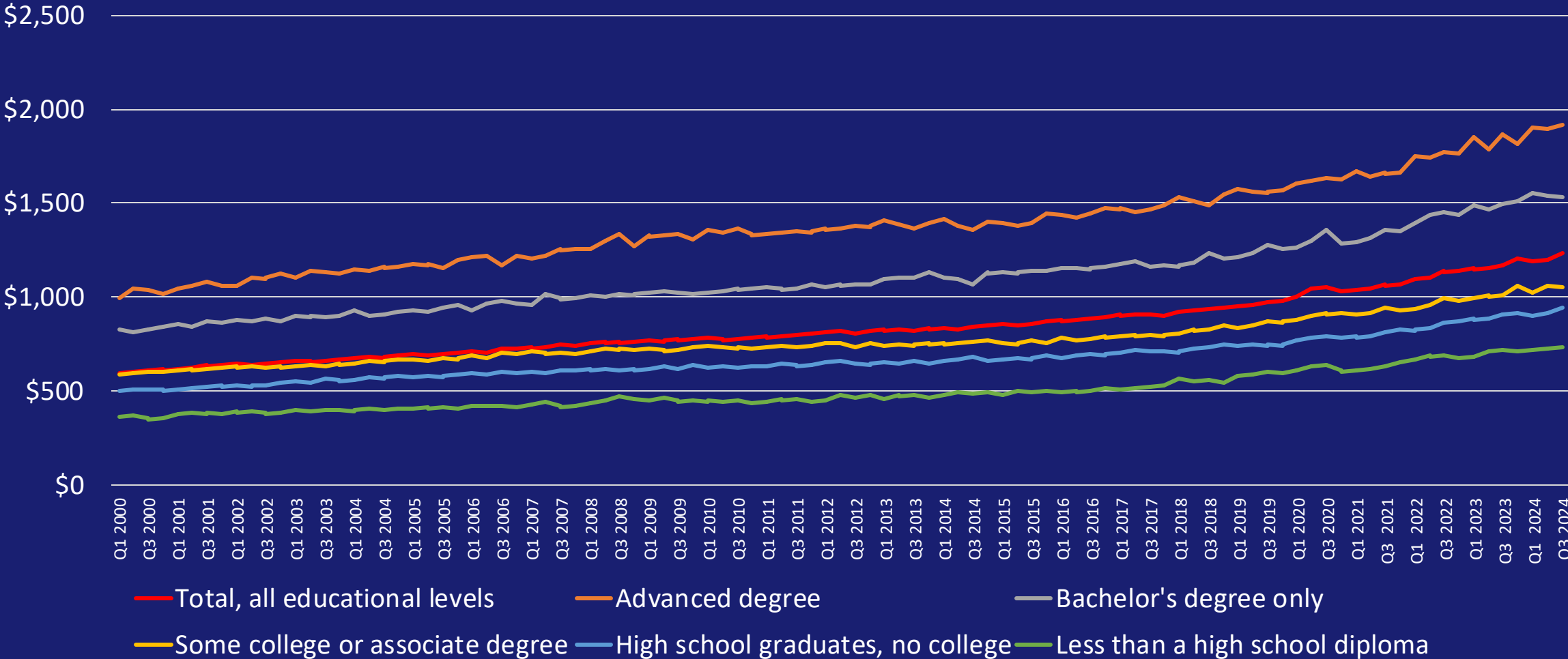
# College Enrollment Rates

## Share of 16 to 24 years old By Gender 2000 to 2023



BLS: College enrollment rates of recent high school graduates 16 to 24 years old by sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 1993–2023

# Median weekly earnings \$946 for workers with high school diploma, \$1,533 for bachelor's degree



# What's in Your Wallet?

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## Consumer Morsel

### What's the power of a woman's wallet?

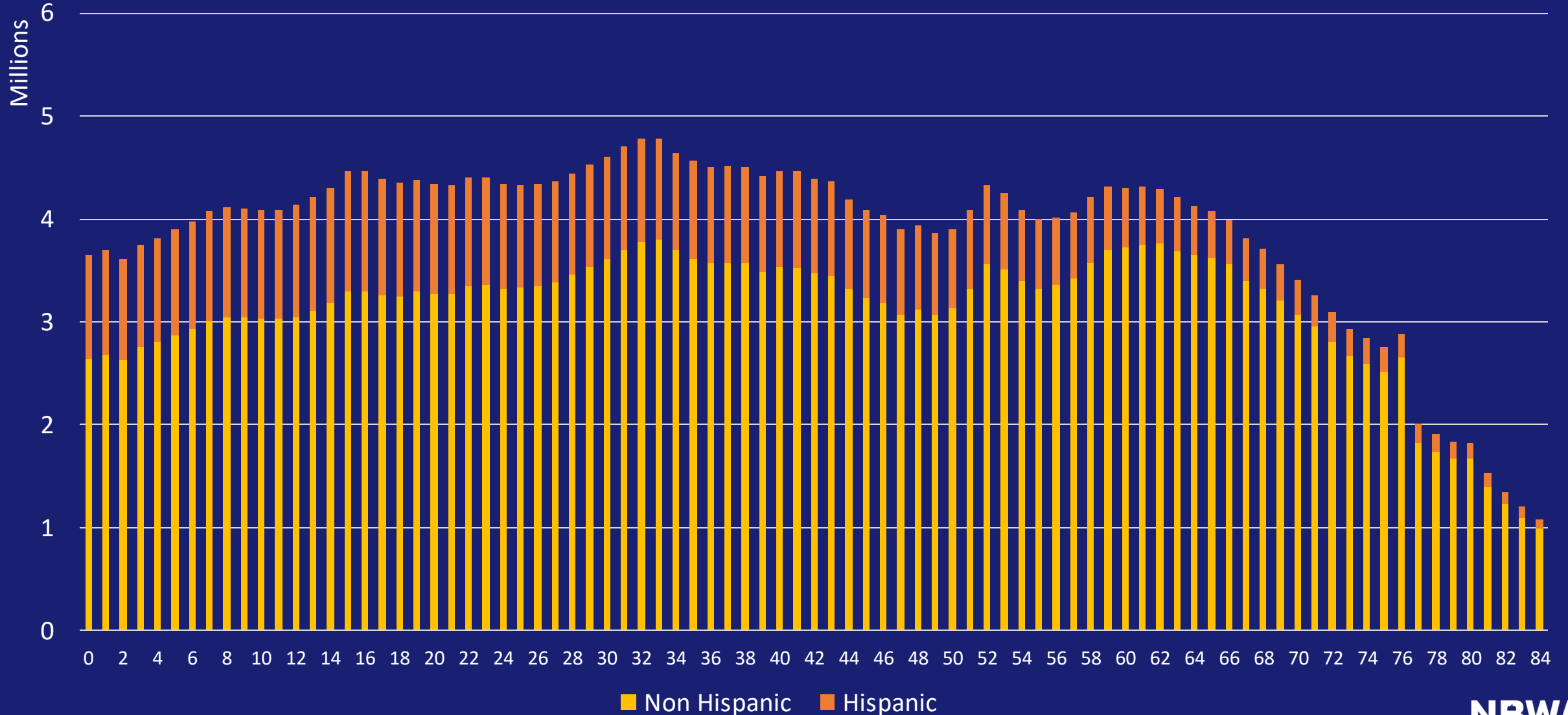
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#### Key takeaways

