

Top 40 brewers

The world's top 40 brewing groups as of 31 December 2019

The data was taken from the brewers' own annual reports. In other cases, after different sources had reported differing figures, or where no figures were available, the production volume had to be estimated.

Ranking	Brewery	Country	Beer output 2019 in mill. hl	Share of world beer production
1	AB InBev	Belgium	561.4	29.3 %
2	Heineken	Netherlands	241.4	12.6 %
3	China Res. Snow Breweries	China	114.3	6.0 %
4	Carlsberg	Denmark	112.5	5.9 %
5	Molson Coors	USA/Canada	92.7	4.8 %
6	Tsingtao Brewery Group	China	80.5	4.2 %
7	Asahi	Japan	57.3	3.0 %
8	Yanjing	China	38.2	2.0 %
9	BGI / Groupe Castel	France	36.7	1.9 %
10	Efes Group	Turkey	36.2	1.9 %
11	Grupo Petrópolis	Brasil	29.5	1.5 %
12	Constellation Brands	USA	28.5	1.5 %
13	Kirin	Japan	28.0	1.5 %
14	Diageo (Guinness)	Ireland	26.0	1.4 %
15	San Miguel Corporation	Philippines	25.0	1.3 %
16	Saigon Beverage Corp. (SABECO)	Vietnam	18.0	0.9 %
17	CCU	Chile	14.7	0.8 %
18	Singha Corporation	Thailand	13.9	0.7 %
19	Grupo Mahou - San Miguel	Spain	13.7	0.7 %
20	United Breweries	India	13.5	0.7 %
21	Pearl River	China	12.5	0.7 %
22	Damm	Spain	12.1	0.6 %
23	Radeberger Gruppe	Germany	11.6	0.6 %
24	TCB Beteiligungsgesellschaft mbH	Germany	9.1	0.5 %
25	Beer Thai (Chang)	Thailand	9.0	0.5 %
26	Suntory	Japan	9.0	0.5 %
27	Swinkels Family Brewers	Netherlands	8.4	0.4 %
28	Oettinger	Germany	8.0	0.4 %
29	Sapporo	Japan	8.0	0.4 %
30	Bitburger Braugruppe	Germany	6.5	0.3 %
31	Krombacher	Germany	6.3	0.3 %
32	Paulaner Brauerei Gruppe	Germany	6.0	0.3 %
33	HiteJinro	South Korea	5.6	0.3 %
34	Gold Star	China	5.0	0.3 %
35	Hanoi Beverage Corp. (HABECO)	Vietnam	4.3	0.2 %
36	Obolon	Ukraine	4.3	0.2 %
37	Olvi Group	Finland	4.1	0.2 %
38	Warsteiner	Germany	3.9	0.2 %
39	Royal Unibrew	Denmark	3.8	0.2 %
40	Estrella de Galicia	Spain	3.5	0.2 %
TOTAL			1,723.0	90.1 %
WORLD BEER PRODUCTION 2019			1,913.0	100.0 %

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Mergers & acquisitions

AB InBev reached an agreement with **Asahi** on the sale of its Australian breweries known by the name of **Carlton & United Breweries (CUB)**. As this transaction had not been approved by the competition authority by the end of the year, however, **CUB's** output (approx. 7.2m hl) is contained in **ABI's** figures.

The other merger and acquisition activities were once again focused on the craft brewers. For example, the Colorado-based **New Belgium Brewing Company** was sold to **Lion Little World Beverages**, a subsidiary of the Japanese Kirin Group. **Lion** also acquired **Magic Rock Brewing** in the United Kingdom. **Boston Beer** (known for the brand Samuel Adams) merged with the **Dogfish**

Head Brewery based in the State of Delaware, which is known for its unusual and innovative beers. There was also one significant sale: the **Constellation Brands** brewing group sold **Ballast Point**, California, which it had only acquired in 2016, to a mini-brewery called **Kings & Convicts**, Illinois. This change of ownership had no effect on the rankings of the top 40 brewing groups, however.

The beer output of the 40 largest brewing groups rose slightly year on year. There were some changes in the rankings. Venezuela's **Polar** was ousted from the list of the world's top 40 brewing groups by **Estrella de Galicia** of Spain.