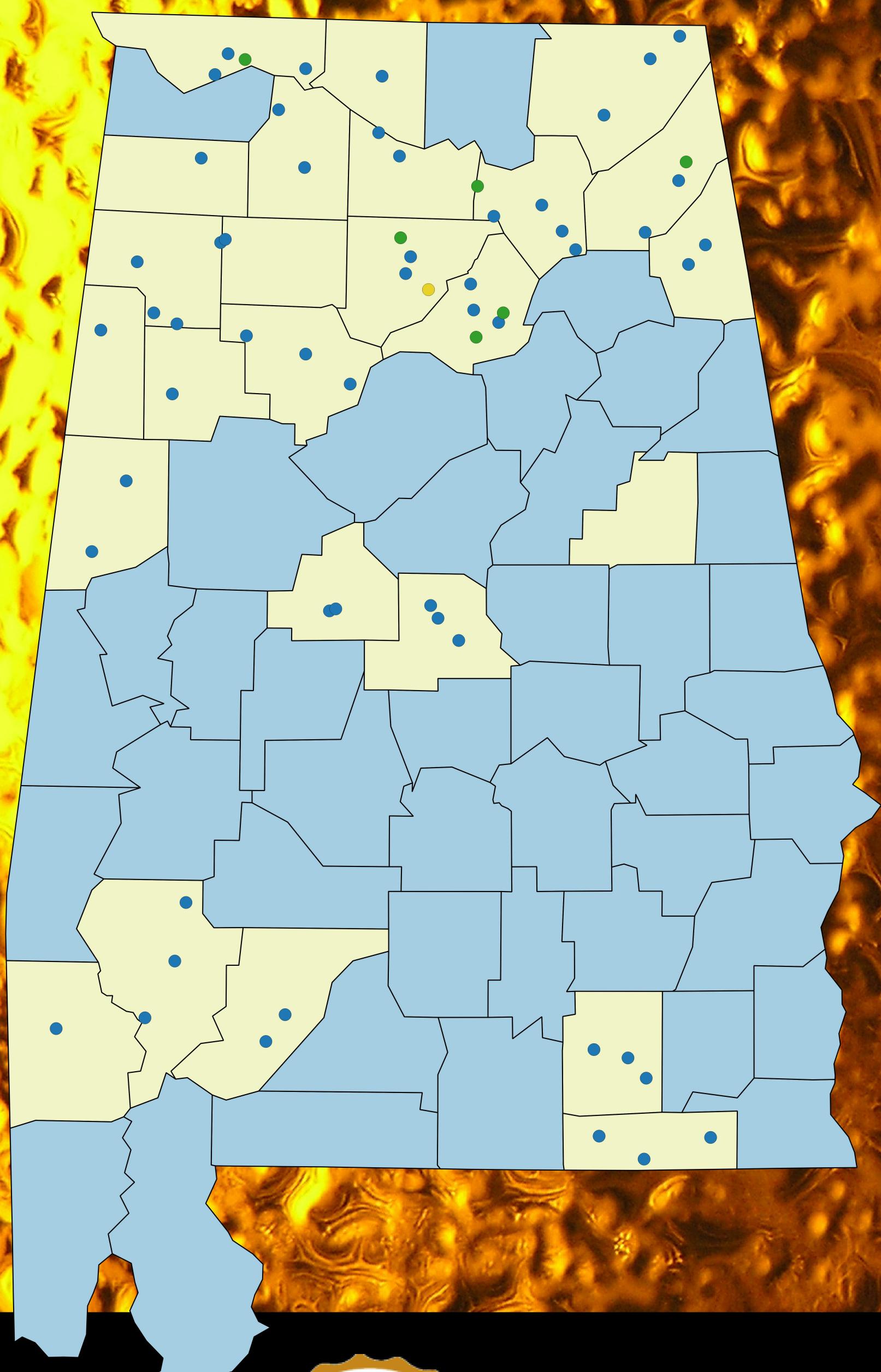


# Public Policy and Craft Brewing in Alabama



These maps examine Alabama policies affecting craft brewers. They display:

- The State's dry and wet counties.
- 'Wet' cities/facilities within dry counties.
- Counties eligible to allow the operation of brewpubs (also called taprooms) that can serve beer consumed on premises.

Alabama Code § 28-4A-3 limits brewpubs to those wet municipalities or counties that operated brewpubs prior to the ratification of the 18th Amendment. It was changed in 2011 (Brewery Modernization Act, SB192) to allow:

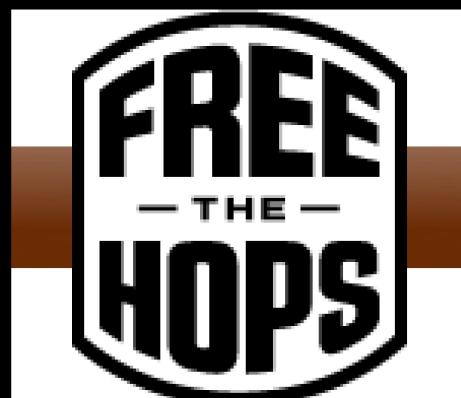
- Brewers to sell beer to be consumed on premises to the public.
- Provide brewery tours.
- Operate a restaurant on premises
- Offer free samples.
- Removed the requirement to operate only in historic buildings.
- Removed the requirement to operate an 80-seat restaurant on premises.