- Consumer spending remained resilient throughout 2024, and women played a key role. Their median discretionary spending was up 0.9% year-over-year in November, and has been growing faster than men's for the past two years, per Bank of America internal data.
- According to Bank of America small business account data, this partly reflects above-average payroll growth in women-intensive service sectors for the past two years. Plus, increased labor force participation rates among women - supported by higher numbers of graduates - suggest relative strength in 2025.
- Moreover, women's median annual income growth continues to outpace men's, helped by greater pay increases when changing jobs - a difference that increased to the highest level in over three years at the end of 2024.

# U.S. Population 2023 By Single Age

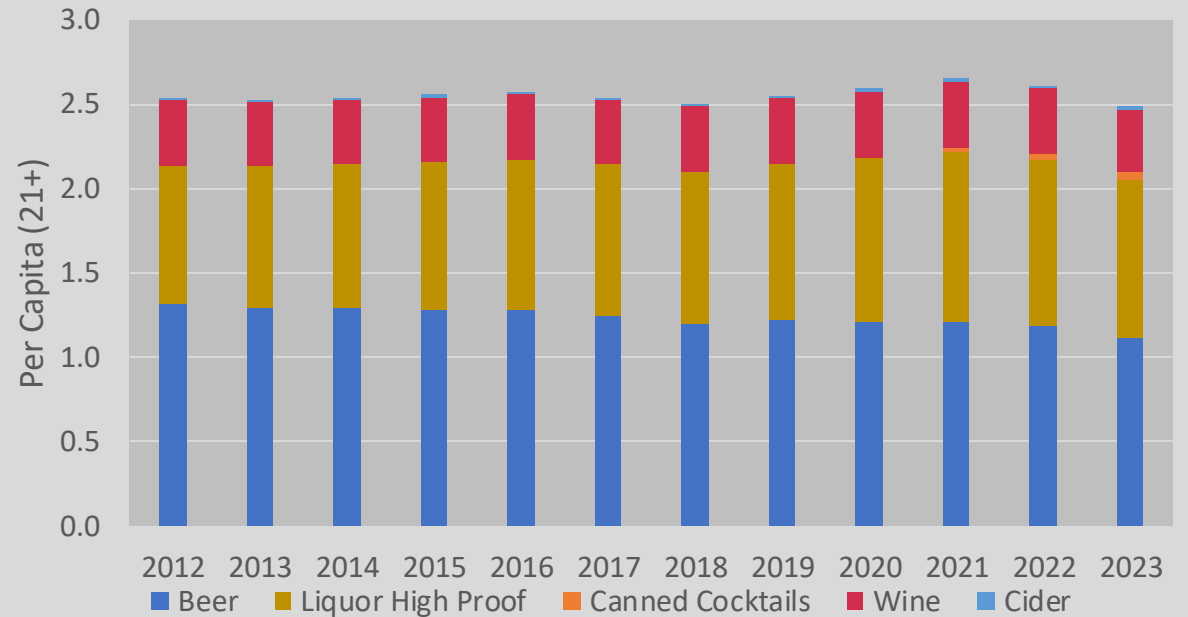
More Change is Ahead as Millennials and Boomers Age  
Race and Origin Dynamic Impacts as Well



