

# CRAFT SPIRITS

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## Key Messages

# Key Messages



- The number of active craft distillers\* in the U.S. grew by 11.5% over the last year to 2,046 in August 2019.
- The U.S. craft spirits market volume (cases) reached nearly 9m cases in retail sales in 2018, growing at an annual growth rate of 25.5%. In value terms, the market reached \$4.8 billion in sales, growing at an annual growth rate of 27.0%. The market share of U.S. craft spirits as a share of total U.S. spirits volume and value reached 3.9% in volume and 5.8% in value in 2018, up from 1.5% (volume)/1.8% (value) in 2013 and 3.2% (volume)/4.6% (value) in 2017.
- Exports of U.S. craft spirits dropped to 304,000 cases in 2018, adding 3.3% of additional volume to U.S. craft distillers' total sales. Exports decreased by nearly 50% versus last year.
- The U.S. craft distilling market is fairly concentrated with nearly 2% of the larger producers (between 100,000 and 750,000 proof gallons removed from bond) being responsible for 58.1% of the cases sold. 92.1% of U.S. craft producers are classified as small producers (between 0 and 10,000 proof gallons removed from bond). They are responsible for just 12.9% of the cases sold annually.

\*Active craft distillers: licensed US distilled spirits producers, removed 750k proof gallons (or 394,317 9L cases) or less from bond, market themselves as craft, are not openly controlled by a large supplier, and have no proven violation of the ACSA Code of Ethics.

# Key Messages (Continued)

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- Direct sales at the site of the distilled spirits producer (DSP) are important for all craft distillers but especially important for small producers where these sales make up 44% of total sales. Out of state business is particularly important for large producers, accounting for 66% of the total business.
- Many surveyed retailers and wholesalers see the potential for craft spirits to perform in line or better than craft beer over time. With craft beer market share currently at 13.5% in the U.S., the craft spirits market is expected to continue to grow rapidly.
- Employment in the U.S. craft spirits industry has been on the rise: in 2018 industry employment grew by more than 7,000 to over 25,500. In 2018 investment by the U.S. craft spirits industry increased by over \$86 million reaching over \$679 million in total.
- Investments in equipment and staff in the US craft spirits industry have accelerated in 2018 and are expected to continue to accelerate in 2019 due to the impact of the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act which became effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.



Craft Spirits Research Definition

# Craft Defined for Purposes of the Research



## Size:

Not more than 750,000 proof gallons (or 394,317 9L cases) removed from bond by licensed producer (DSP)

## Self-proclamation of licensed craft distiller, not openly controlled by a larger supplier:

Distiller claims to be a U.S. craft spirits producer with a valid DSP license and is not openly controlled by a larger supplier

## ACSA Code of Ethics:

*"We operate in an honest, transparent and non-deceptive fashion. We inform consumers truthfully and accurately about the sources and methods used to make our spirits through our labels, materials and communications. We expect fair dealing and respect amongst members. We obey all federal, state, and local laws."*

## U.S. Craft spirits (for the purposes of this research)

U.S. Craft spirits are distilled spirits that are produced in the U.S. by licensed producers that have not more than 750,000 proof gallons (or 394,317 9L cases) removed from bond, market themselves as craft, are not openly controlled by a large supplier, and have no proven violation of the ACSA Code of Ethics



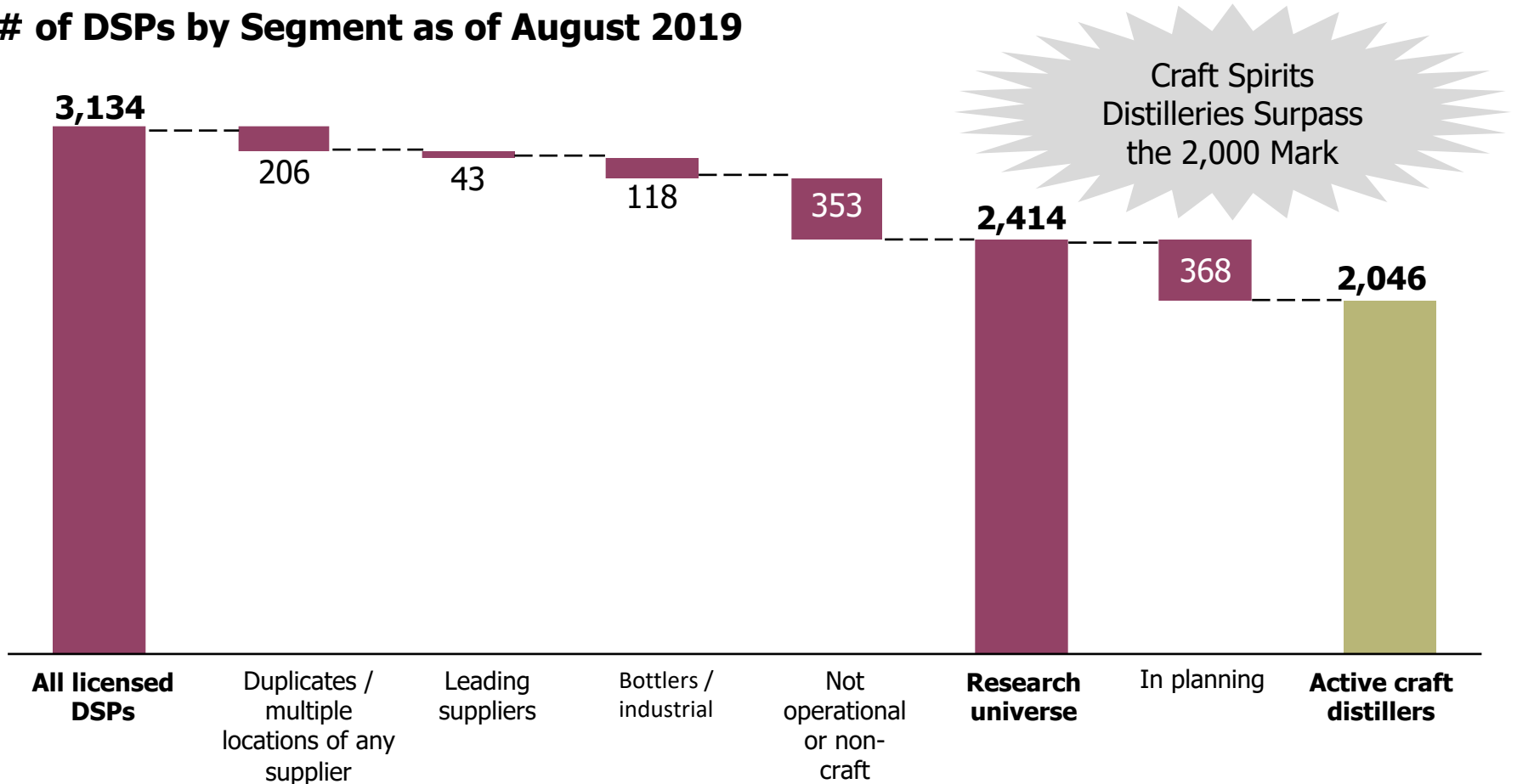
# Craft Spirits Market Data



# From DSPs to Active Craft Distillers



## # of DSPs by Segment as of August 2019



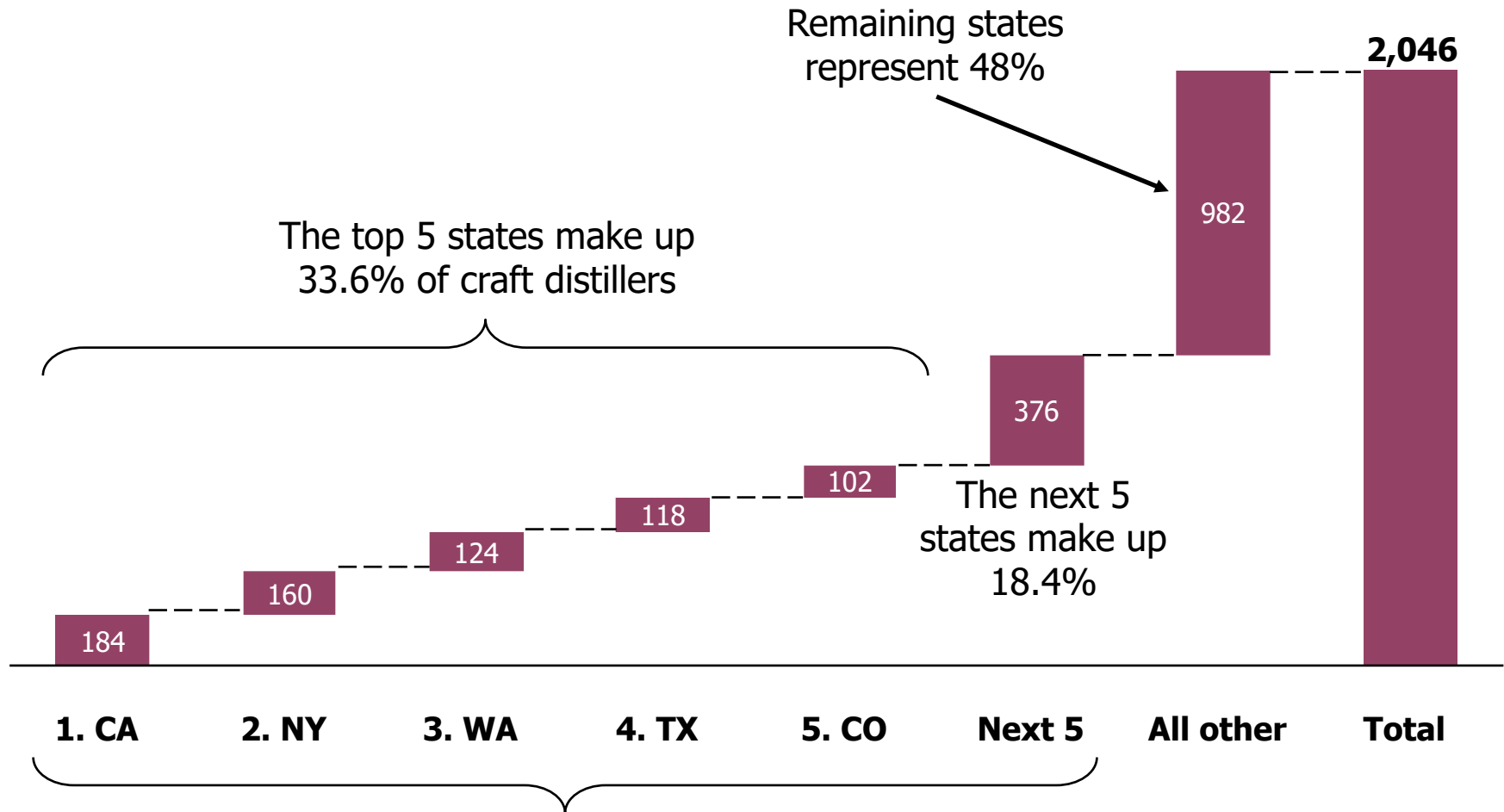
Craft Spirits Distilleries Surpass the 2,000 Mark

- The list of DSPs is broken down into segments in order to distinguish the amount of distillers that are not considered craft: duplicates, leading suppliers, bottlers, and/or non-craft/non-operational
- The list of active craft distillers is generated bottoms-up through individual assessment

# Active Craft Distillers by State



## # of Active Craft Distillers by State as of August 2019

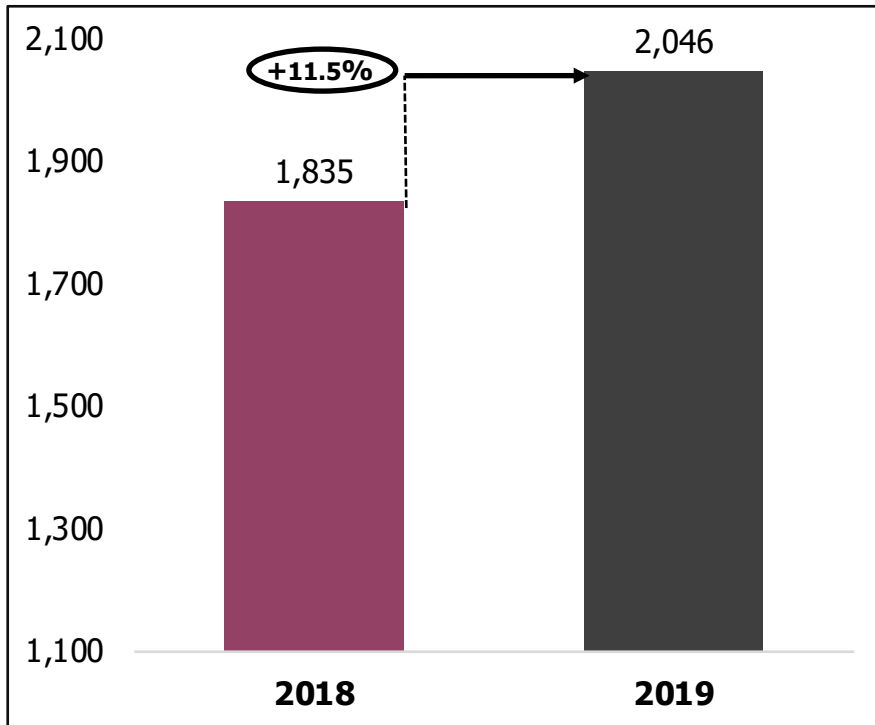


**Over half of active U.S. craft distilleries are located in ten states**

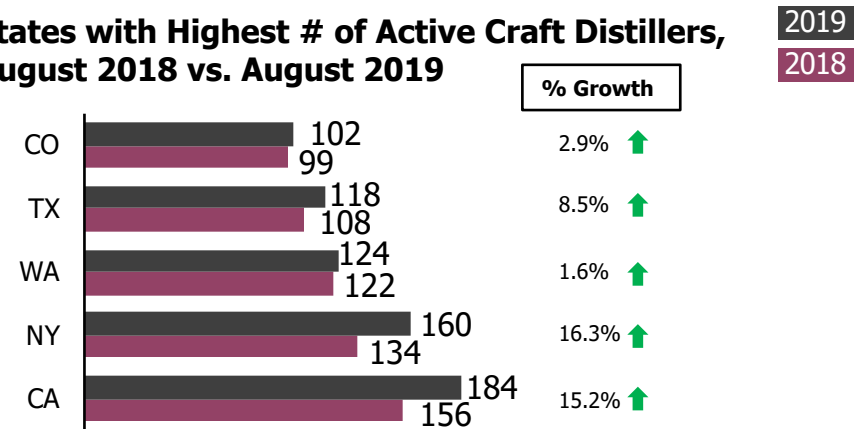
# Number of Active Craft Distillers Has Grown Over 11% Since Last Year