The changes allow brewers to build relationships with their customers.

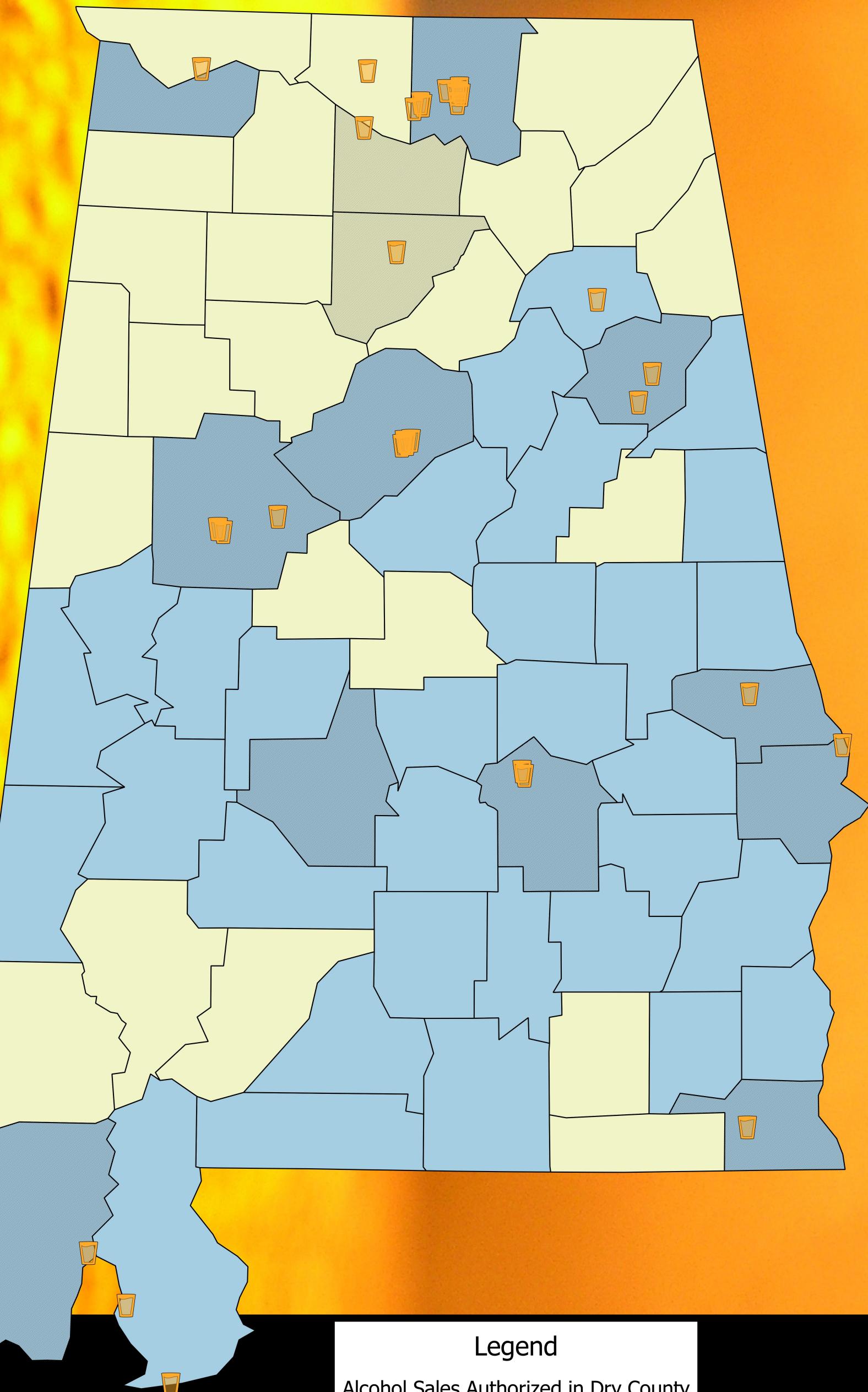
At the time of the bill's passage the State had only five breweries.

Purchasing beer for off premises consumption must still take place through the three-tier system (through a separate retailer). The three-tier system requires brewers, distributors, and retailers to be unique and separate entities. The Alcohol Bureau is debating lifting this ban also.

1:1,600,000 map scale



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Data Sources: Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (<http://abcboard.alabama.gov/>)  
US Census Bureau (<https://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/data/tiger.html>)  
Brewers Association (<https://www.brewersassociation.org/>)  
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Legend	
Alcohol Sales Authorized in Dry County	
●	Golf Course or Country Club
●	Wet City
●	Wet City – Beer only
■	Craft Brewery
Brewpubs Authorized	
County Type	
■	Dry
■	Wet