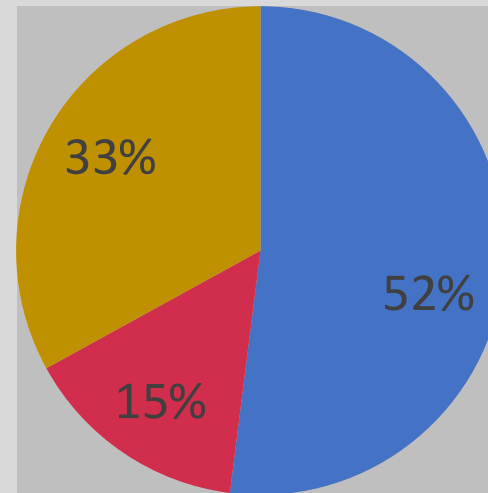
# Alcohol and Beer

*Predictable  
Consumption  
Dynamic Beverages  
Beer Share Loss*

Total Alcohol (Ethanol) Per Capita

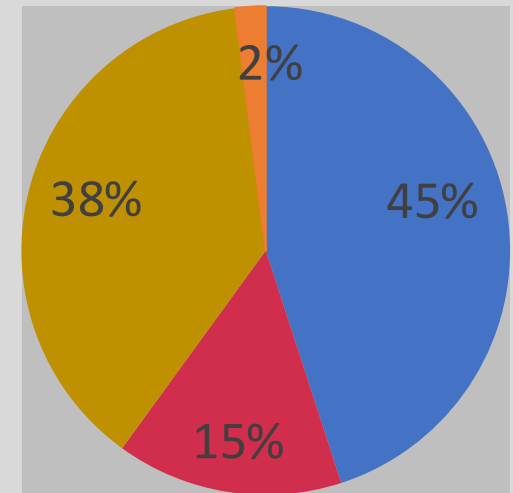


CY 2012



Beer Wine Liquor

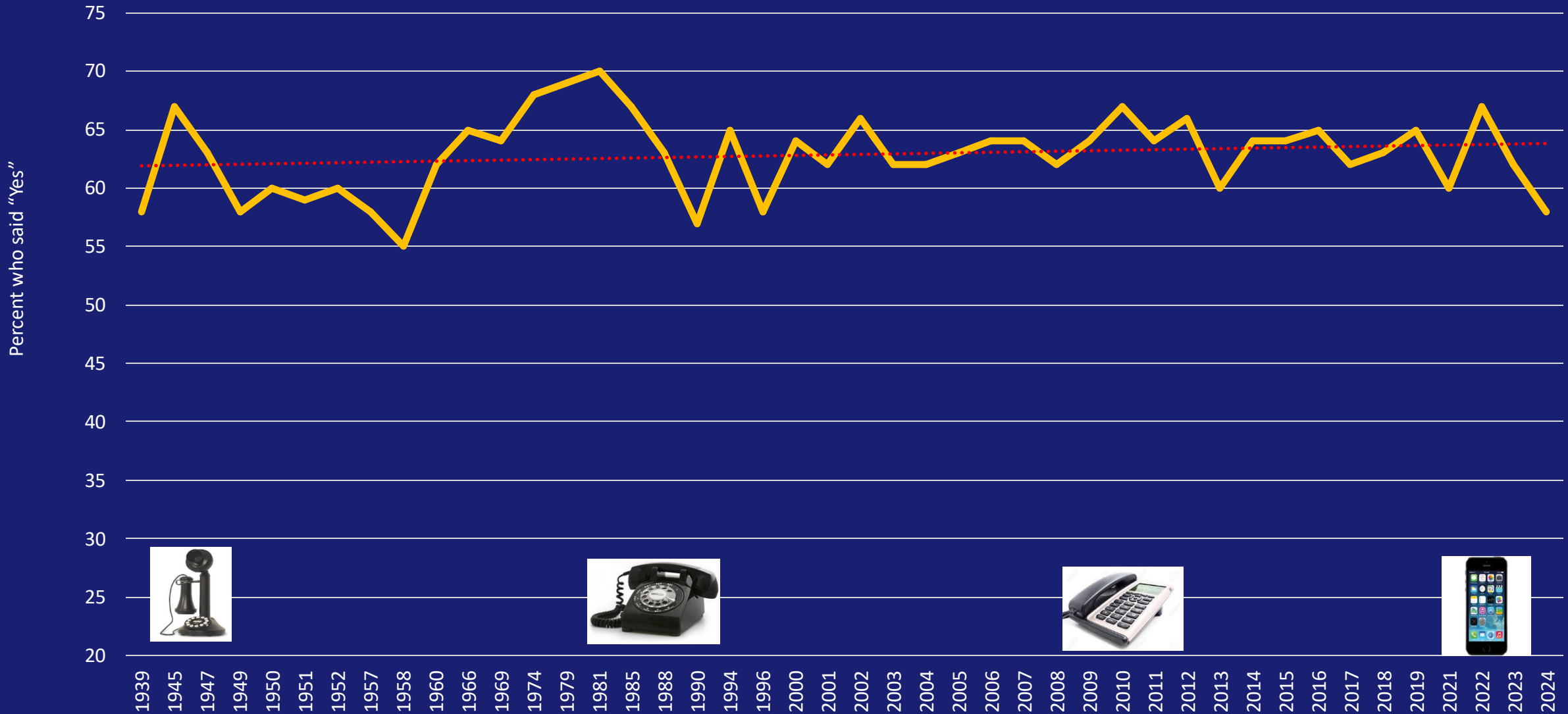
CY 2023



Beer Wine Liquor Canned Cocktails

# Alcohol Is Consumption Is Consistent Over Time

## “Do You Have Occasion to Drink Alcohol?”

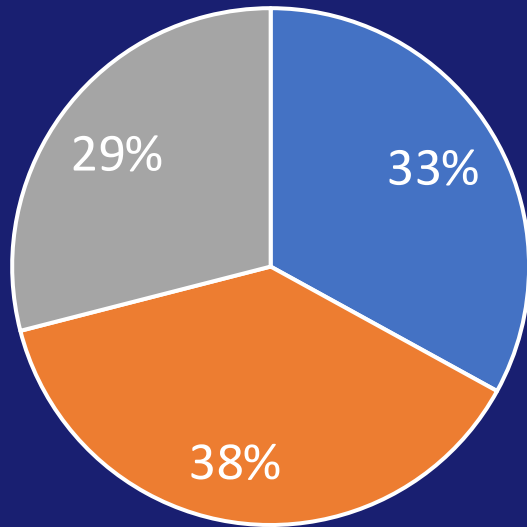


Results are based on telephone interviews conducted July 3-27, 2023, with a random sample of 1,015—adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ±4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

# When Was your Last Drink?

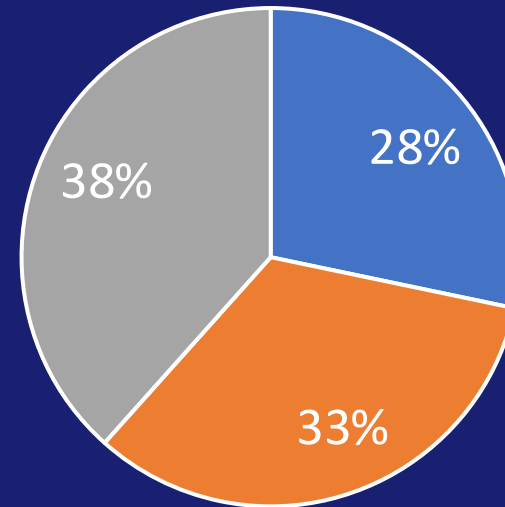
## Once Again, Consistency (some shift) in Drinking Behavior