## # of Active Craft Distillers, August 2018 vs. August 2019



## States with Highest # of Active Craft Distillers, August 2018 vs. August 2019

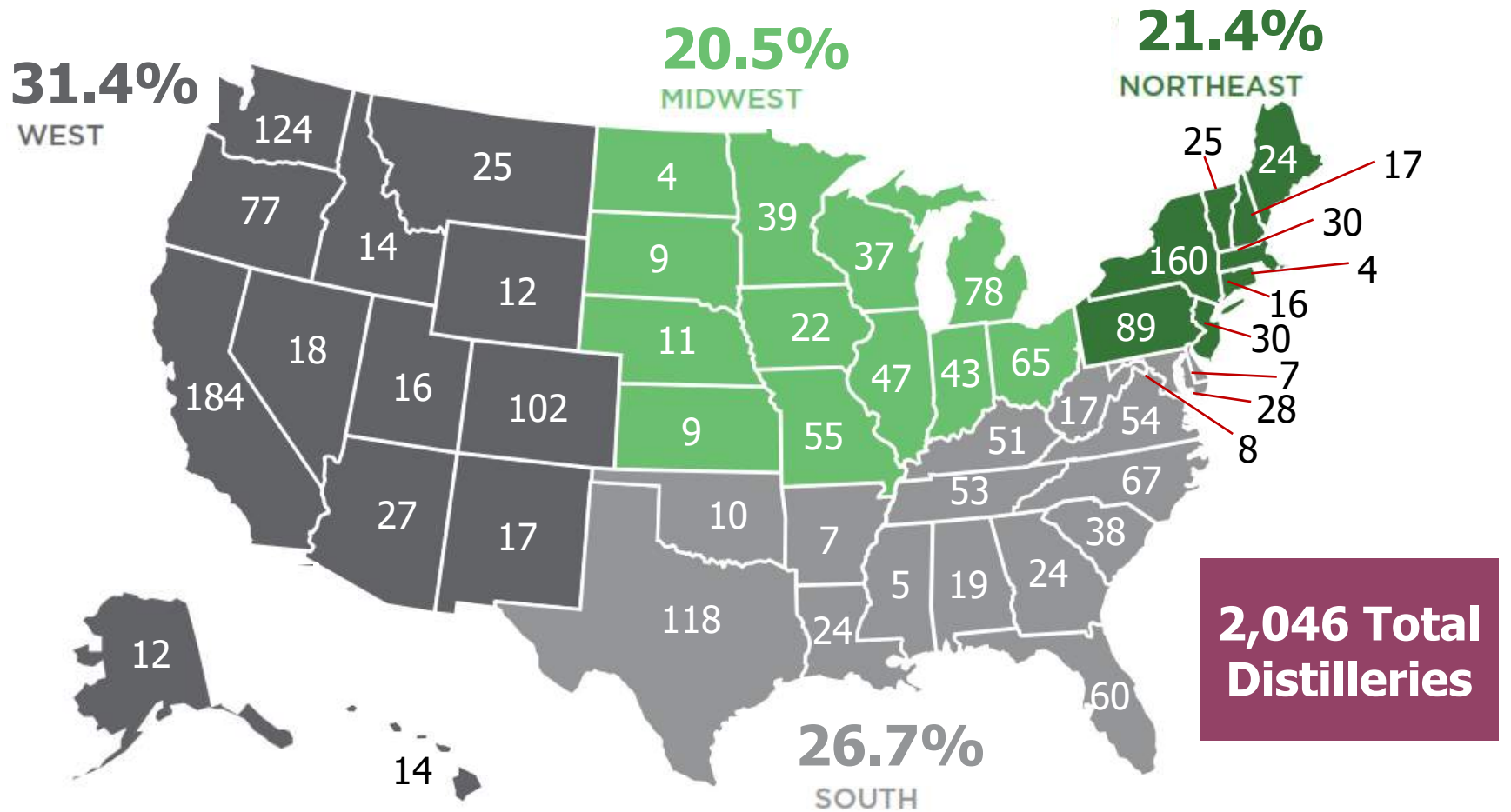


- In August 2019 there were 2,046 craft distillers active in the U.S., up over 11% from 1,835 active distillers in August 2018

# Active Craft Distillers by State and Region



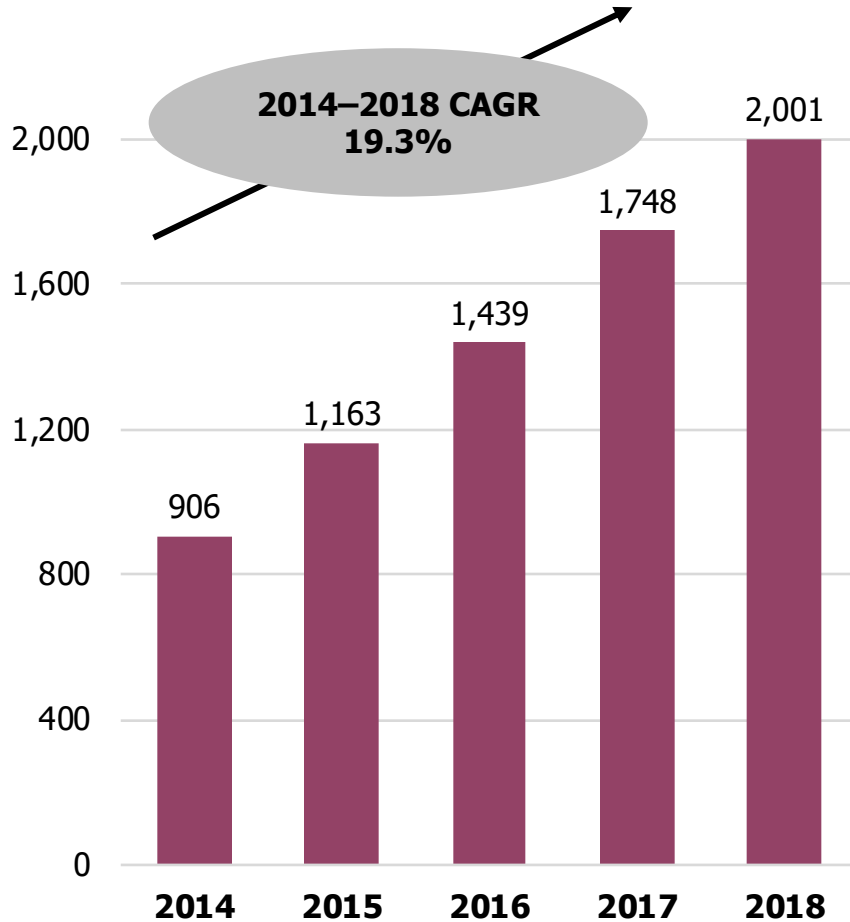
# of Active Craft Distillers by State and Region as of August 2019



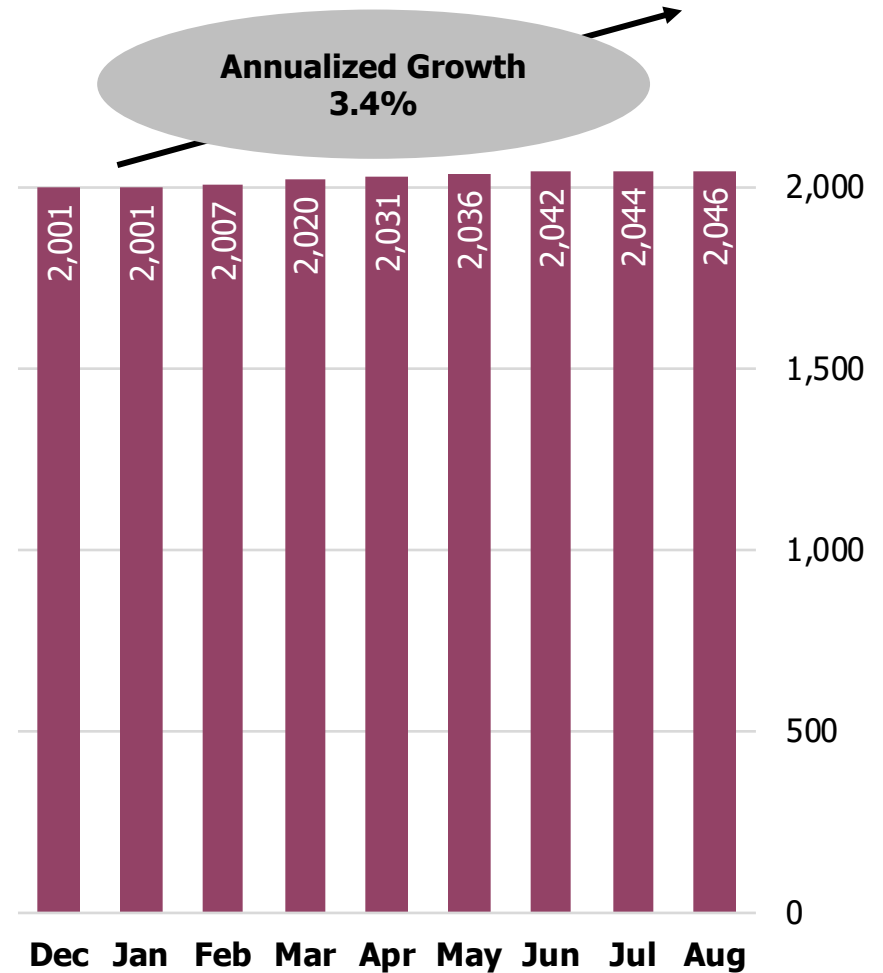
# Number of Active Distillers Still Growing



