

Cincinnati again tops nation in this craft beer ranking



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Cincinnati for the second-year running has topped the nation in a ranking of the best craft beer cities in America.

SmartAsset, a financial technology and analytics company, has ranked Cincinnati No. 1 in its list of the best cities for beer drinkers, the same spot the Queen City held on last year's list. SmartAsset compared 384 cities across the U.S., looking at the total number of breweries in each city, breweries per 100,000 residents, average number of beers per brewery, bars per 100,000 residents and the average price of a pint.

The full ranking of top beer cities is as follows

1. Cincinnati
2. Asheville, N.C.
3. St. Louis
4. Portland, Ore.
5. Pittsburgh
6. Denver
7. Bend, Ore.
8. Madison, Wis.
9. Missoula, Mont.
10. Cleveland

Dayton also made the list of top beer cities (No. 50), along with Columbus (No. 27).

Key Metric Findings in this survey

- **Priciest pint will cost you a Hamilton.** The most expensive average pint in the country is in San Leandro, California, a suburban town in the San Francisco Bay Area. The average pint in this town is a whopping \$10, compared to the average price of \$4.59 across all 384 cities in the study.
- **Best to belly up to the bar in mid-sized cities.** If you're a beer drinker, don't look to the biggest cities in the country. Instead, consider cities in the next tier down in terms of size. Eight of the top 10 cities in our study – all except Portland, Oregon and Denver, Colorado – have a population of 400,000 or fewer residents.
- **The top 10 cities are brimming with breweries.** The average number of breweries per 100,000 residents is 3.88 across the whole study, it is more than triple this figure across the top 10, at 12.47.
- **1. Cincinnati, OH** - For the second consecutive year, Cincinnati, Ohio is the best city in America for beer drinkers. There are 31 breweries in the Queen City, the 10th-highest number for this metric in the study. That comes to 10.20 breweries per 100,000 residents, ranking 22nd out of 384 cities. Cincinnati breweries offer, on average, around 112 different beers, ranking 18th out of 384 cities.
- **2. Asheville, NC** - Asheville, North Carolina makes the top 10 of this study yet again. The city has the second-highest number of breweries per 100,000 people in the study. There are 26 total breweries in Asheville, the 16th-highest figure in this metric across the 384 cities we analyzed.
- **3. St. Louis, MO** - There are 33.60 bars per 100,000 people in St. Louis, Missouri, the 18th-highest rate in this study and a density that gives locals plenty of watering holes to choose from. St. Louis has 23 breweries within its limits, ranking 27th for this metric. St. Louis ties for 81st, just inside the top quartile of the study, in terms of the price of an average pint, at \$4.00.
- **4. Portland, OR** - In fitting with the city's hipster credentials, there are 72 breweries in Portland, the fourth-highest rate for this metric of any city we studied. Though Portland has a relatively large population of more than 653,000, that still comes to more than 11 breweries for every 100,000 residents, the 15th-highest rate of any city included in this analysis. There are also more than 41 bars in Portland per 100,000 residents, ranking ninth out of 384 cities.
- **5. Pittsburgh, PA** - The 24 breweries in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania give the city a 23rd-place ranking for total number of breweries. There are also plenty of places to drink both these local brews and more well-known malt beverages, as there are more than 30 bars per every 100,000 residents, good enough for 22nd place. The average price of a pint in Pittsburgh is \$4.00, tied for 81st overall.
- **6. Denver, CO** - Denver, Colorado is home to 80 breweries, the second-highest total of the 384 cities we analyzed. That comes to 11 breweries per 100,000 residents, which places the Mile-High City at 16th for that metric. That said, the average price of a pint in Denver is \$5.00, which is a bit more expensive than some of the other cities in this study, placing Denver in the bottom half of the study for that metric.
- **7. Bend, OR** - Bend, Oregon has nearly 25 breweries for every 100,000 residents, ranking third for this metric. There are about 100,000 citizens in Bend, so that means the raw number of breweries is also 25, the 20th-highest rate of the 384 cities we analyzed. A pint in Bend costs, on average, \$4.50, which is a bit more expensive than some of the other cities on this list but still not as pricey as almost half the places examined, as it ranks 204th of 384 for that metric.
- **8. Madison, WI** - Madison, Wisconsin is a college town, but don't let that trick you into thinking it's all Busch Lite and Keystone. There are 17 breweries in Madison, which is the 44th-highest rate for this metric in the study, a top quintile finish. Madison ranks 30th in terms of the number of bars per 100,000 residents, at around 28, so students and others have plenty of places to get a brew and a basket of cheese curds to celebrate a Wisconsin Badgers victory. A pint costs, on average, \$4.00.
- **9. Missoula, MT** - Missoula only has nine total breweries, ranking 86th out of 384 for this metric. The relatively small population of 75,500, though, means that has nearly 12 breweries per 100,000 residents, which puts the college town at 13th for that metric. The low cost of cold one here may be the best thing Missoula has to offer to beer drinkers. The average price of a pint is just \$3.50, which is the 35th-best price on this list.
- **10. Cleveland, OH** - The final city in the top 10 of this list is Cleveland, Ohio, which has 21 breweries within its borders, the 31st-highest number across all the cities we analyzed. The city has about 59 beers per brewery, ranking 106th out of 384 for this metric. The average cost of a pint in Cleveland is \$4.00.