2004



■ With 24 Hours ■ 1 to 7 Days ■ 1 Week

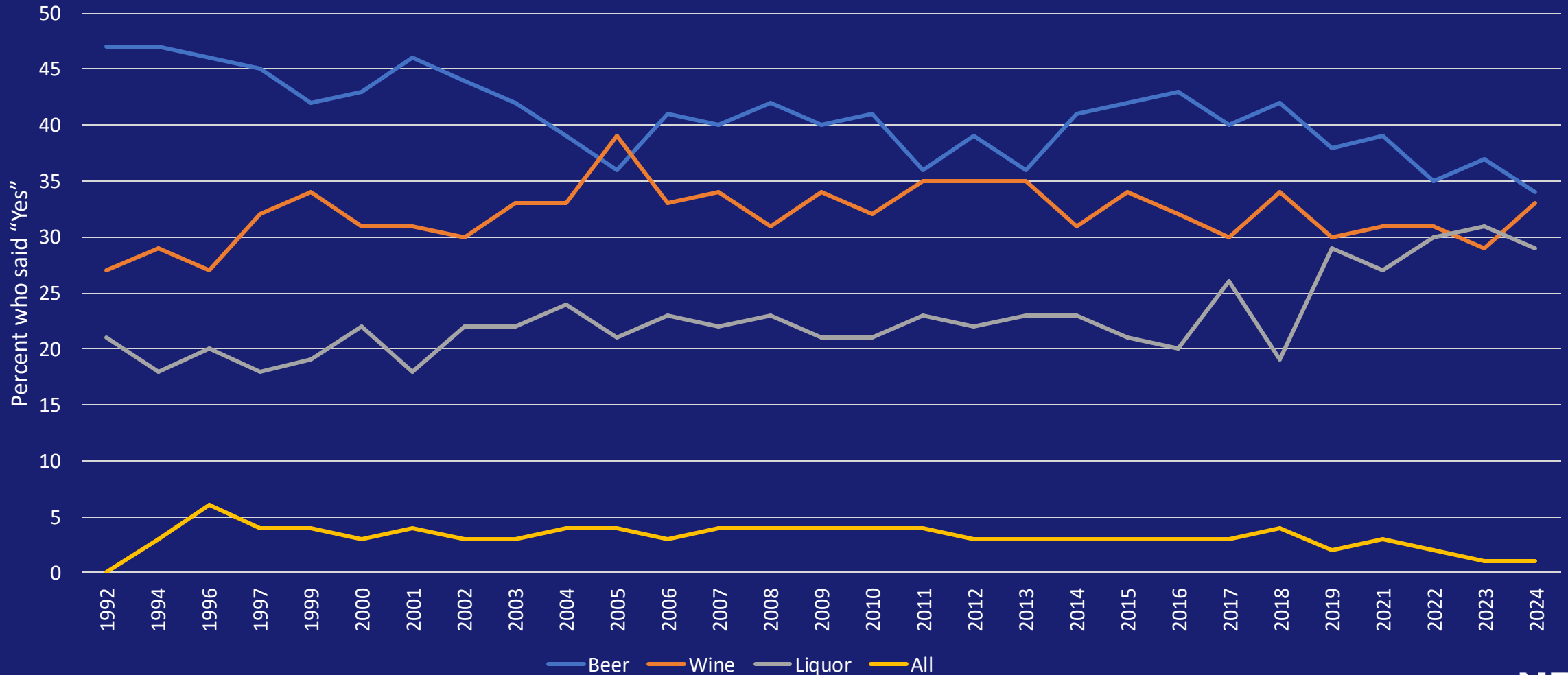
2024



■ With 24 Hours ■ 1 to 7 Days ■ 1 Week

# Beer is the Preferred Beverage of Consumers But Lines are blurring (1992 to 2024)

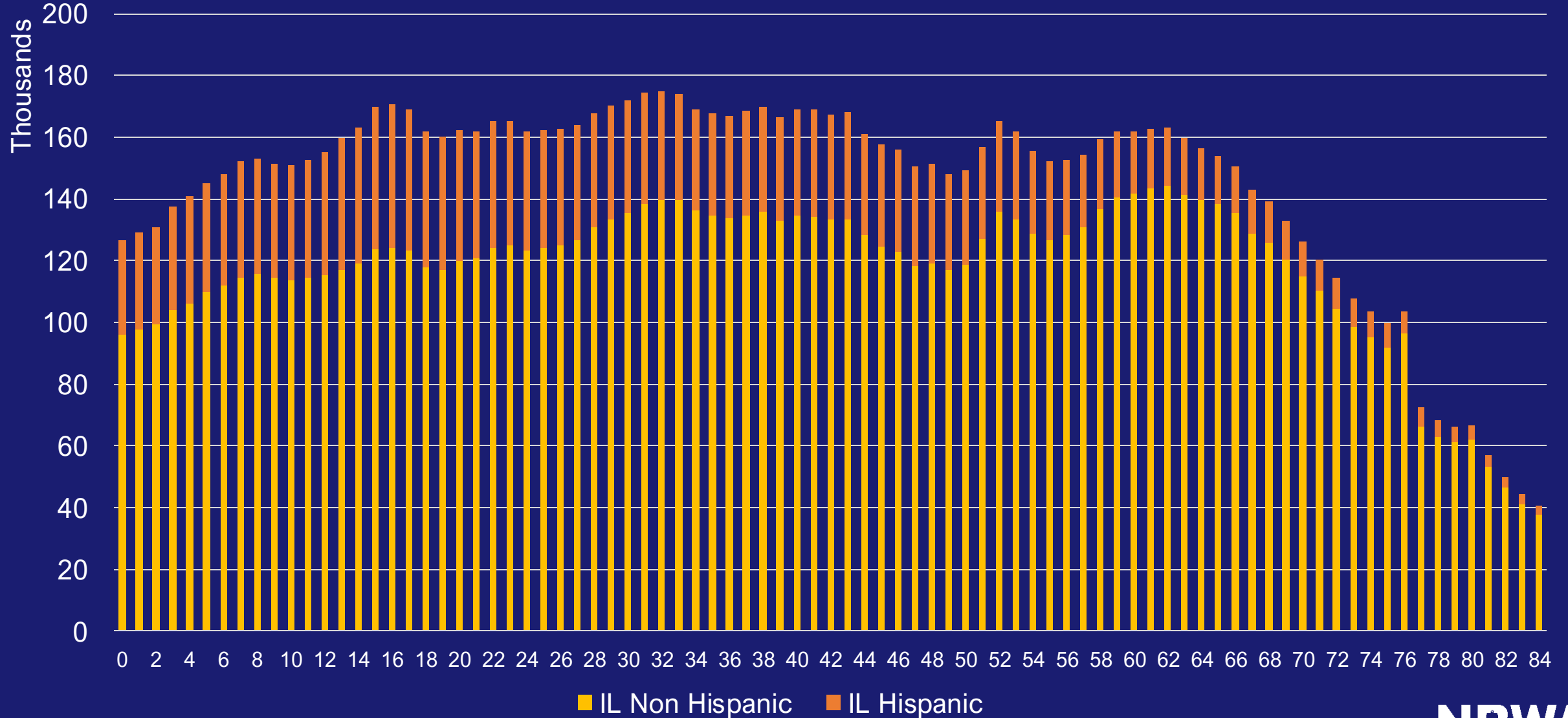
Beer continues to be preferred beverage of choice for US consumers of legal drinking age. (4 pts +/- margin of error)