## # of Craft Spirits Producers 2014 – 2018



## # of Craft Spirits Producers December 2018 – August 2019

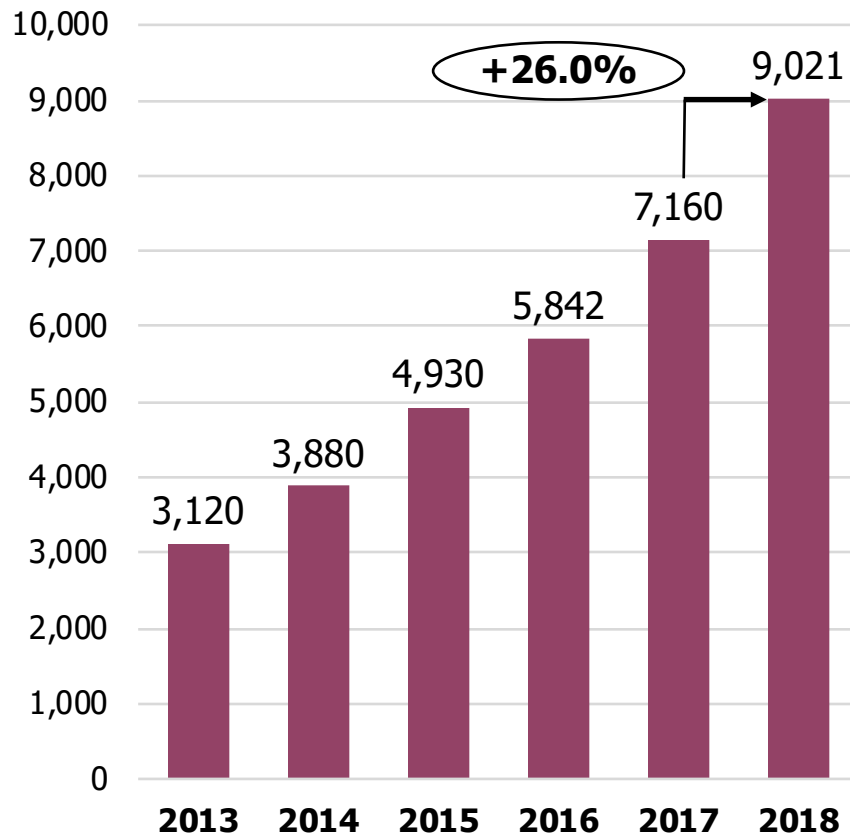


# Craft Spirits Sales Are Growing Rapidly by Volume and Value



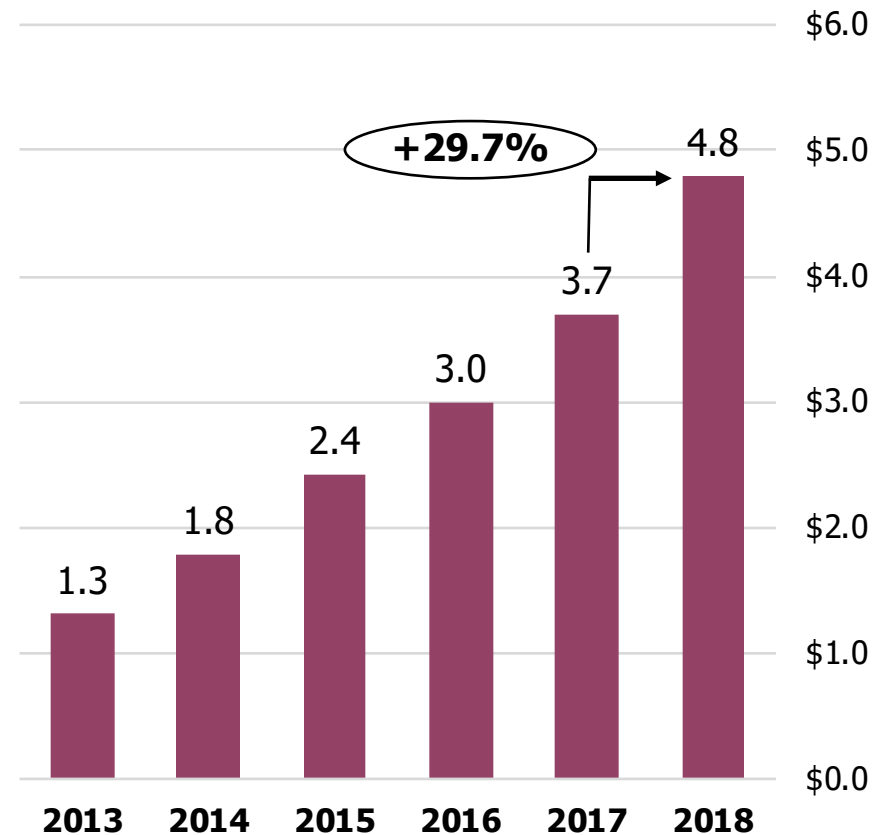
## Craft Spirits Sales by Volume, 2013 – 2018

9L Cases (000)



## Craft Spirits Retail Sales by Value, 2013 – 2018

\$ Billions

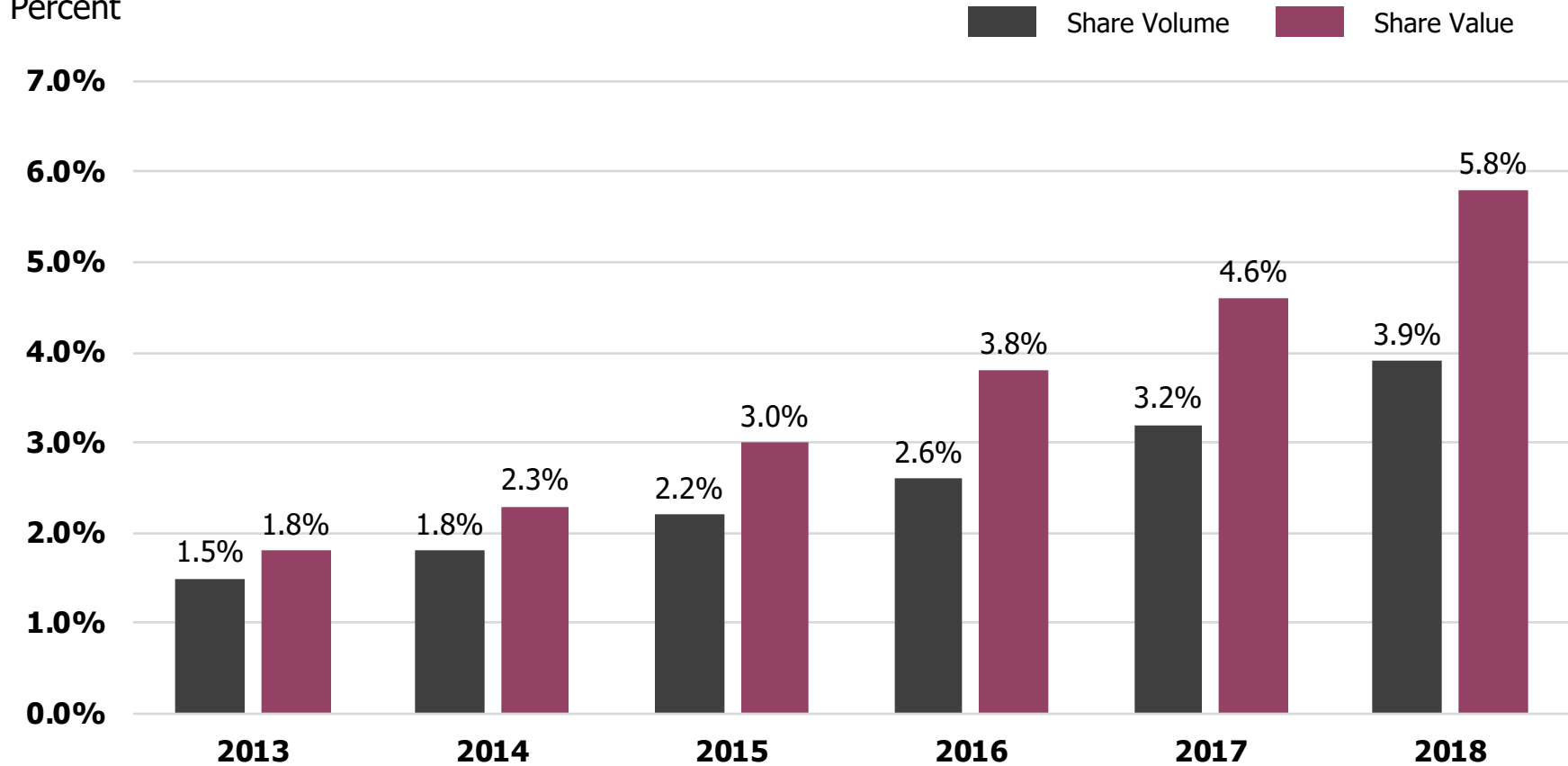


# Craft Spirits Market Share at 5.8% in Value and 3.9% in Volume



## Craft Distiller Sales as a Share of Total U.S. Spirits Volume and Value

Percent



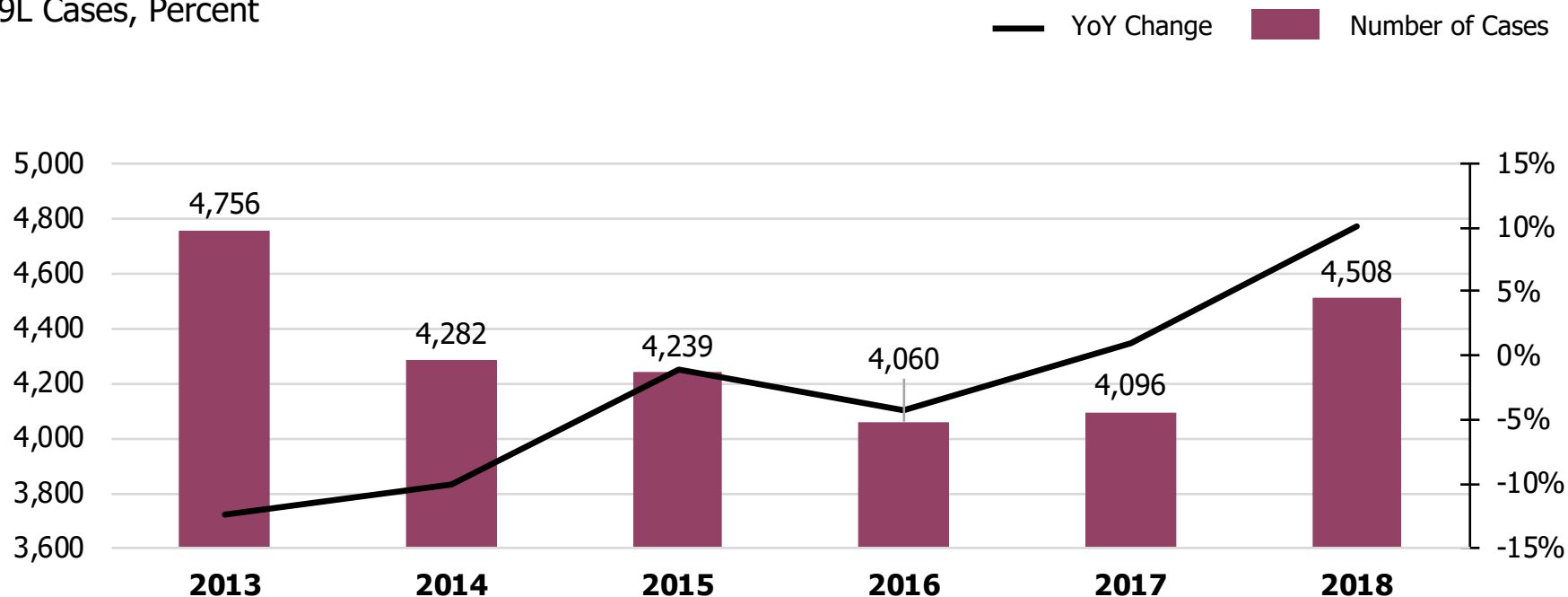
- U.S. craft currently has an estimated market share of 3.9% in cases, up from 1.5% in 2013
- U.S. craft is clearly a contributor to the trend towards premiumization in the U.S. market
- The U.S. craft market share in value is estimated at 5.8%, up from 1.8% in 2013

# Average Volume of U.S. Craft Distillers Continued to Increase



## # of Cases of Average U.S. Craft Distiller 2013 – 2018

9L Cases, Percent



- The market has reached an inflection point at which the volume growth outpaces the growth in number of distillers.
- The volume of the average U.S. craft distiller reached 4,508 cases in 2018, up 10.1% versus 2017.

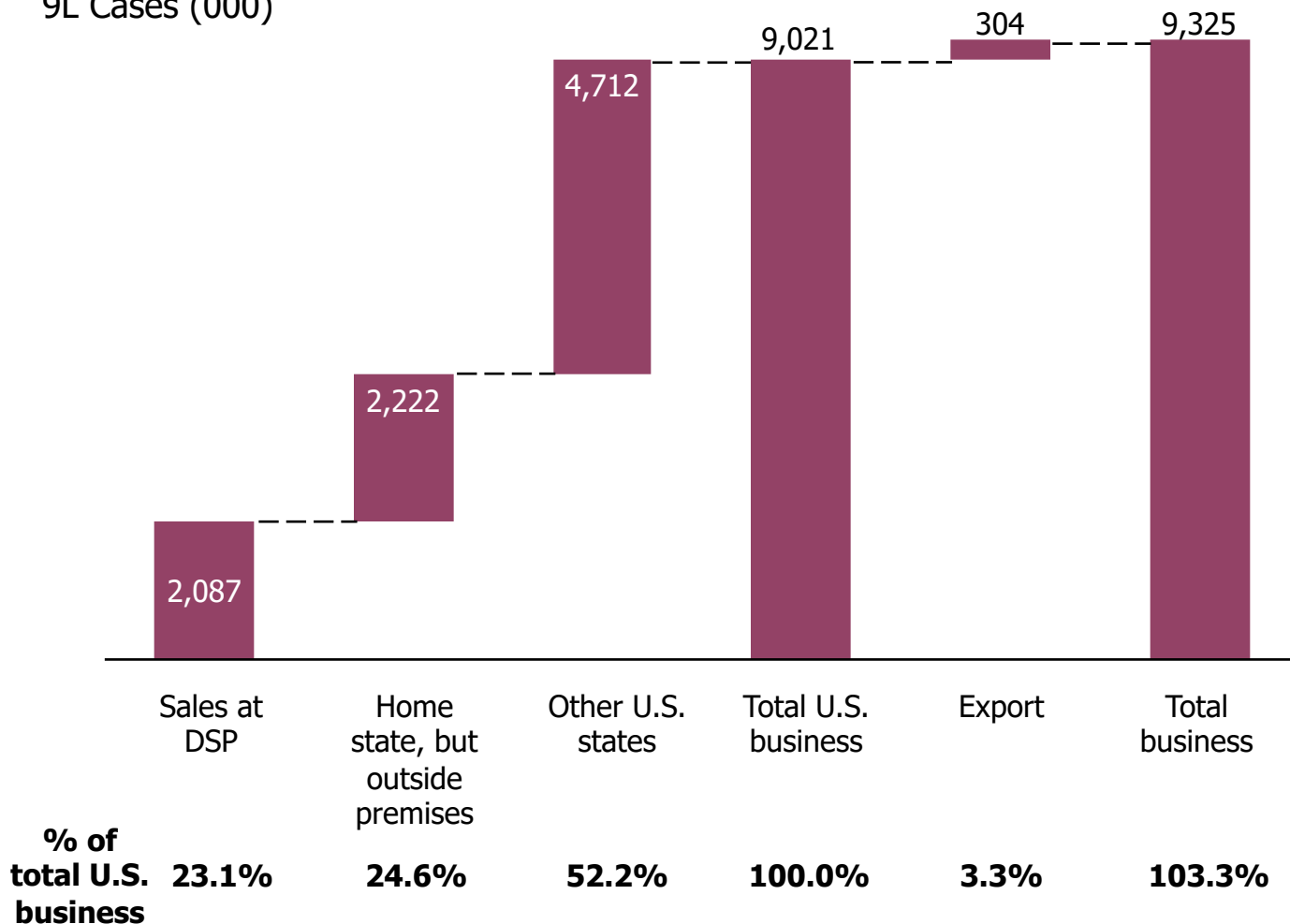


# More Than 50% of the U.S. Craft Business Takes Place in the Home States



## Sources of Case Sales – Total U.S. Craft Spirits Industry, Domestic and Export 2018

9L Cases (000)



