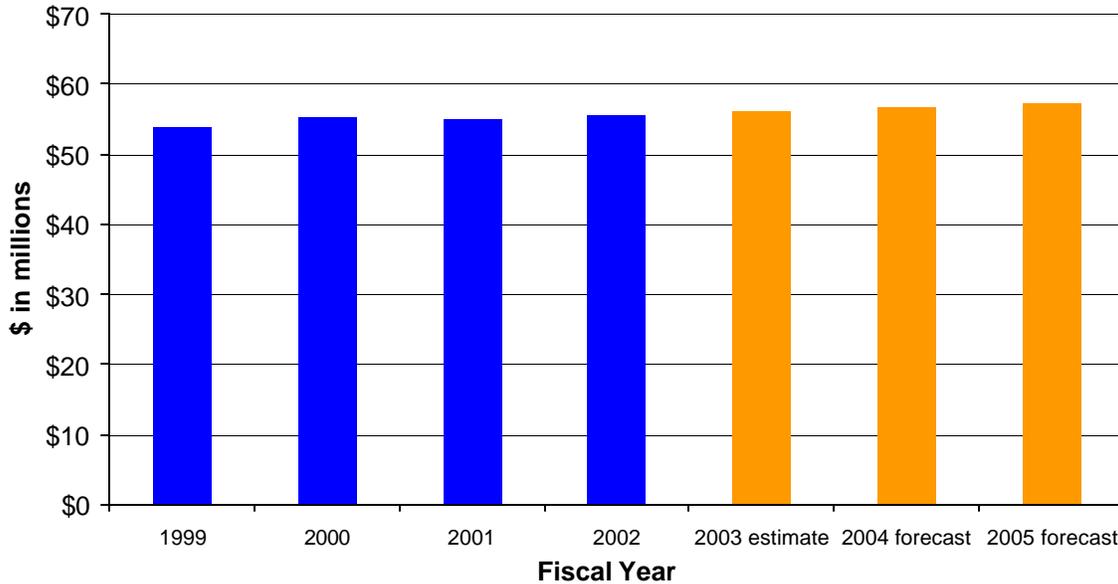


Alcoholic Beverage Tax

GRF Revenues from the Alcoholic Beverage Tax
(in millions)



	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast	Forecast
Alcoholic Beverage	\$53.8	\$55.3	\$55.0	\$55.7	\$56.3	\$56.7	\$57.4
growth	2.6%	2.8%	-0.4%	1.3%	1.0%	0.7%	1.2%

The alcoholic beverage tax applies to sales of beer, malt beverages, wine, and mixed alcoholic beverages. The tax is based on a per-container rate depending on the type of beverage sold. Beer is taxed at varying rates that are equivalent to 0.14 cents per ounce (about 10 cents for a six-pack of 12 oz containers). Wine less than 14 percent alcohol by volume is taxed at 32 cents per gallon (about 5.4 cents for a standard 750 ml⁷ bottle). Wine between 14 percent and 21 percent alcohol by volume is taxed at \$1.00 per gallon (or 17.0 cents for a standard 750 ml bottle). Mixed beverages are taxed \$1.20 per gallon (or 20.4 cents for a standard 750 ml bottle). Major exemptions to the tax are sacramental wine, sales to the federal government, and sales in interstate commerce. Revenue is deposited in the General Revenue Fund with two exceptions. One percent of the tax is deposited in the Beverage Tax Administration Fund and five cents per gallon of wine is deposited into the Ohio Grape Industries Special Account. The forecast for the alcoholic beverage tax revenue is based on trend analysis of the contribution of each alcoholic beverage to the tax base in the last few years.

⁷ This is a three-fourths liter bottle.