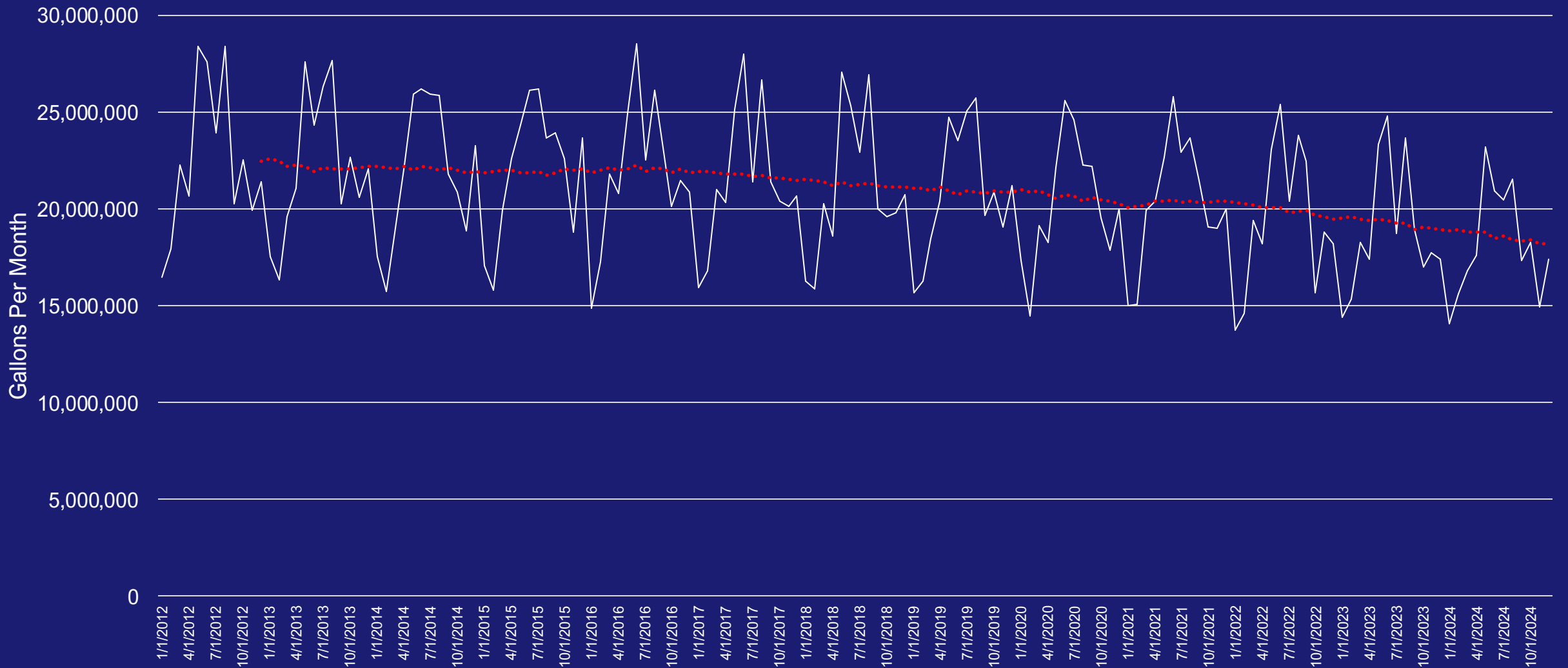
Source: Gallup Poll, 2023: *Do you most often drink beer, wine, or liquor?*