- Nearly 50% of the total U.S. craft business takes place in the home state of the craft distiller
- Exports add 3.3% to the overall volume of the U.S. business

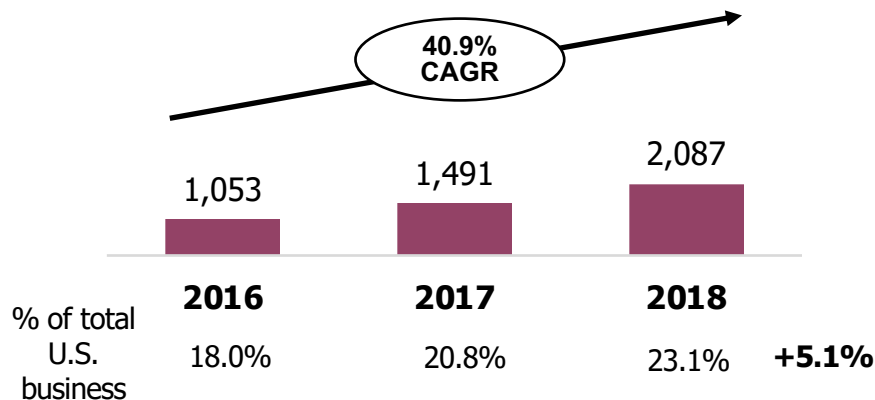
# Most of the Growth for Total Craft Spirits has Occurred at the DSP and in Other States



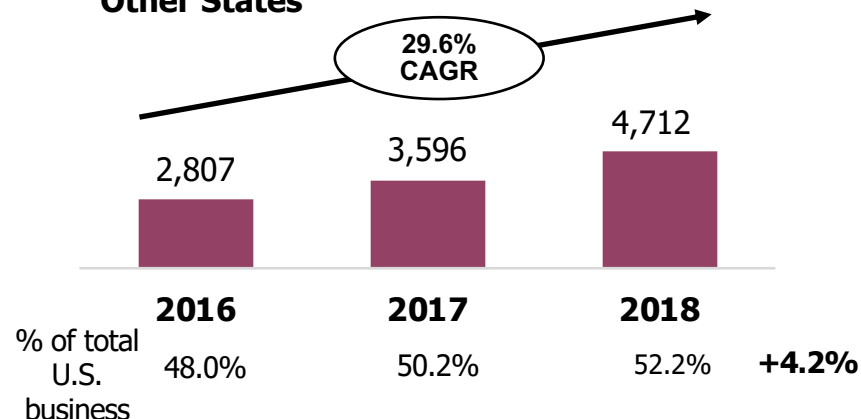
## Total Craft Spirits Industry, Sources of Case Sales, 2016 – 2018

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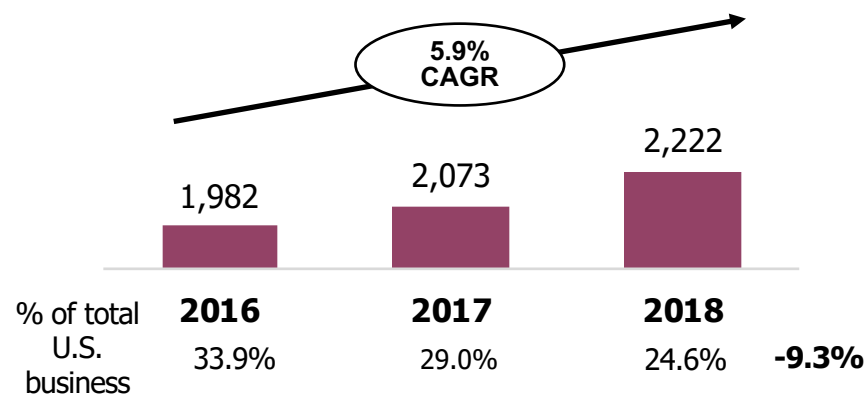
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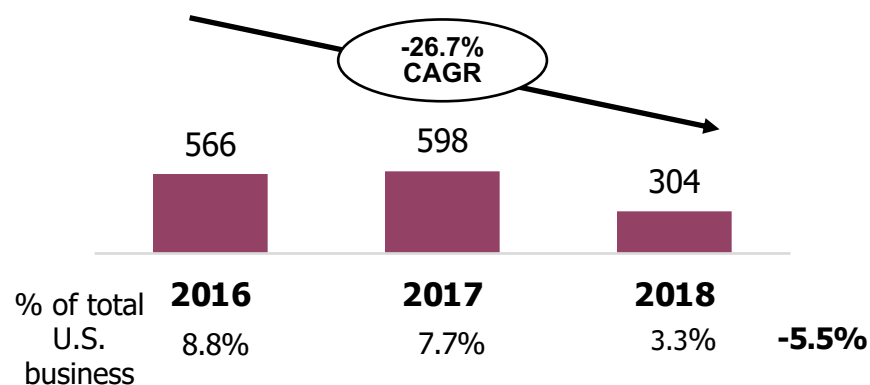
### Other States



### Home State



### Export

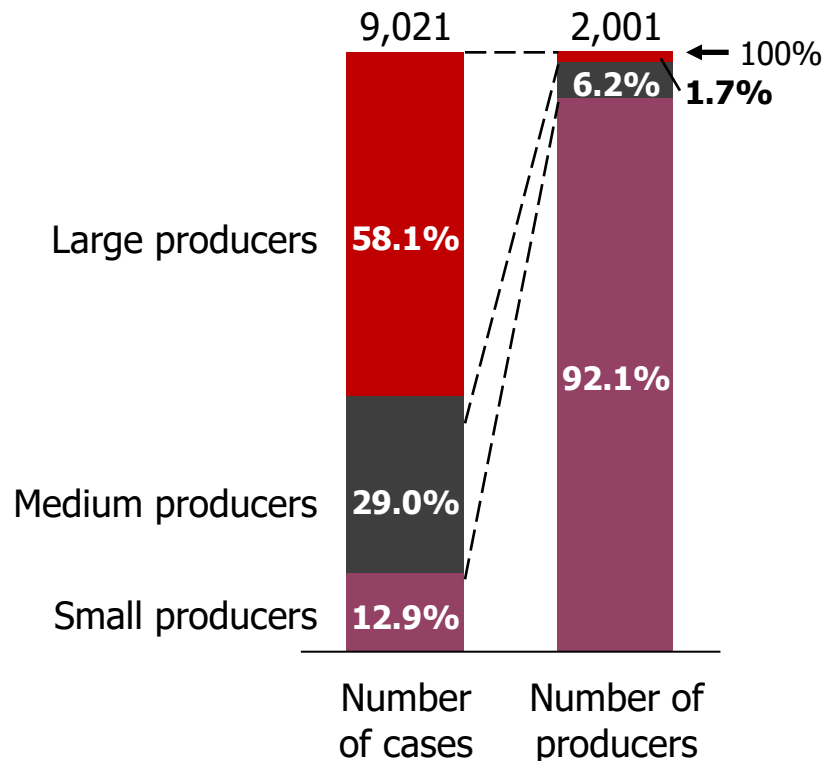


# Craft Spirits Market Is Fairly Concentrated



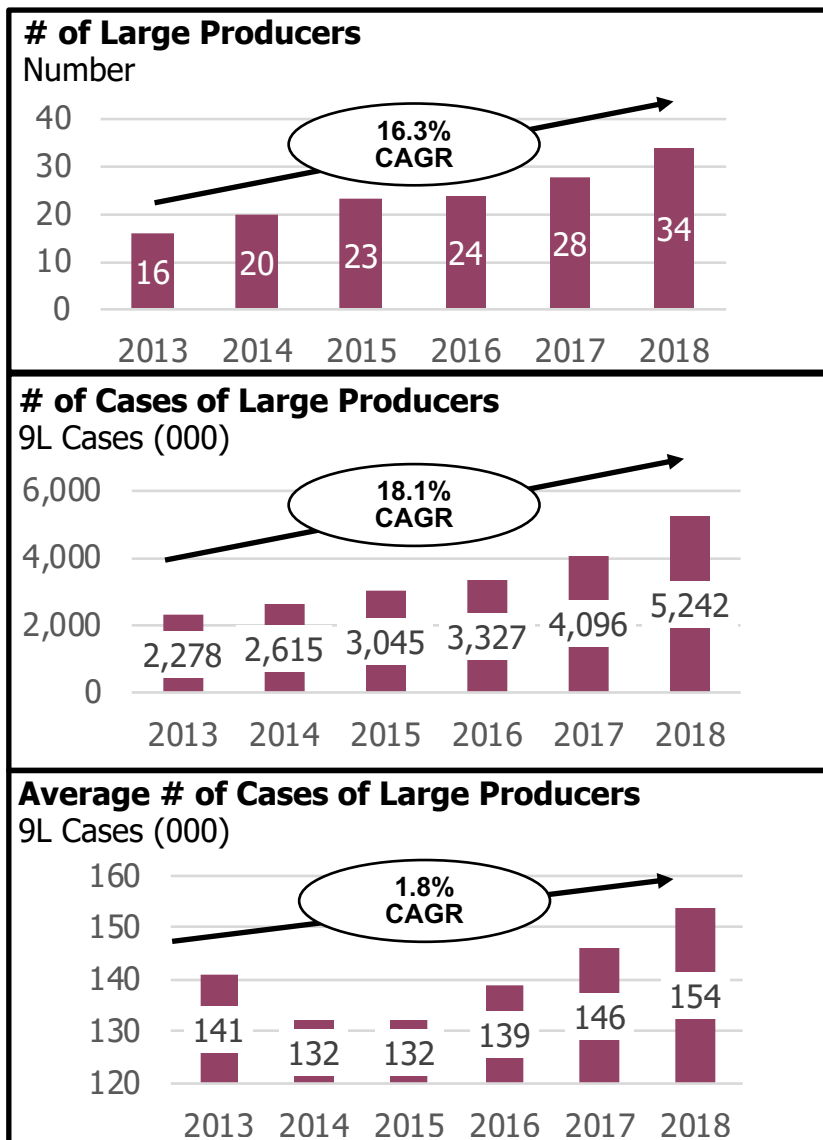
## # of Craft Distillers and Case Volumes by Producer Size, 2018

# of Producers, 9L Cases (000)



- The U.S. Craft distilling market is fairly concentrated with nearly 2% of the producers being responsible for almost 60% of the cases
- 92.1% producers are classified as small producers. They are responsible for just 12.9% of the cases

