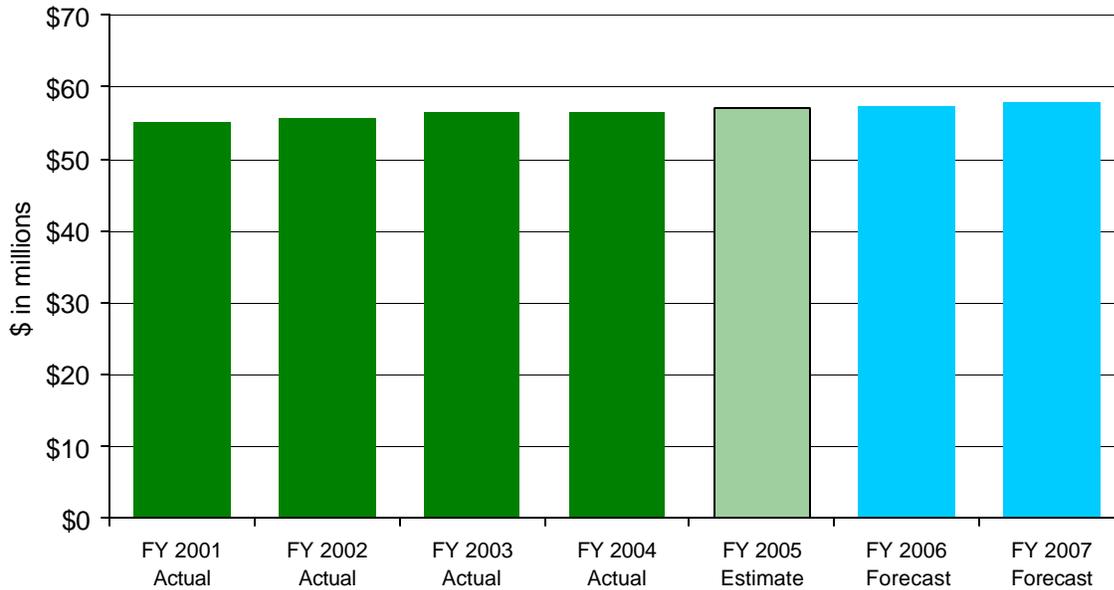


Alcoholic Beverage Tax

GRF Revenues from the Alcoholic Beverage Tax
 (in millions)



	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Estimate	FY 2006 Forecast	FY 2007 Forecast
Revenue	\$55.0	\$55.7	\$56.6	\$56.5	\$57.0	\$57.5	\$57.8
Growth	-0.5%	1.3%	1.5%	-0.2%	1.0%	0.8%	0.5%

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 for bottles and cans with less than 12 ounces (about 10 cents for a six-pack of 12 ounce containers). Wine containing less than 14% alcohol by volume is taxed at 32 cents per gallon (about 5.4 cents for a standard 750 ml bottle). Wine with between 14% and 21% 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 5 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 a trend analysis of the contribution of each alcoholic beverage to the tax base in the last few years.