# Illinois Population 2023 By Single Age

## More Change is Ahead as Millennials and Boomers Age Race and Origin Dynamic Impacts as Well

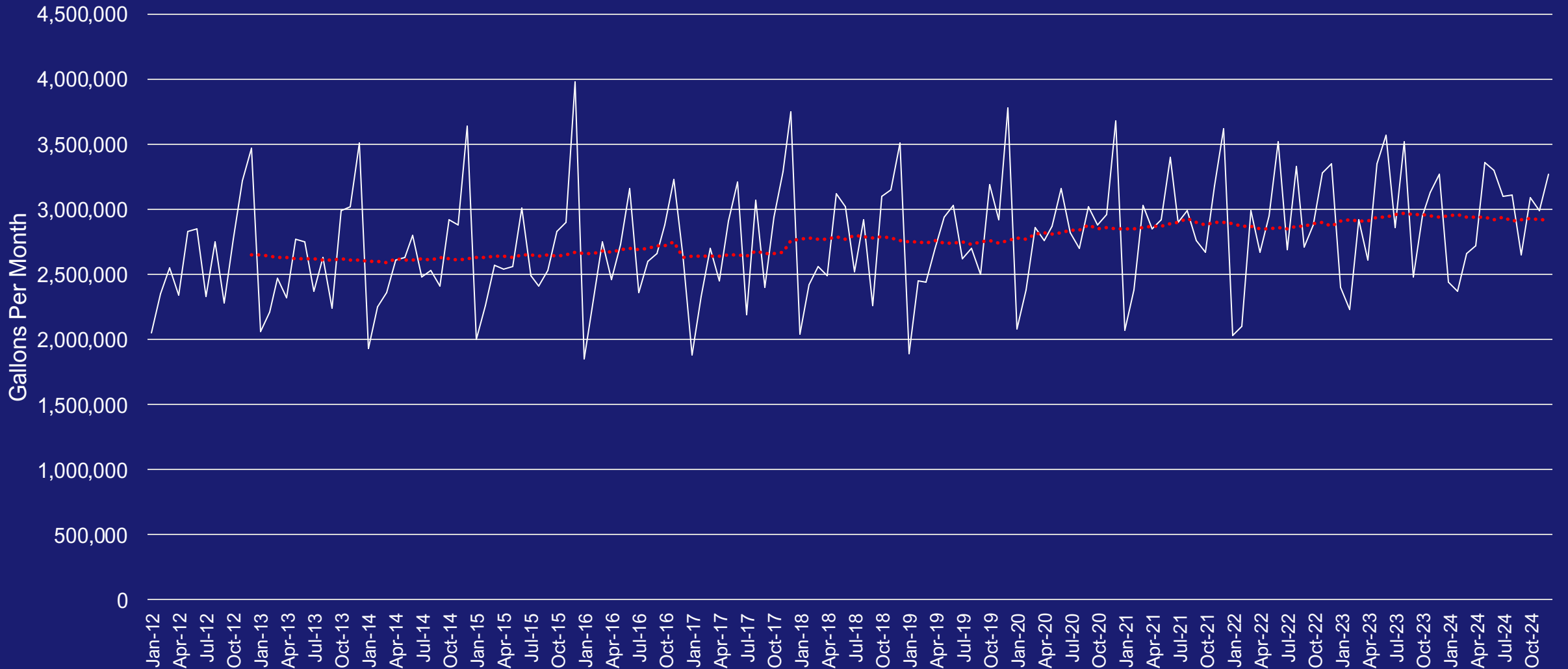


# Illinois Reported Beer Volumes January 2012 to November 2024



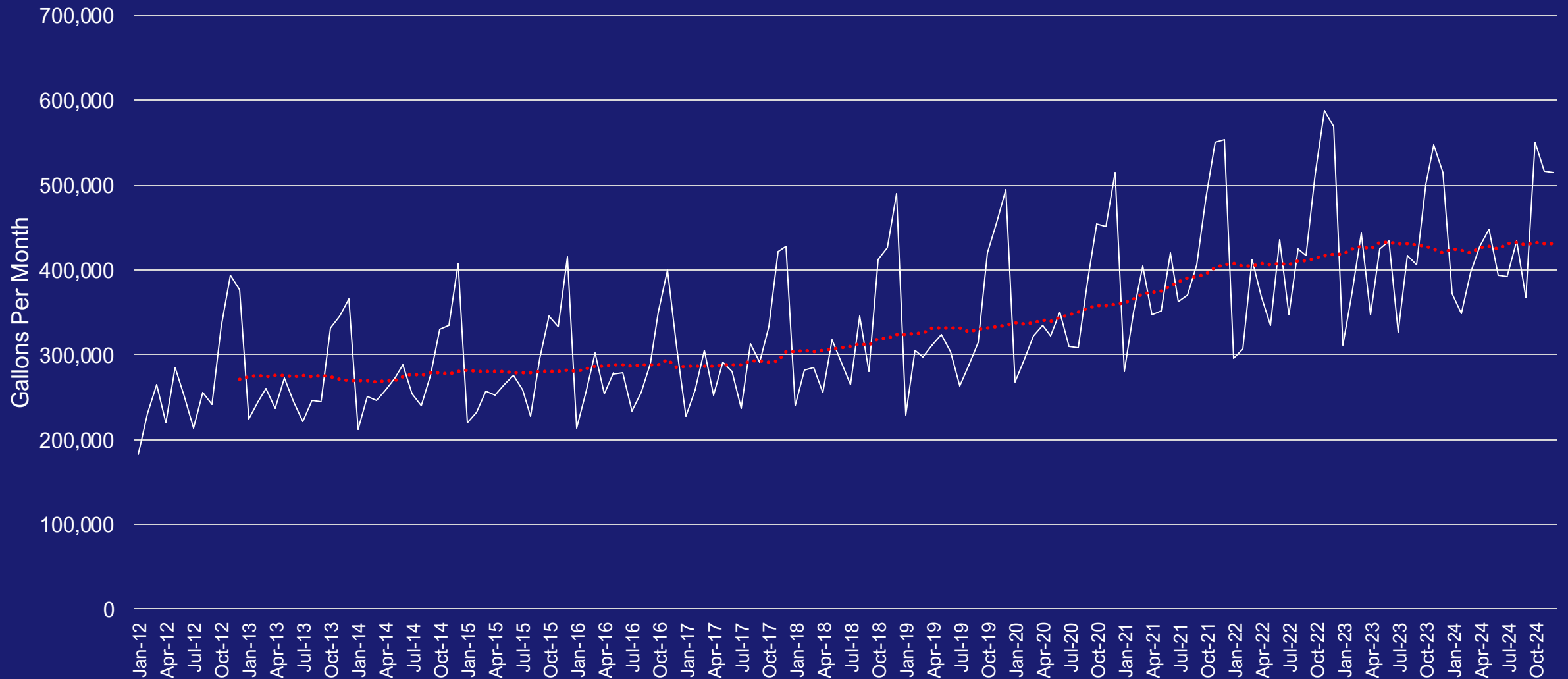
Source; Illinois Department of Revenue,, 2024.

# Illinois Wine (< 14%) Volumes January 2012 to November 2024



Source; Illinois Department of Revenue,, 2024.

# Illinois Low Spirits (14% – 20%) Volumes January 2012 to December 2024



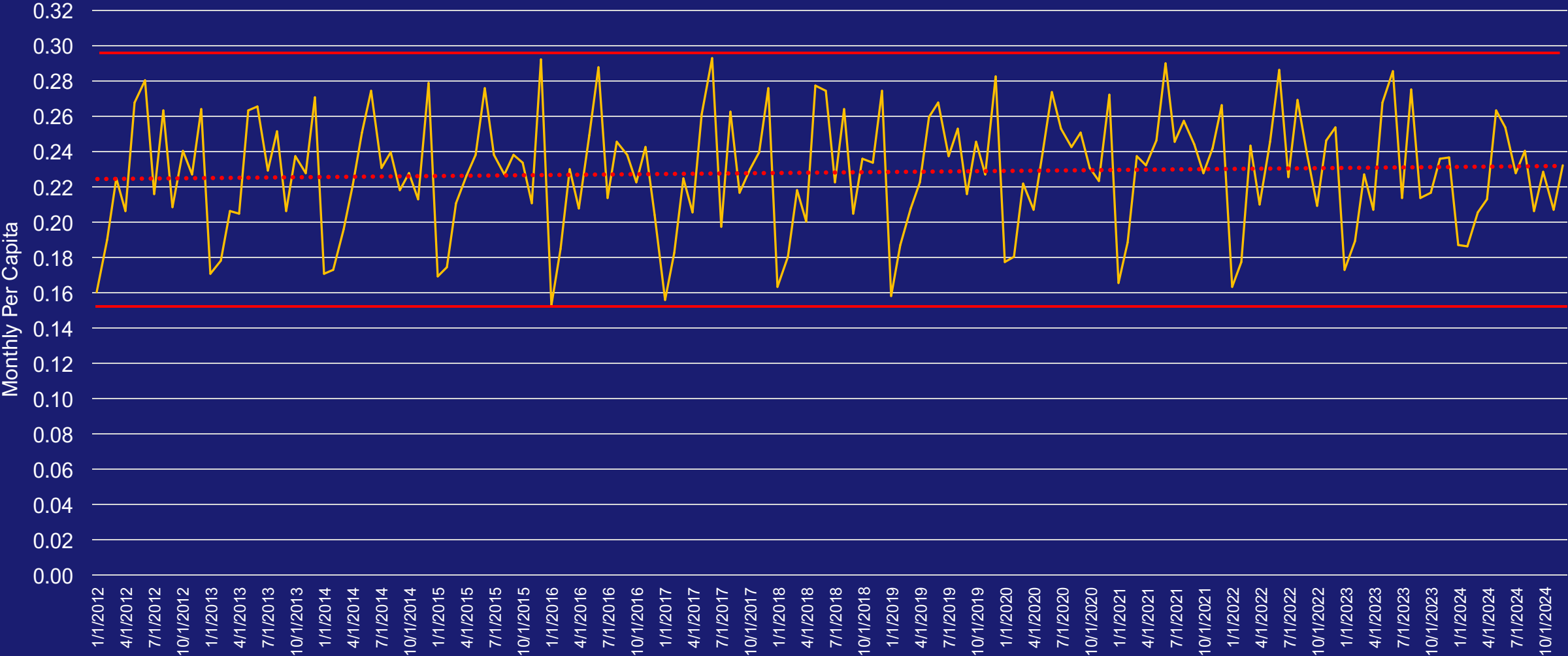
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# Illinois Low Spirits (Over 20%) Volumes January 2012 to September 2024



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# Total Per Capita Ethanol Supply Apparent Consumption in Illinois Volume of Beer/Cider, Wine, Low Spirits and High Spirits Equalized by ABV January 2012 to December 2024