# Average Volume of Large Craft Producers Experienced Growth in 2018



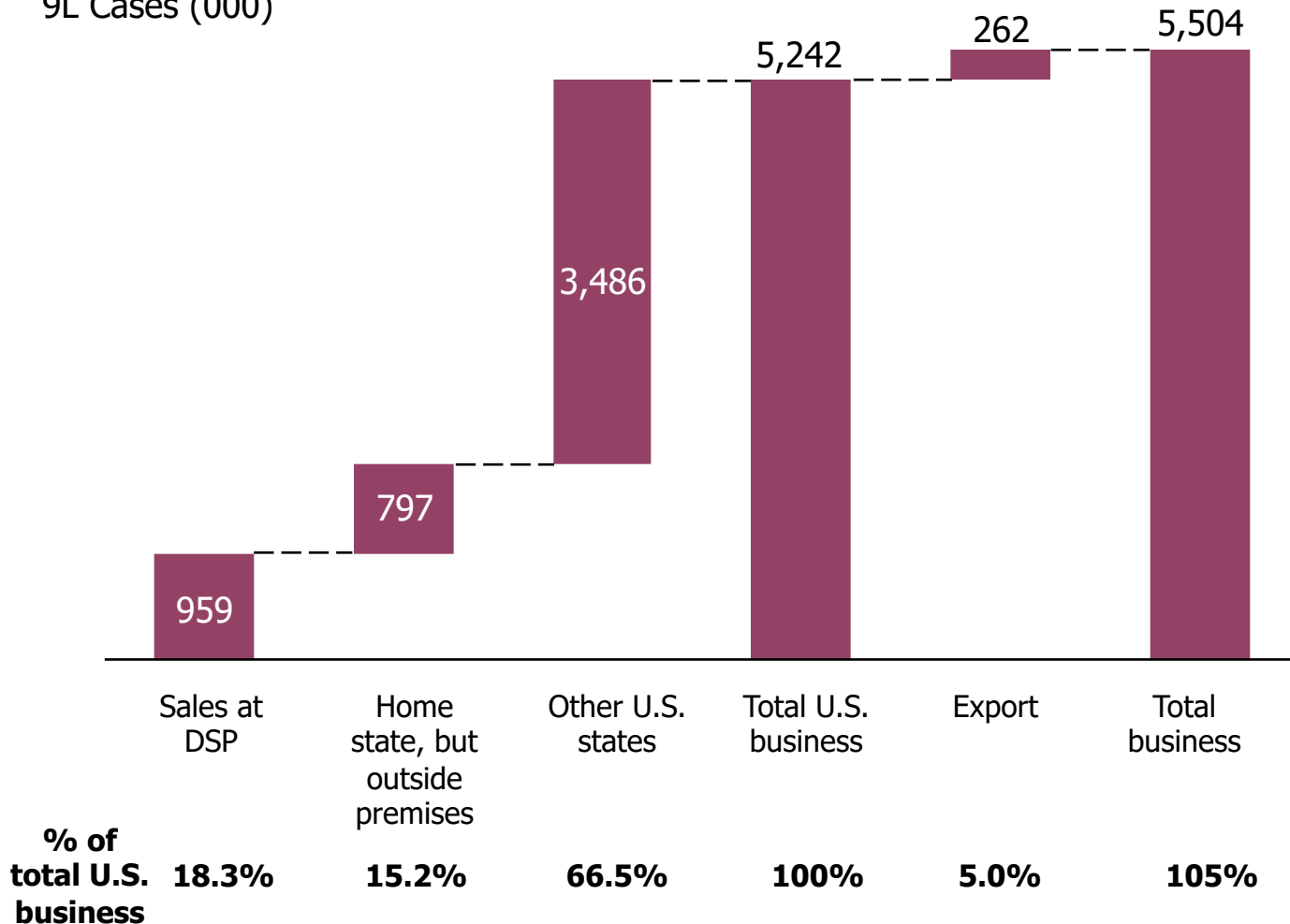
- The number of large craft distillers as well as their number of cases has been growing rapidly
- The number of large craft distillers has grown more than two-fold from 16 in 2013 to 34 in 2018
- The number of cases of large craft distillers has grown from 2.3 million 9L cases in 2013 to over 5.2 million 9L cases in 2018
- The average number of cases of large craft distillers has increased from 141k 9L cases in 2013 to 154k 9L cases in 2018

# More Than 60% of the Business of Large Craft Producers Takes Place Outside the Home States



## Sources of Case Sales – Large U.S. Craft Spirits Producers, Domestic and Export 2018

9L Cases (000)



- More than 60% of the total U.S. business of the large U.S. craft producers takes place outside the home state of the craft distiller
- Exports add 5% to the overall volume of the U.S. business

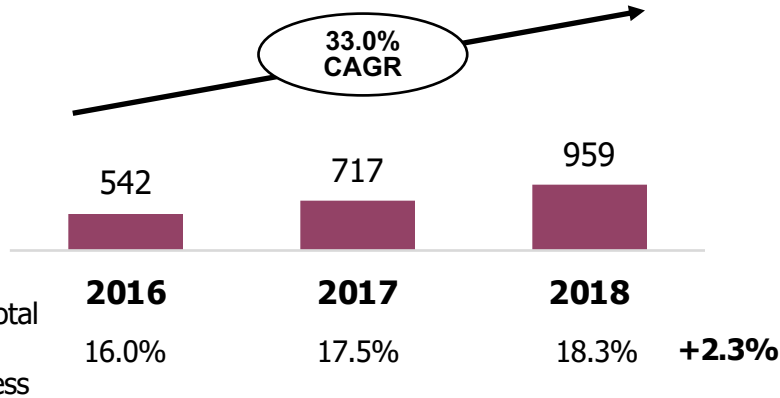
# While Large Craft Producer Sales Are Growing, Home State Sales Continue to Decline



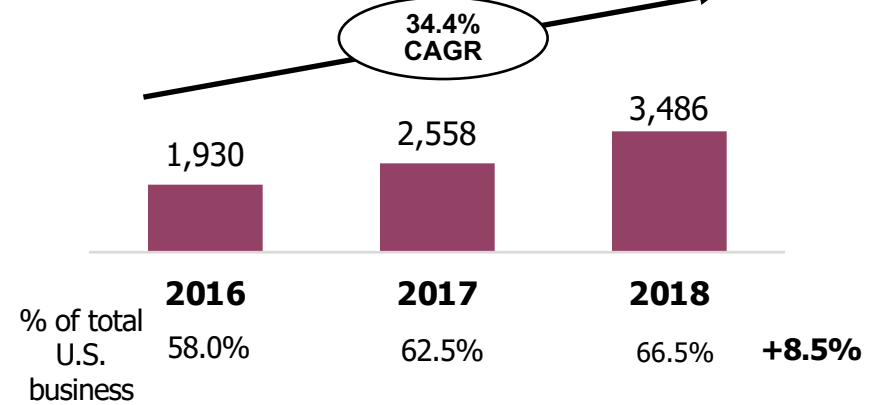
## Large Craft Spirits Producers, Sources of Case Sales, 2016 - 2018

9L Cases (000)

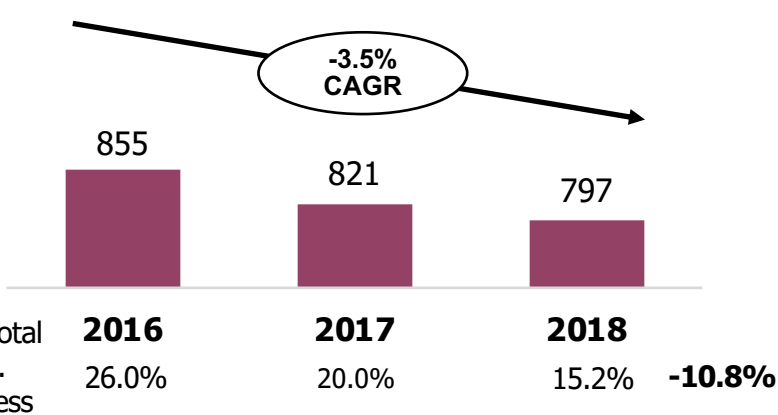
### Sales at DSP



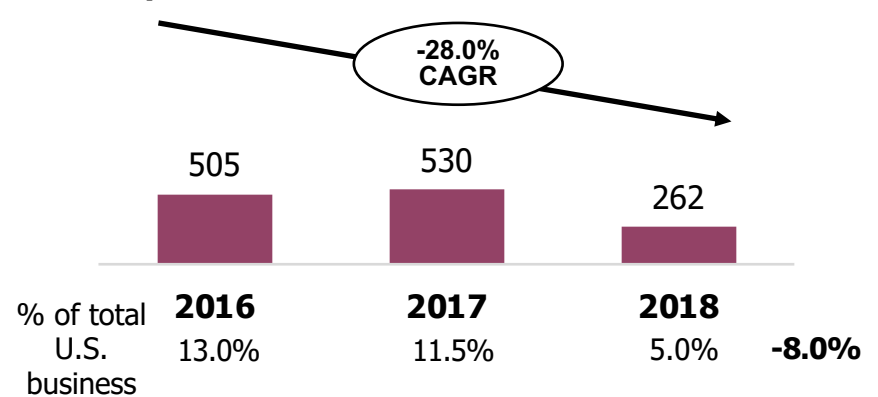
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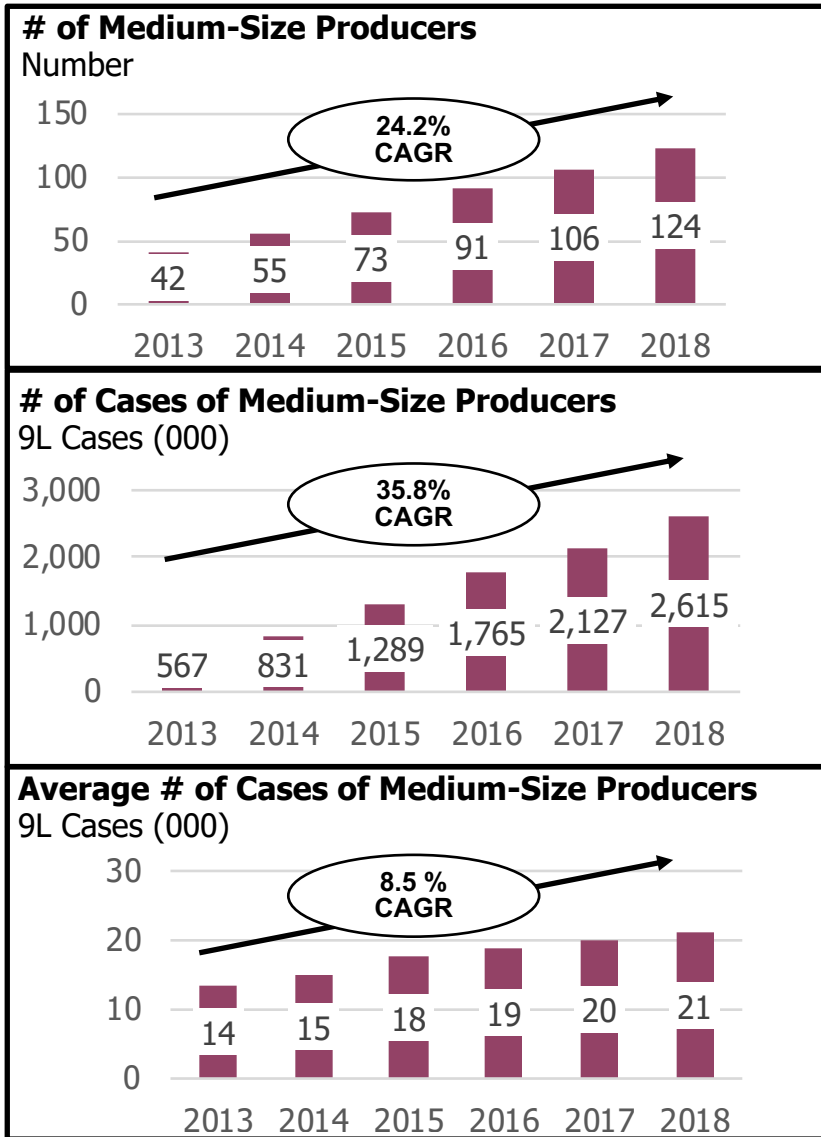
### Home State



