

Top 25 List

Breweries

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Minnesota breweries ranked by barrels produced in 2007

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Rank	Name/Address/Phone	Barrels produced in 2007	Sample of styles produced ¹	Minnesota employees	Year founded	Popular brands ¹	TOP MN executive Headquarters Web site
1	August Schell Brewing Co. 1860 Schell Road New Ulm, MN 56073 (507) 354-5528	84,400	Pilsner, pale ale, Vienna lagers, weizen, oktoberfest, doppelbocks, stout, bocks, kölsch, American lagers	45 1860		August Schell Firebrick, August Schell Oktoberfest, Grain Belt Premium, August Schell Original	Ted Marti New Ulm schellsbrewery.com
2	Summit Brewing Co. 901 Montreal Circle St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 265-7800	79,796	Extra pale ale, India pale ale, pilsner, extra special bitter, porter, oatmeal stout, oktoberfest, winter ale, maibock	48 1986		Summit Extra Pale Ale, Summit Oktoberfest, Summit Winter Ale, Summit Maibock, Summit IPA	Mark Stutrud St. Paul summitbrewing.com
3	Cold Spring Brewery 219 Red River Ave. N. Cold Spring, MN 56320 (320) 685-8686	60,000	Lagers, ales, wheat, malternatives	300 1874		Cold Spring Crafts, Sifta, Gluek's, Northern, Cold Spring Hard Lemonade	Maurice Bryan Cold Spring coldspringbrewery.com
4	Blue Diamond Brewing Co.² 26 N. Dale St., Suite 112 St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 221-0899	4,972	NP	NP 1992		Brewer's Cave Golden Caramel Lager, Roasted Black Barley Ale, Amber Wheat, Blue Diamond Lager	Frank Yarusso St. Paul bluediamondbrewingco.com
5	Granite City Food & Brewery 5402 Parkdale Drive, Suite 10 St. Louis Park, MN 55416 (952) 215-0660	4,280	Lagers and ales ranging from light to dark, bocks and stouts	612 1999		Northern Light Lager, Benedict Bock, Duke IPA, Oktoberfest, Broad Axe Stout	Tim Cary St. Louis Park gcb.com
6	Finnegans Inc.³ 335 E. 18th St. Minneapolis, MN 55404 (612) 501-7707	3,521	Ale	14 2000		Finnegans Irish Amber	Jacque Berglund Minneapolis finnegans.org
7	Surly Brewing Co. 4811 Dusharme Drive Brooklyn Center, MN 55429 (763) 535-3330	2,500	IPA, saison, brown ale, bitter, rye lager	7 2006		Furious, Bender, Cynic, Surlyfest, Coffee Bender	Ornar Ansari Brooklyn Center surlybrewing.com
8	Lake Superior Brewing Co. 2711 W. Superior St. Duluth, MN 55806 (218) 723-4000	2,100	Kölsch, bock, hefe weizen, stout, English bitter, barley wine	3 1994		Special Ale, Kayak Kölsch, Messabi Red, St. Duluth Oatmeal Stout, Old Man Winter Warmer	Don Hoag Duluth lakesuperiorbrewing.com
9	Brau Bros. Brewing Co. 201 First St. Lucan, MN 56255 (507) 747-2337	1,300	Strawberry wheat, pilsner, pale ale, stout, Scotch ale, oatmeal stout, brown ale, Belgian pale ale	6 2006		Brau Scotch Ale, Brau Strawberry Wheat, Ring Neck, Braun Ale, Framme Straightener, Belgian Pale Ale	Dustin Brau Lucan braubros.com
10	Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery⁴ 800 La Salle Plaza Minneapolis, MN 55402 (612) 332-2739	1,169	Pale ale, all malt lager, nut brown ale, Vienna style lager, oatmeal stout, India pale ales, bocks	65 1993		Norstar Premium Lager, Itasca Extra Pale Ale, Erik the Red Lager, BigHorn Nut Brown Ale	Jim Gose Louisville, Colo. rockbottom.com
11	The Herkimer Pub & Brewery 2922 Lyndale Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN 55408 (612) 821-0101	942	Predominantly German lagers	24 1999		Handy's Lager, Sky Pilot Kellerbier, Red Flyer, Marzen, High Point Dunder, Alt Bier	Chad Jarmrozcy Minneapolis theherkimer.com
12	Flat Earth Brewing Co. 2035 Benson Ave. St. Paul, MN 55116 (651) 698-1945	451	Belgian pale ale, California common, American pale ale, porter, tripple, English barley-wine, English pale ale	1 2006		Belgian Pale Ale, Cygnus X-1 Porter, Black Helicopter Coffee Stout, Element 115 Lager	Cathie Williamson St. Paul flatearthisbrewing.com
13	Barley John's Brew Pub 781 Old Highway Eight SW New Brighton, MN 55112 (651) 636-4670	250	Several styles	NP 2000		Little Barley Bitter, Wild Brunette (Wild Rice Brown Ale), Stockyard IPA, Old Eight Porter	John Moore New Brighton barleyjohns.com

WINNING BREW

Several breweries on the list have won national and international awards for their beers in recent years, including:

August Schell Brewing:

Great American Beer Festival silver medal, 2006
Summit Brewing: Great American Beer Festival bronze medal, 2007;

World Expo of Beer first and third place, 2008

Surly Brewing: Great American Beer Festival gold medal, 2007

FOOTNOTES

Abbreviations:
IPA = India pale ale
NP = Not provided

Footnotes:

1. Edited to fit
2. Contract brewed
3. A contract brewer will all profits given to local charities
4. Barrels produced in Minnesota only

Note:

Several breweries are in the process of becoming operational and don't qualify for the list: Lift Bridge Brewery in Stillwater, Mandorville Brewing Co. in Mandorville and St. Croix Brewing Co. in St. Paul

Source: Company representatives