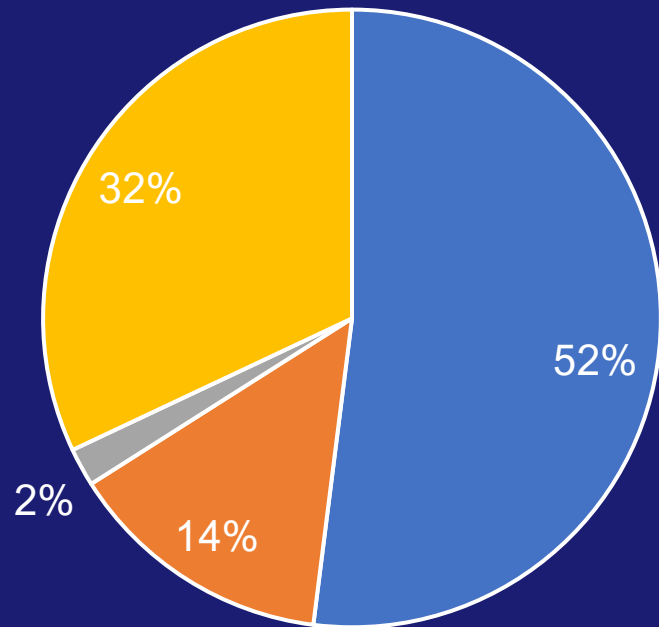


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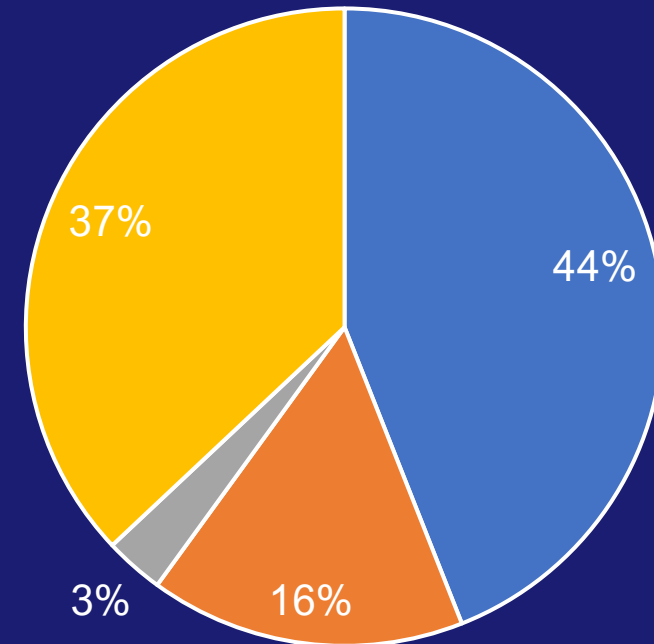
# Liquor Gains Share in Illinois 2014 vs 2024

2014



■ Beer ■ Wine ■ Low Liquor ■ High Liquor

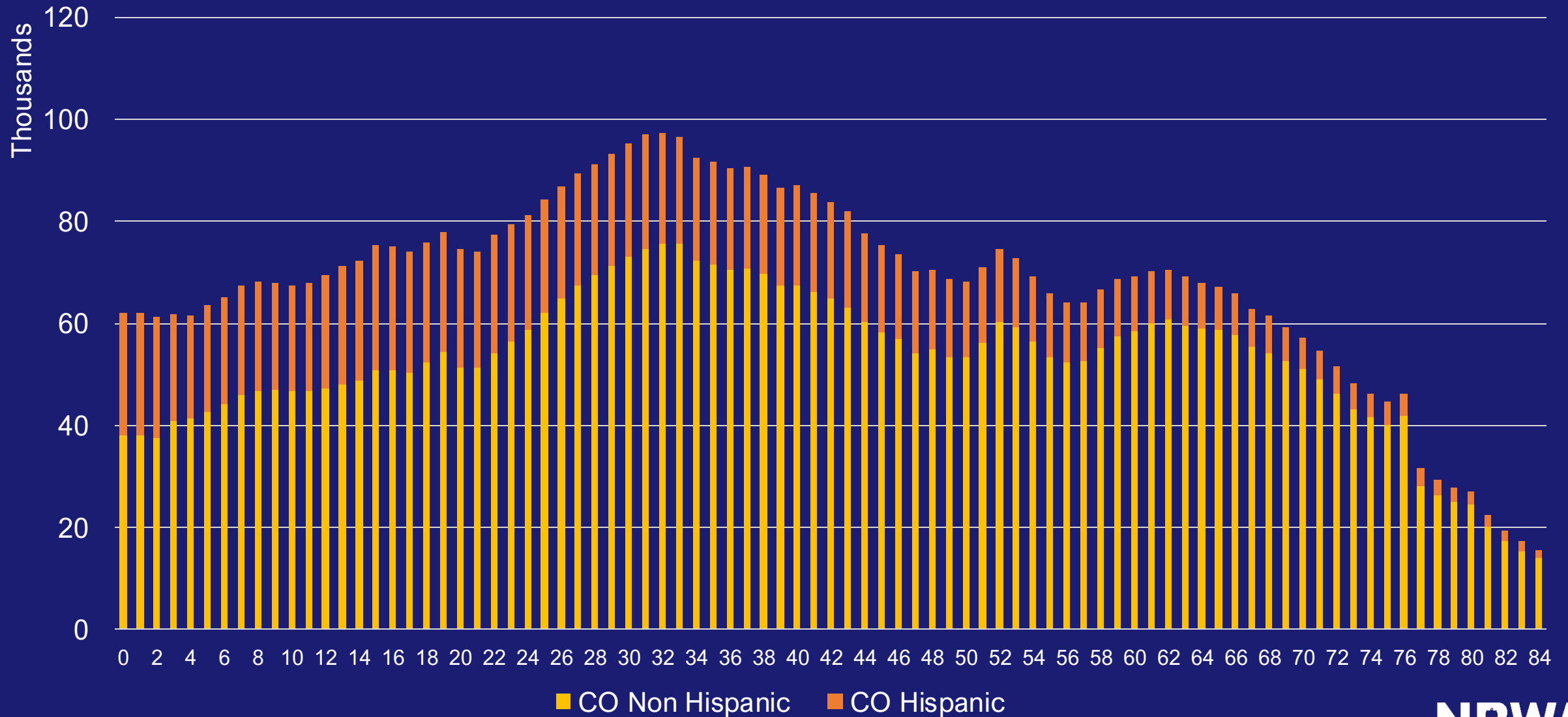
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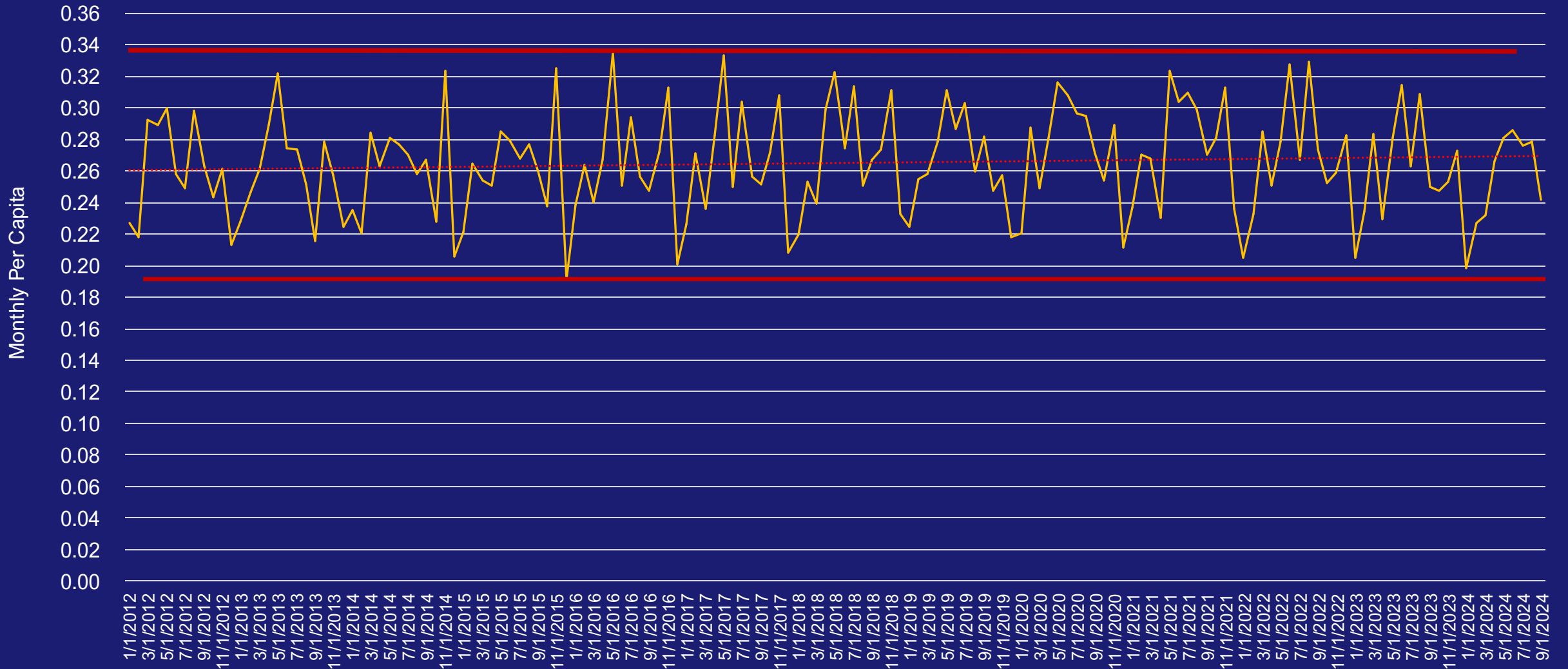
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# Colorado Population 2023 By Single Age