### Export



# Medium-Size Craft Producers Have Been Growing Well



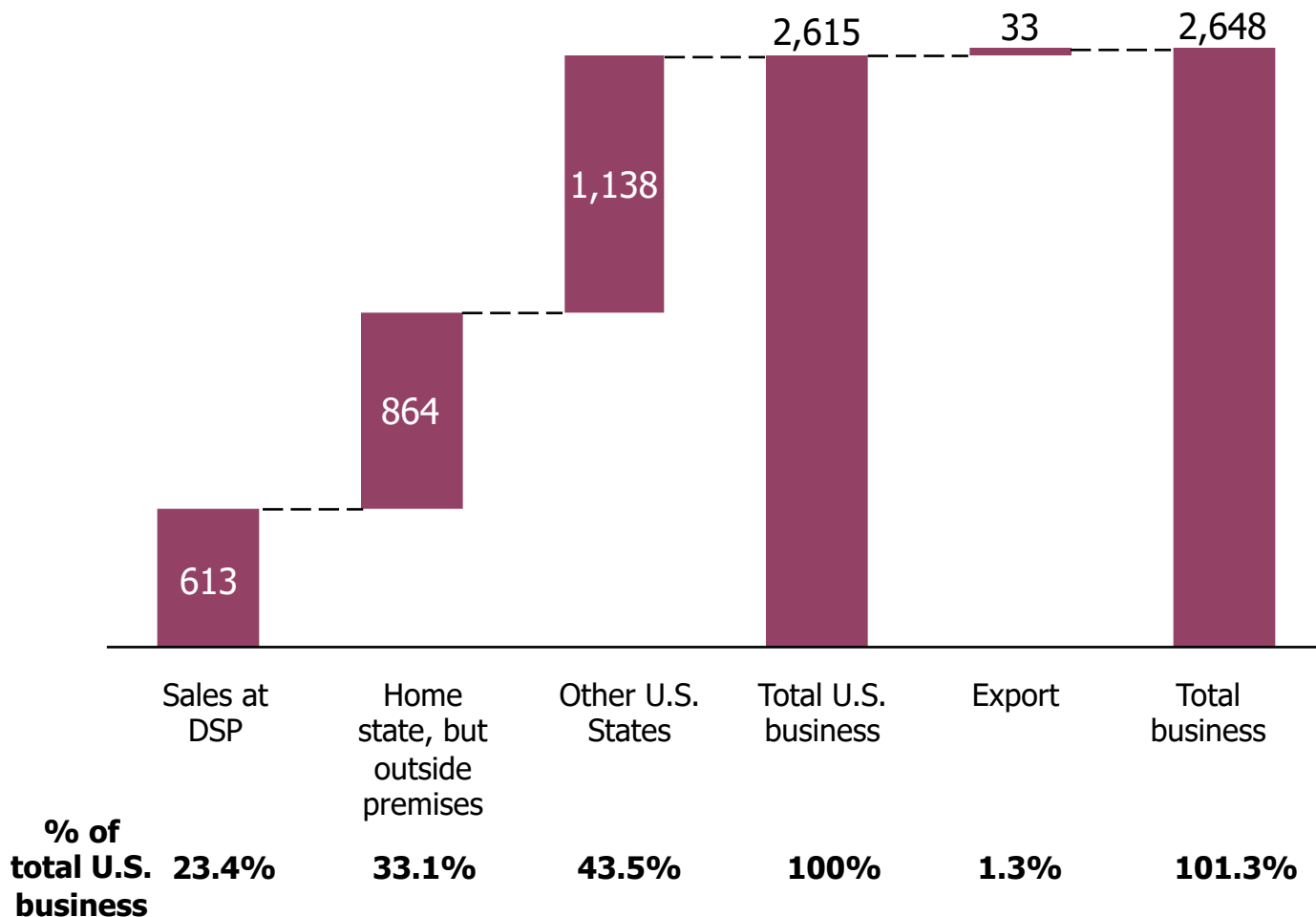
- The number of medium craft distillers as well as their number of cases has been growing rapidly
- The number of medium craft distillers has grown almost three-fold from 42 in 2013 to 124 in 2018
- The number of cases of medium craft distillers has grown from 567k 9L cases in 2013 to over 2.6 million 9L cases in 2018
- The average number of cases of medium craft distillers has increased from 14k 9L cases in 2013 to 21k 9L cases in 2018
- Medium-sized craft producers have had positive average case growth year over year since 2013

# More Than 50% of the Business of Medium Craft Producers Takes Place in the Home States



## Sources of Case Sales – Medium U.S. Craft Spirits Producers, Domestic and Export 2018

9L Cases (000)



- 56.5% of the total U.S. business of the medium U.S. craft producers takes place in the home state of the craft distiller
- Exports add only about 1.3% to the overall volume of the U.S. business



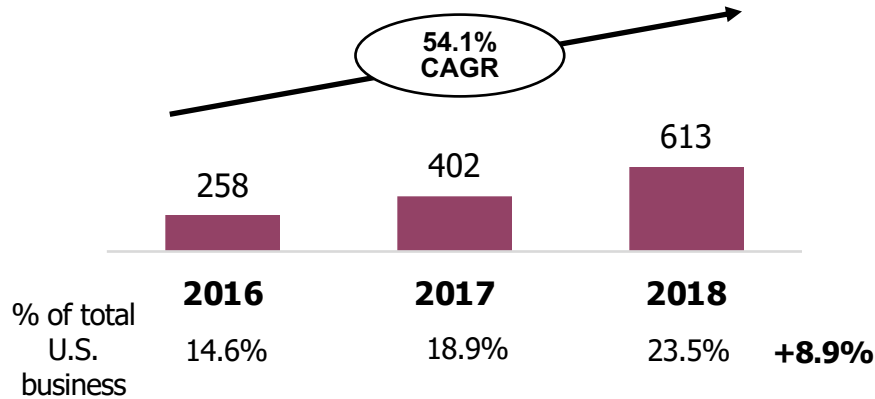
# Medium Craft Producer Sales Have Grown Strongly Across All Sources



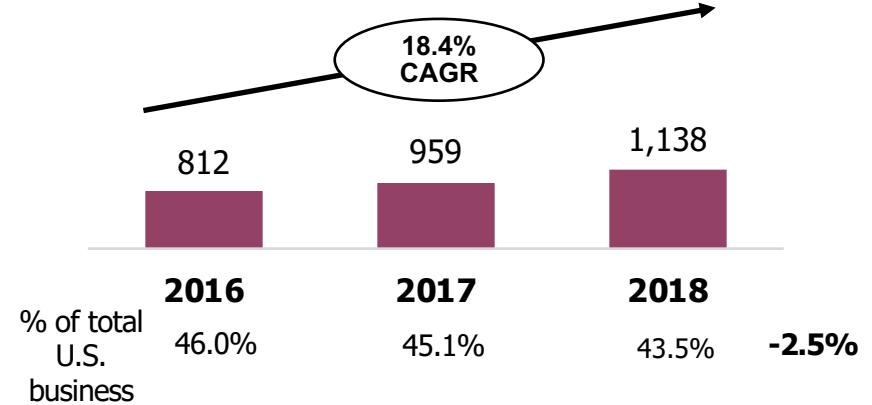
## Medium Craft Spirits Producers, Sources of Case Sales, 2016 – 2018

9L Cases (000)

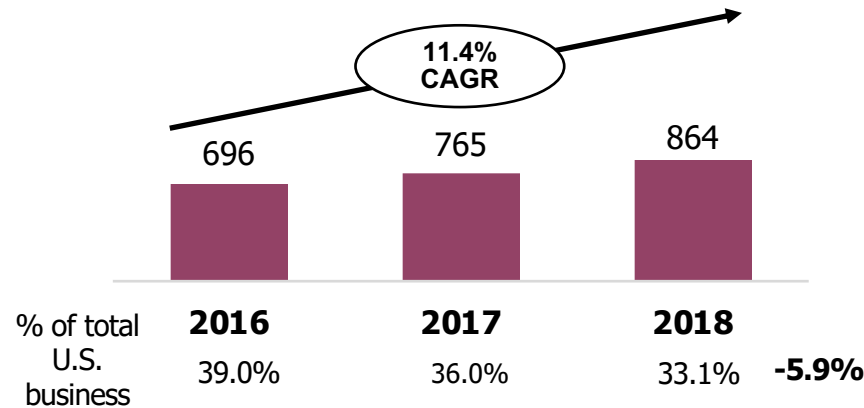
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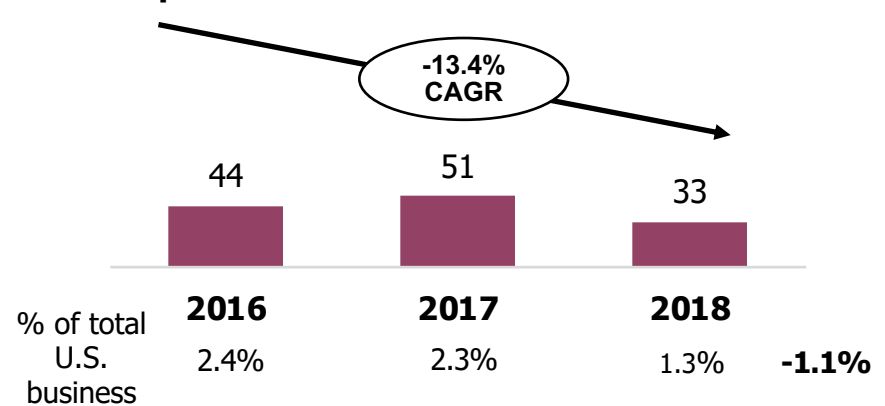
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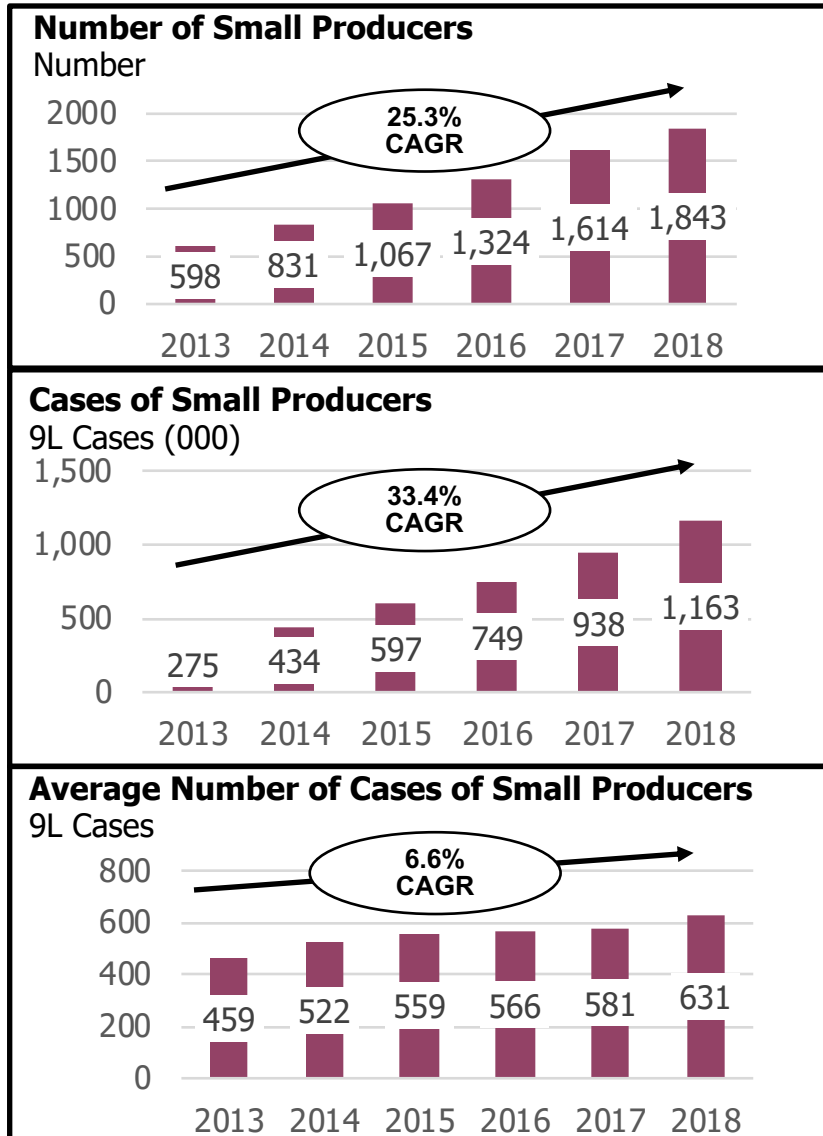
### Home State



### Export



# Small Craft Producers Have Been Growing Well



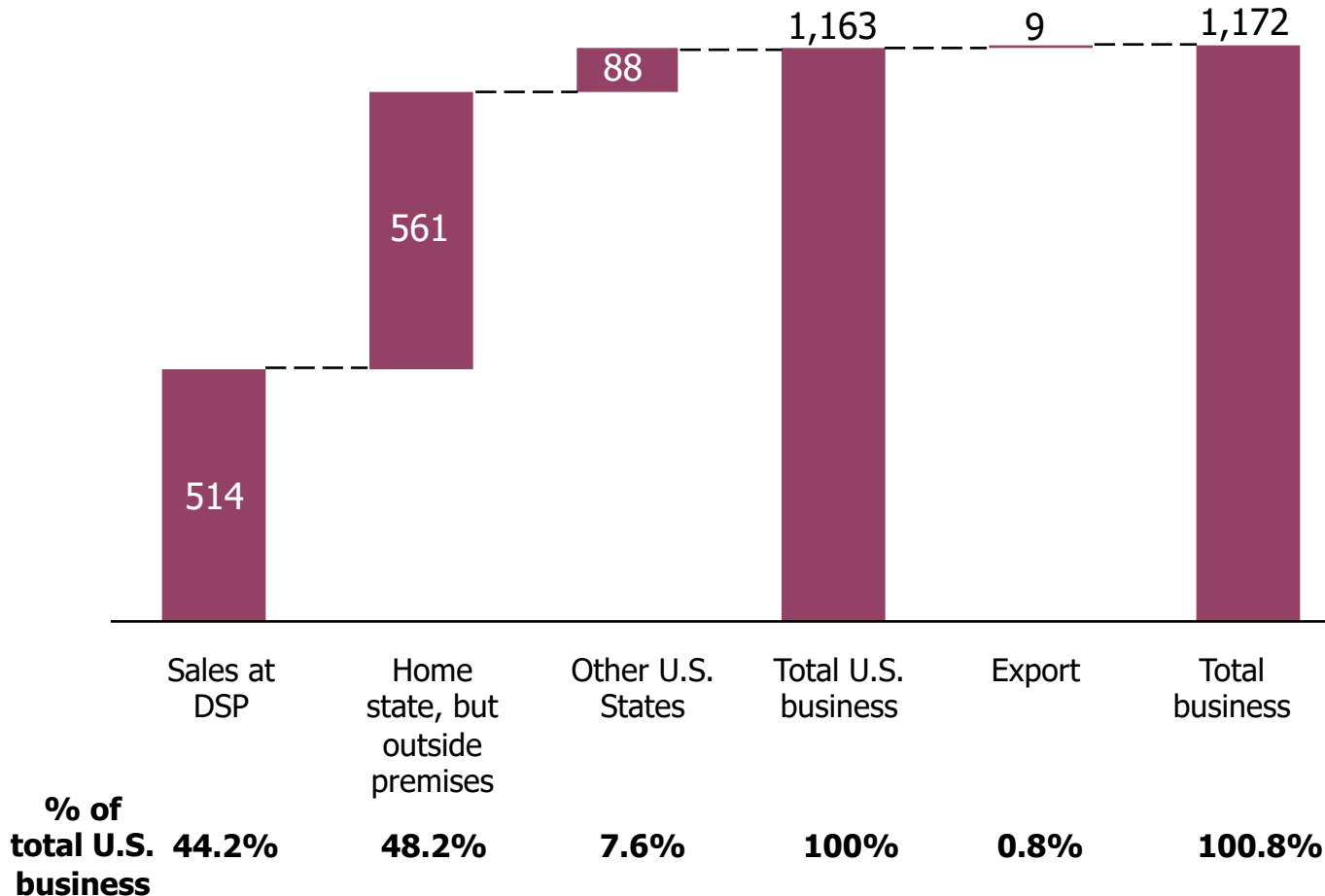
- The number of small craft distillers as well as their number of cases has been growing rapidly
- The number of small craft distillers has grown more than three-fold from 598 in 2013 to 1,843 in 2018
- The number of cases of small craft distillers has grown from 275k 9L cases in 2013 to 1.2 million 9L cases in 2018
- The average number of cases of small craft distillers has slightly increased from 459k 9L cases in 2013 to 631k 9L cases in 2018

