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Oregon spirits are up \$2 million compared to last January

PORTLAND, Ore. – Distilled spirits sales for the month of January are up 6.2 percent in 2014 compared to January 2013. According to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, that is a \$2.2 million increase in sales year over year.

The number of cases of spirits sold across the state totaled 217,700 in January, which is an increase of 7,600 cases or 3.6 percent over January last year.

The percent of increase for dollar sales is almost double the volume sales, which is an indicator that Oregonians aren't necessarily purchasing more alcohol, they are buying more expensive alcohol. "This is both a sign of Oregon's general economic recovery and a great result for the state, counties, and cities that use the dollars to fund law enforcement, schools, and alcohol and drug addiction programs," says Steven Marks, OLCC Executive Director.

Distilled spirits purchases from liquor-licensed business such as restaurants and bars are up 5.7 percent in January, which is \$500,000 more than January 2013. However, most of the increase comes from sales to individuals – 6.4 percent or \$1.7 million.

<u>Type of Sale</u>	<u>January 2014</u>	<u>January 2013</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>
Licensees	\$ 9,326,567.29	\$ 8,825,813.88	\$ 500,753.41	5.67%
Individuals	28,167,450.16	26,469,249.52	1,698,200.64	6.42%
	<u>\$ 37,494,017.45</u>	<u>\$ 35,295,063.40</u>	<u>\$ 2,198,954.05</u>	<u>6.23%</u>

*Did you know that in the last two years, the OLCC distributed more than **\$397 million** to Oregon's General Fund, Cities, Counties, and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs? [See the distribution of dollars on OLCC's Website.](#)*

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