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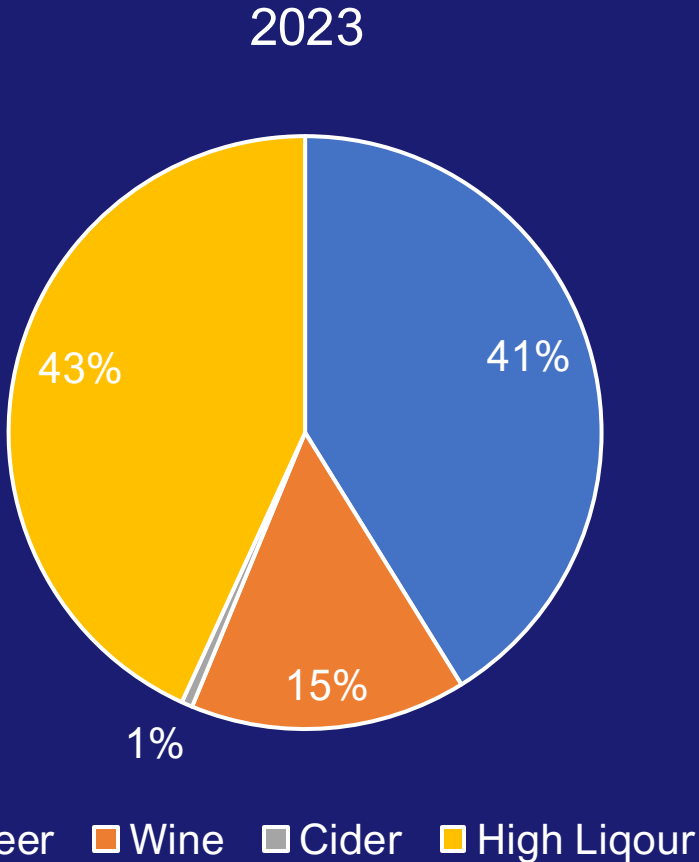
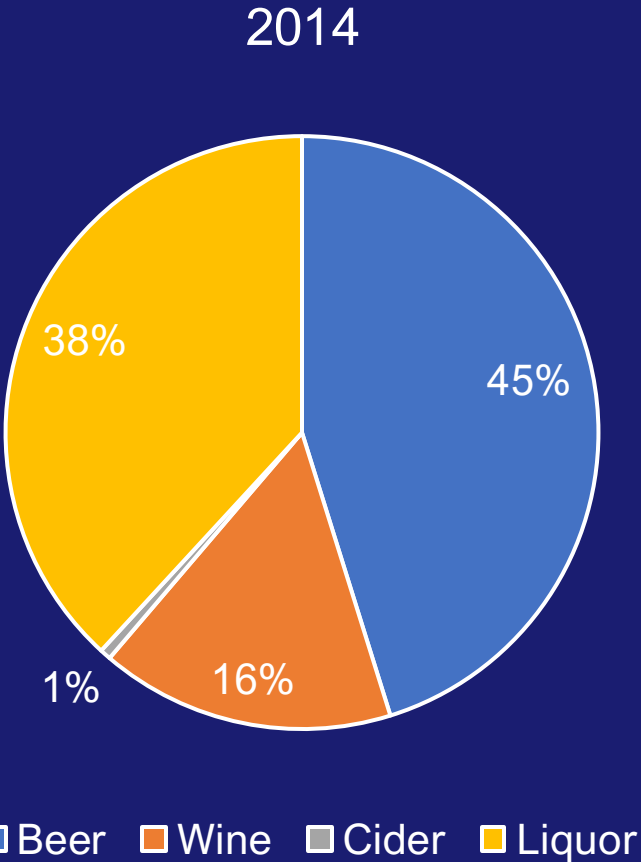


# Total Per Capita Ethanol Supply Apparent Consumption in Colorado Volume of Beer, Wine, Cider and Spirits Equalized by ABV January 2012 to September 2024



Source; Colorado Department of Revenue, US Census Bureau and NBWA, 2024.

# Liquor Gains Share in Colorado



Source; Illinois Department of Revenue, US Census Bureau and NBWA, 2024.

# BEER IS GROWING ON OCCASIONS



# Thank You!



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