# 92% of the Business of Small Craft Producers Takes Place in the Home States



## Sources of Case Sales – Small U.S. Craft Spirits Producers, Domestic and Export 2018

9L Cases (000)



- Over 44% of the total business of small craft producers comes from sales at the DSP
- Less than 10% of the total business comes from sales outside the home state

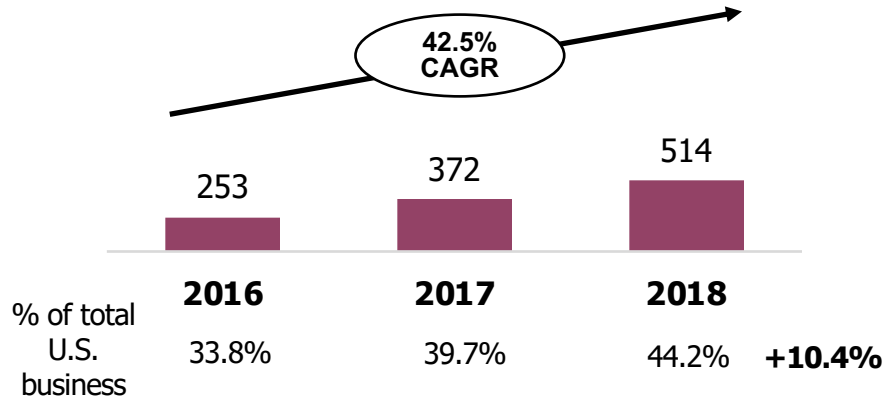
# Small Craft Producer Sales Are Slowly Growing Outside of Their Home States



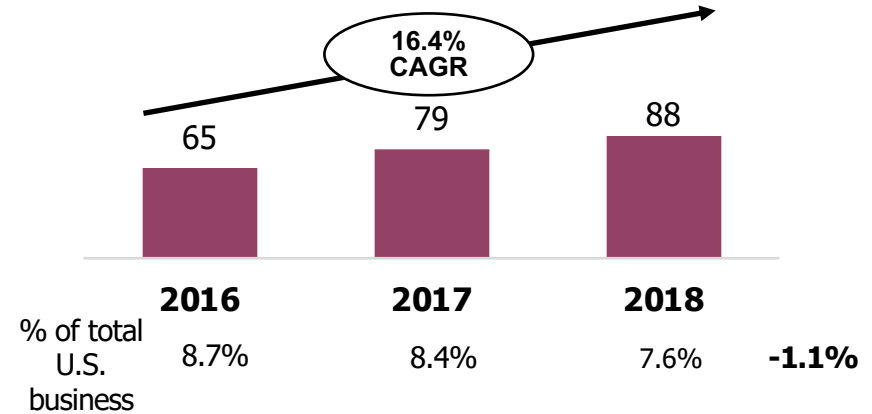
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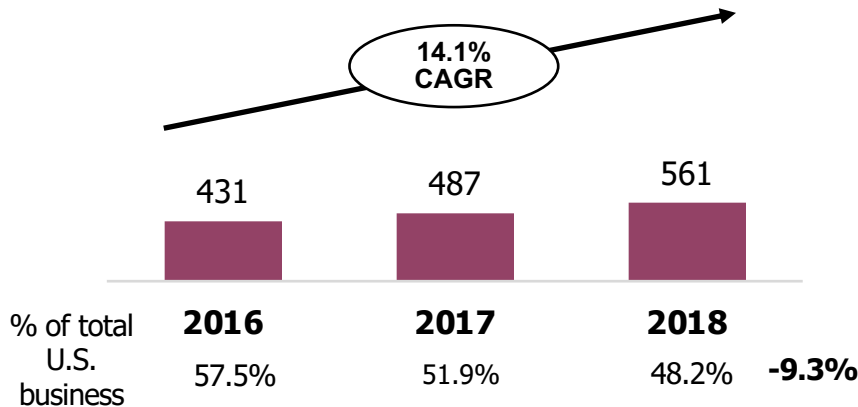
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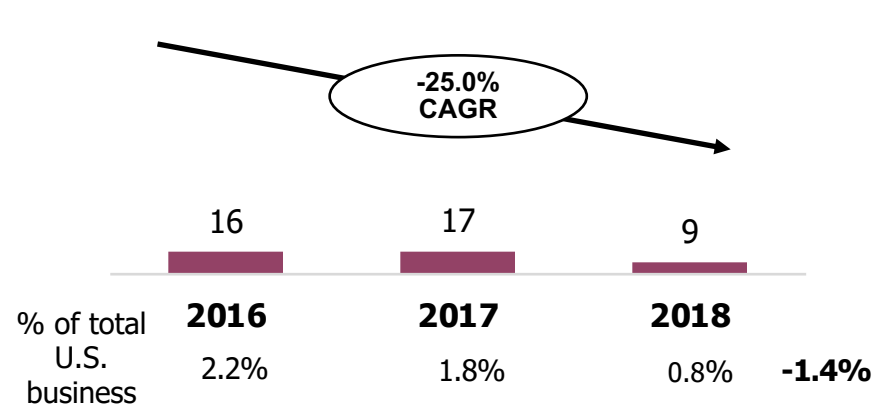
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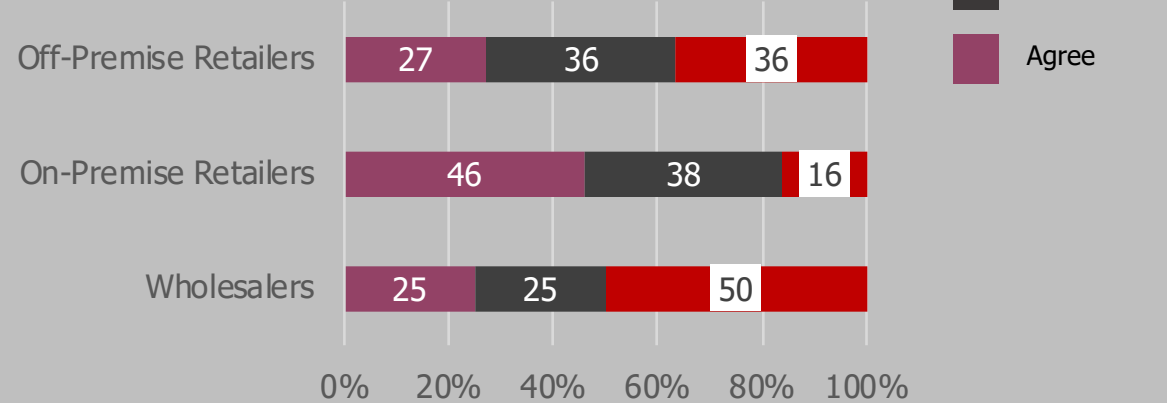


# Many Retailers and Wholesalers See Potential for Craft Spirits to Perform in Line or Better than Craft Beer



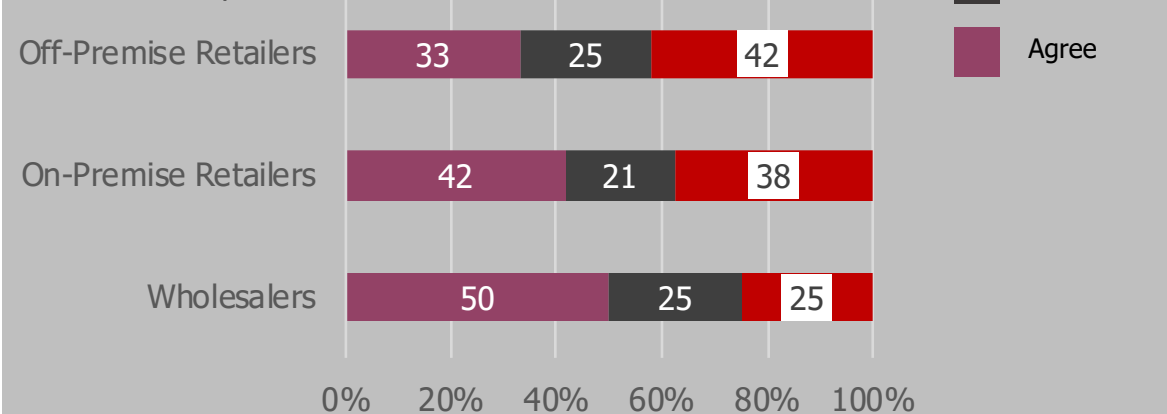
## Craft Spirits Will Perform in Line with Craft Beer Over Time

Percent of Respondents



## Craft Spirits Will Become More Relevant to the Spirits Category than Craft Beer has Become for Beer Category

Percent of Respondents



- Many retailers and wholesalers see the potential for craft spirits to perform in line or better than craft beer
- With craft beer market share currently at 13.5% in the U.S., the craft spirits market is expected to continue to grow rapidly

# Craft is Still Small but Could Contribute Much More Towards Fragmentation in Future Years

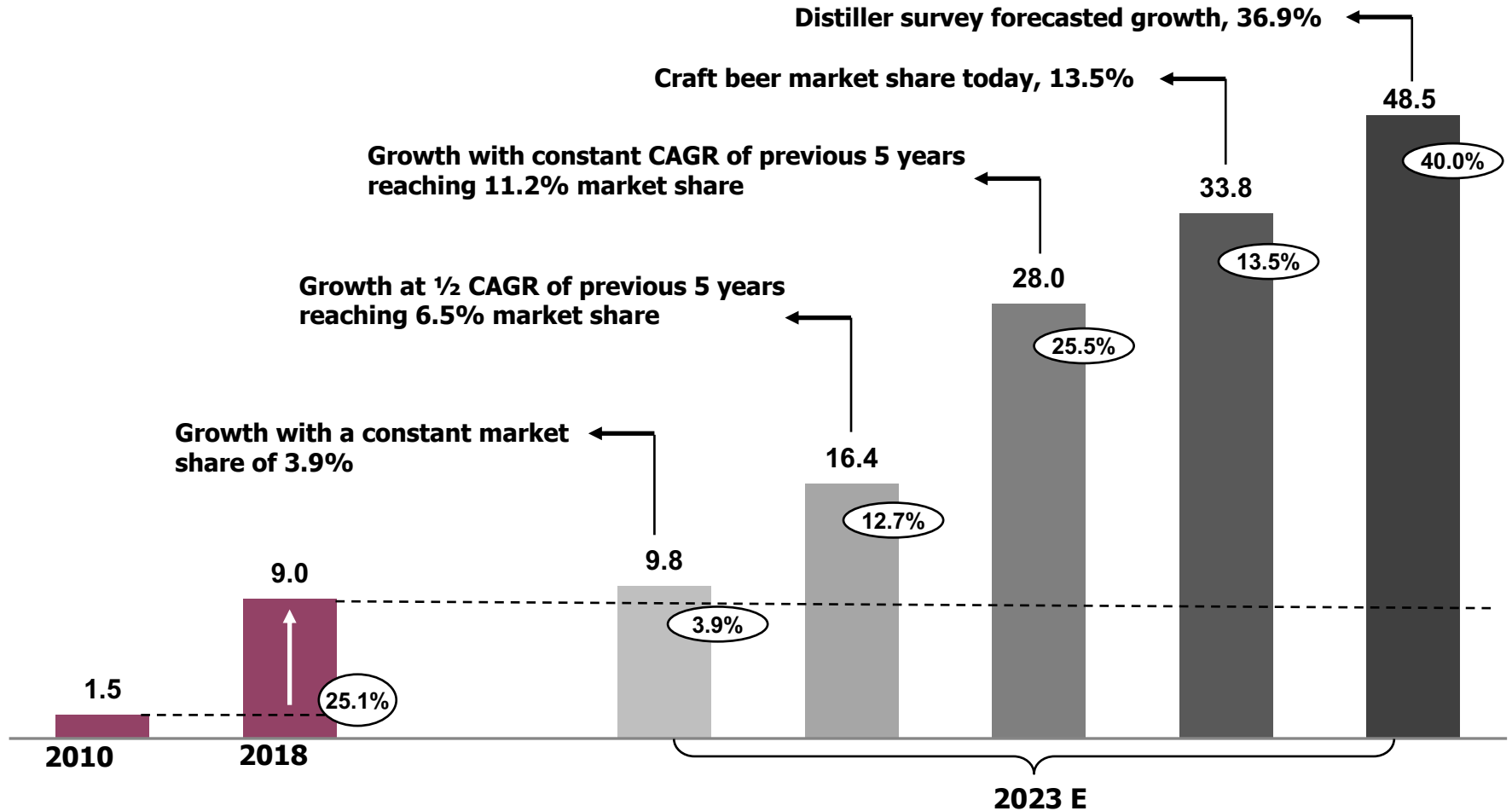


## U.S. Market Size Scenarios for 2023

9L Cases (millions)

