



The Wine Industry Boosts the Illinois Economy by \$11.72 Billion in 2025

The production, distribution, sales, and consumption of wine in Illinois benefits many sectors state's economy and generates close to \$11.72 billion in total economic activity. This ultimate value-added product preserves agricultural land, provides American jobs, attracts tourists, generates taxes, and enhances the quality of life.

Economic Impact of the Wine Industry in Illinois

	Direct	Supplier	Induced	Total
Jobs	34,062	12,159	16,623	62,844
Wages	\$1,506,988,300	\$1,023,210,900	\$1,166,492,000	\$3,696,691,200
Output	\$4,743,272,400	\$3,289,323,200	\$3,692,151,400	\$11,724,747,000
Business Taxes				\$1,703,405,600
Consumption Taxes				\$372,694,900

Total Output: The wine industry generates close to \$11.72 billion in total economic activity in the State of Illinois, dramatically illustrating that wine is the ultimate value-added beverage. The broader economic impact flows throughout the state, generating business for firms seemingly unrelated to the wine industry. Real people, with real jobs, working in industries as varied as farming, banking, accounting, manufacturing, packaging, transportation, printing, and advertising depend on the wine industry for their livelihoods.

State Reach: The Illinois wine industry includes a total of 174 wine producers¹ as well as 529 acres of vineyards.²

Job Creation: The Illinois wine industry directly employs as many as 34,062 people, and generates an additional 12,159 jobs in supplier and ancillary industries which supply goods and services to the industry, and whose sales depend on the wine industry's economic activity. Ultimately, 62,844 jobs are created and supported by the wine industry.

Wage Generation: The Illinois wine industry provides good jobs, paying an average of \$58,800 in annual wages and benefits. The total wages generated by direct, indirect, and induced economic activity driven by the wine industry are \$3.70 billion.

Tourist Activity: The Illinois wine industry is a major magnet for tourists and tourism-driven expenses. Illinois' "wine country" regions generates 1.17 million tourist visits and \$223.67 million in annual tourism expenditures, benefiting local economies and tax bases.

Tax Revenues: The Illinois wine industry generates sizeable tax revenues on the local, state, and national levels. In 2025, the industry will pay nearly \$838.32 million in state and local taxes, and \$865.09 million in federal taxes for a total of \$1.70 billion. In addition, the industry generates approximately \$41.39 million federal consumption taxes and \$331.31 million in state consumption taxes which include excise and sales taxes.

¹ Throughout this study, the winery count refers to the number of winery facilities. A single winery may have multiple facilities throughout the state or country. Each of these facilities is included in the winery count.

² Vineyard acres refer to farmland being used to grow winegrapes statewide.