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OUR HOURS ARE CHANGING

While we as a community continue to work through the challenges created by COVID19, as a small business in the brewing and restaurant industries, we have to continue to adapt to the reality of our market. With the concerns by patrons to return to normalcy prior to a COVID19 vaccination along with the cold winter in front of us, we will be **CLOSED on Mondays & Tuesdays thru the months of December & January**. During these days, Take-Out from Zabloug Peculiar Pizza will also not be available.

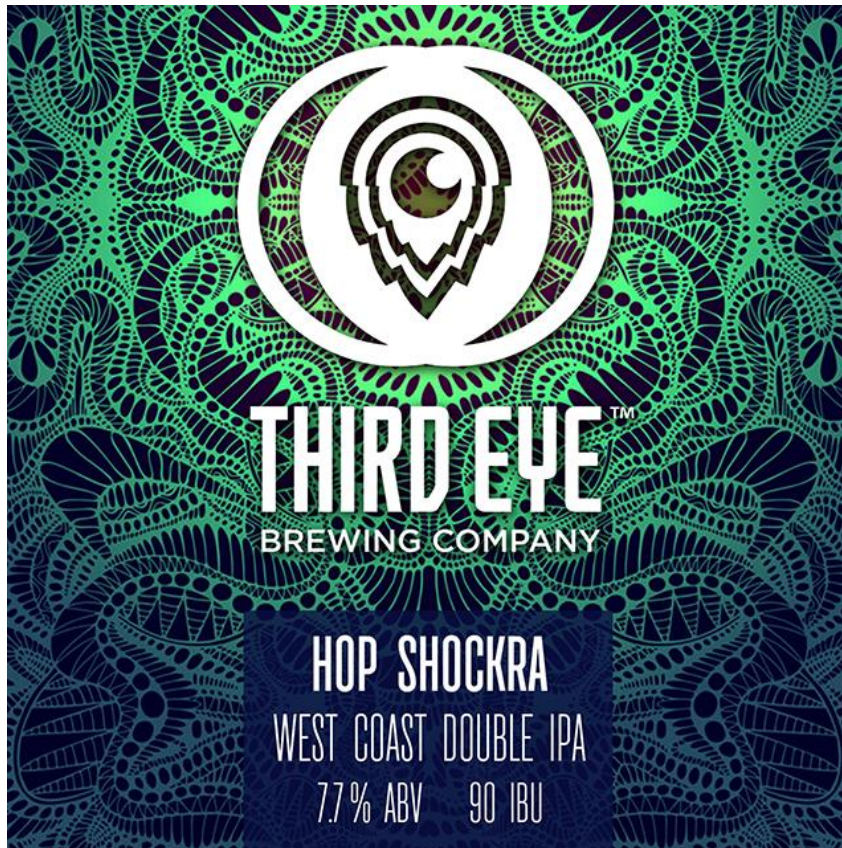


This Saturday is our Third Year Anniversary! We are releasing a new beer called 10,000 skittles. It is a fruity beer which mimics all five flavors of skittles. This kettle sour is loaded with the flavors of Lemon, Lime, Cherry, Orange, and Grape. This tart brew will be an awesome way to toast Three Years.



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Urban Artifact closes taproom indefinitely following Covid-19 case



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A Cincinnati craft brewery is temporarily closing its taproom and shifting its business model following the positive diagnosis of Covid-19 in an employee.

Urban Artifact at 1600 Blue Rock St. in Northside announced on Dec. 15 the taproom will remain closed until all of its employees receive negative tests, and when it does reopen it will not be for typical bar service. "This is not something that we take lightly," the brewery wrote in a Facebook post.

The brewery wrote its taproom will shift to a carryout- and pickup-only model when it does reopen. Its online store remains open to ship orders to consumers.

Restaurants and bars have struggled amid surging cases of Covid-19 in Ohio, operating under restrictions that limit their capacity by requiring parties of 10 or fewer all be separated by 6 feet of space or a physical barrier, creating a de-facto reduction in their ability to serve guests. Ohio has also extended a 10 p.m. curfew that requires bars and restaurants to close by that time.

Establishments have attempted a variety of different methods to weather the impact of the coronavirus pandemic as winter approaches, with some installing outdoor heaters or igloos to expand available seating as temperatures drop, and others making the decision to close for the winter or indefinitely.