2019 – 2023 CAGRs

### Scenarios

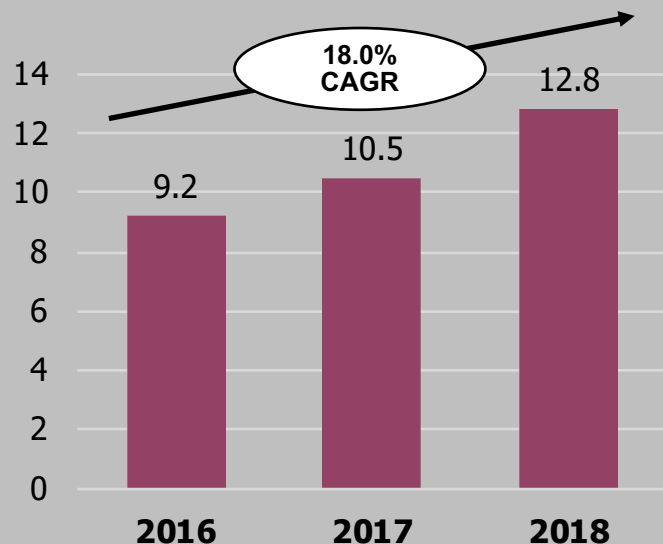


Sources: IWSR, Team Analyses

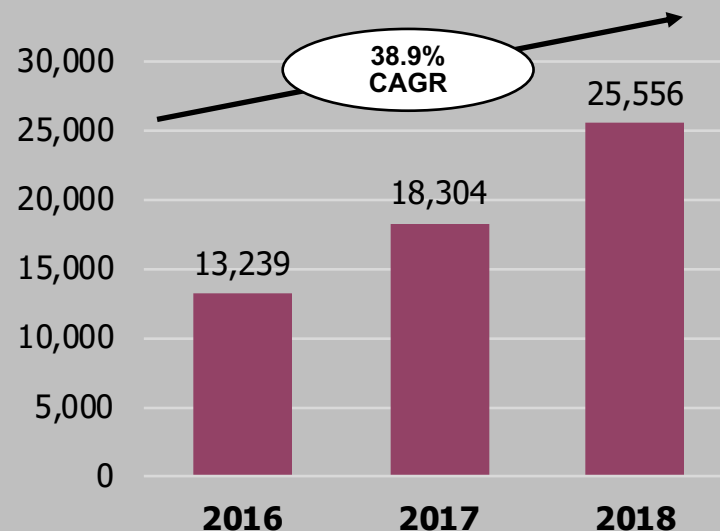
# Employment in the U.S. Craft Spirits Industry Has Been on the Rise



**Average Full-Time Domestic Employees of U.S. Craft Spirits Producers, 2016 – 2018**  
FTEs



**# of Full-Time Domestic Employees of U.S. Craft Spirits Producers, 2016 – 2018**  
FTEs



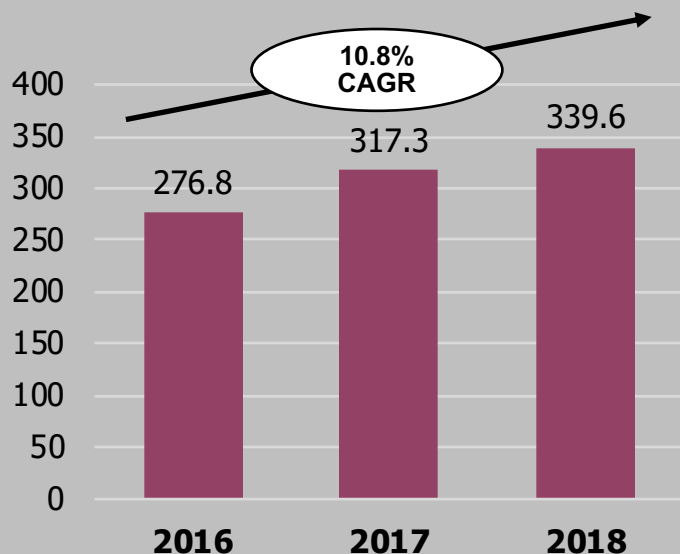
- Number of average FTEs has increased by over 39.1% between 2016 and 2018
- Total employment has surpassed the 25,000 mark in 2018 with a strong CAGR of 38.9% since 2016

# Investment in the U.S. Craft Industry Has Been on the Rise



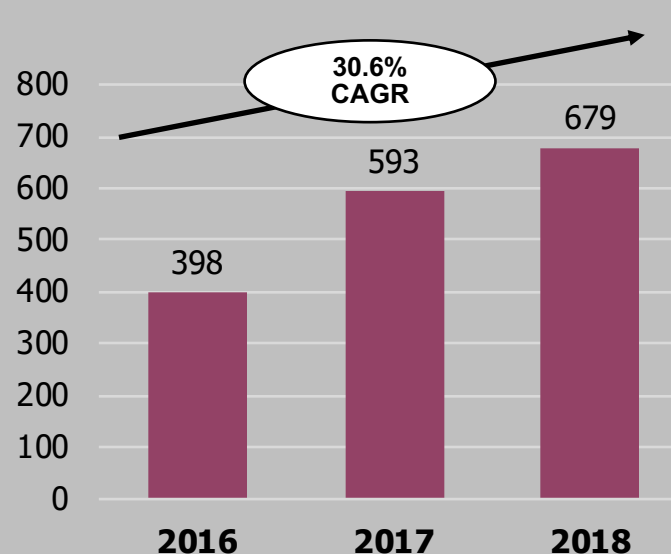
## Average Investment\* of U.S. Craft Spirits Producers, 2016 – 2018

\$ Thousands



## Total Investment\* of U.S. Craft Spirits Producers, 2016 – 2018

\$ Millions



- The average investment of a U.S. craft producer has increased by 7% from \$317.3k in 2017 to \$339.6k in 2018
- Total investment has increased by 14.5% from \$593m in 2017 to \$679m in 2018



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## Project Background and Craft Spirits Definition

## Teaming up for a common cause

The American Craft Spirits Association, International Wine and Spirits Research, and Park Street teamed up in 2015 to launch the Craft Spirits Data Project (the “Project”), a research initiative with the goal of providing a solid and reliable fact base for evaluating performance and trends in the U.S. craft spirits industry

- Major industry stakeholders such as the TTB, NABCA, WSWA, and ABL have committed resources to help the Project
- The fact base helps all stakeholders to make their respective investment cases and vastly improve an understanding of the full impact at the local, regional, and federal level
- The Project is set-up to provide a consistent fact base for all stakeholders on an ongoing basis. Update reports will be published annually



# Project Background and Research Methodology



## ▪ The project serves to:

- Quantify the number, size, and impact of craft spirits producers in the U.S.
- Create a deeper understanding of the U.S. craft spirits landscape among four key groups: DSPs, wholesalers, retailers, and consumers
- Provide findings on craft supplier best practices and success factors

## ▪ The following information was collected (all information was collected with the assurances of full confidentiality):

- Data on craft distiller production size and patterns, sources of revenue, and the category's overall economic impact within the spirits industry
- Data on craft spirits business size, patterns, and outlook on the wholesaler and retail levels (both on- and off-premise)
- Input on craft spirits brand perceptions

## ▪ Things to remember:

- When estimating the number of producers behind the U.S. craft spirits production, the Project team relied on a combination of official data released by regulatory authorities, survey data, other industry data sources both national (e.g., NABCA, ACSA) and regional (e.g., guilds), as well as interviews and team assessments using the craft distiller definition
- In the accompanying data sets, the team assumes independent ownership as having equal or more than a 75% equity stake and/or operational control of the DSP. The team has set up a process that asks industry members to notify the ACSA of all ownership or strategy changes away from craft so the changes can be reflected accordingly in the database

# Project Organizer: American Craft Spirits Association (ACSA)



The American Craft Spirits Association (ACSA) is the only registered non-profit trade association representing the U.S. craft spirits industry. Its mission is to elevate and advocate for the community of craft spirits producers. Membership in ACSA is open to anyone.

ACSA is governed by a Board of Directors elected by the eligible voting members of the Association. Voting members must be independent, licensed distillers (DSPs) annually removing fewer than 750,000 proof gallons from bond (the amount on which a federal excise tax is paid.)

ACSA was founded in 2013 by 23 founding craft distillers.



# Project Partners: IWSR and Park Street



the Source for Wine & Spirits Analysis

The IWSR is the leading source of data and analysis on the beverage alcohol market. IWSR is the longest-running research company specializing exclusively in global alcoholic drinks. The IWSR's comprehensive database quantifies the global and local market of wine, spirits, beer, cider and prepared cocktails by volume and value, and provides insight into short- and long-term trends



Park Street delivers productivity-enhancing and cost-saving back-office solutions, advisory services, and working capital to more than 12,500 alcoholic beverage brands from the U.S. and around the world. Established in 2003, the company provides a fast and reliable conduit to the U.S. and EU markets and a cost-effective operating platform. Park Street works with suppliers at all stages of growth and its clients range from entrepreneurial craft distillers to multi-brand global portfolios

# Project Supporters: Broad Industry Collaboration



**TTB:** Provided Beverage Spirits Producers and Bottlers by Average Taxable Removals; agreed to change annual reporting moving forward to enable consistent fact basis



**WSWA:** Assisted in wholesaler survey design and execution with members



**ABL:** Assisted in on- and off-premise retailer survey design and execution with members



**NABCA:** Provided in-depth view of craft distillers using control state data



# What Constitutes a Craft Spirit?



- There is no universally accepted definition of craft spirits in the industry, and the expression “craft spirit” is not protected in any way
  - Given the positive trends for craft spirits from a consumer perspective (e.g., premium to other spirits, rising demand), there is a natural incentive for brands to utilize craft spirits cues and position themselves as a craft spirit
  - The industry has responded with different definition attempts based on criteria for the producer of the craft spirit including production steps at the location, ownership and operational control of the distillery, subscription to an ethics code based on honesty and transparency, production methodology, and size of production
  - Many of the criteria used or suggested by industry members would require a formal certification or peer approval process in order to be used as a universal base for quantification purposes
  - As long as a universally accepted craft spirits certification or approval that could be used as an industry wide criteria remains unavailable, the quantification has to rely on certain verifiable quantitative metrics which are complemented by estimates to bridge gaps
  - Looking at the manufacturer, size of production, ownership/control, and production specifics are criteria that could possibly be measurable and verifiable. However, the consistent collection of the data is not without barriers and could be very cumbersome, which suggests the potential use of a pragmatic approach
- U.S. craft spirits, as defined pragmatically for the purposes of the research, are distilled spirits that are produced in the U.S. by licensed producers that have not more than 750,000 proof gallons (or 394,317 9L cases) removed from bond, market themselves as craft, are not openly controlled by a large supplier, and have no proven violation of the ACSA Code of Ethics

# Craft Distillers by Size – Classification Definition



|                                    | <b>Range of gallons removed from bond annually*</b> | <b>Range of 9L cases removed from bonds annually*</b> | <b>Characteristics</b>   |
|------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>Large craft distiller</b>       | 100,001 – 750,000                                   | 52,577 - 394,317                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Often nationally distributed</li> <li>▪ If negative cash flow, then by choice in favor of investment</li> </ul> |
| <b>Medium-size craft distiller</b> | 10,001- 100,000                                     | 5,259 – 52,576  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Often regionally distributed</li> <li>▪ Often still cash flow negative</li> </ul>                               |
| <b>Small craft distiller</b>       | 1- 10,000   | 1 - 5,258   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Often only locally distributed</li> <li>▪ If no on-premise business, typically cash flow negative</li> </ul>    |

# Overview and Update on the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act



The Act provides for reduced tax rates on distilled spirits, wine, and beer for the 2018 and 2019 calendar years

There are two reduced tiers for Distilled Spirits

- The first 100,000 proof gallons will be charged at \$2.70 per proof gallon
- Over 100,000 proof gallons up to 22,230,000 proof gallons will be charged \$13.34 per proof gallon

The tax reduction is set to expire at the end of 2019

