



FEES FROM THE SALE OF MINIATURE SPIRITS BOTTLES

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FIFTH ROUND OF PAYMENTS SENT OUT TO MUNICIPALITIES (BY END OF APRIL)

- As a reminder, municipalities receive \$0.05 per miniature bottle of spirits sold in their town pursuant to P.A. 21-58.

Period	Container Count	Total Fees Paid
Oct 21 – Mar 22	37,599,234	\$1,879,961.70
Apr 22 – Sept 22	46,569,131	\$2,328,456.55
Oct 22 – Mar 23	48,264,561	\$2,413,228.05
Apr 23 – Sept 23	47,297,793	\$2,364,889.65
Oct 23 - Mar 24	47,775,691	\$2,388,784.55
TOTALS FOR PAST 12 MONTHS	95,073,484	\$4,753,674

MINI COLLECTION IN THOMPSON, CT – OCTOBER 2020 (48,244 CONTAINERS)



HOW ARE THESE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED?

- Public Act 21-58 specifies that “All payments received by any municipality... **shall be expended by such municipality on environmental measures intended to reduce the generation of solid waste in such municipality or reduce the impact of litter caused by such solid waste,** including, but not limited to, the hiring of a recycling coordinator, the installation of storm drain filters designed to block solid waste and beverage container debris or the purchase of mechanical street sweeper, vacuum or broom that removes litter, including, but not limited to, such beverage containers and other debris from streets, sidewalks and abutting lawn and turf areas.”



RELATED RESOURCES

- Recording from Jan 20, 2023 - [Sustainable CT Coffee Hour: Using the Mini Liquor Bottle Fund to Reduce Waste in your Community](#)
- CT Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) [2023 Annual Report](#) contained survey results on how towns were using funds (see page 42 of this report)

PAYMENTS TO MUNICIPALITIES FROM FEES ON MINIATURE ALCOHOL BOTTLES

Payment summaries are posted on this DEEP webpage:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Reduce-Reuse-Recycle/Bottles/Bottle-Bill-Stakeholder-Process>
(Scroll down to the “Payments to Municipalities from Fees on Miniature Alcohol Bottles” section of the page)

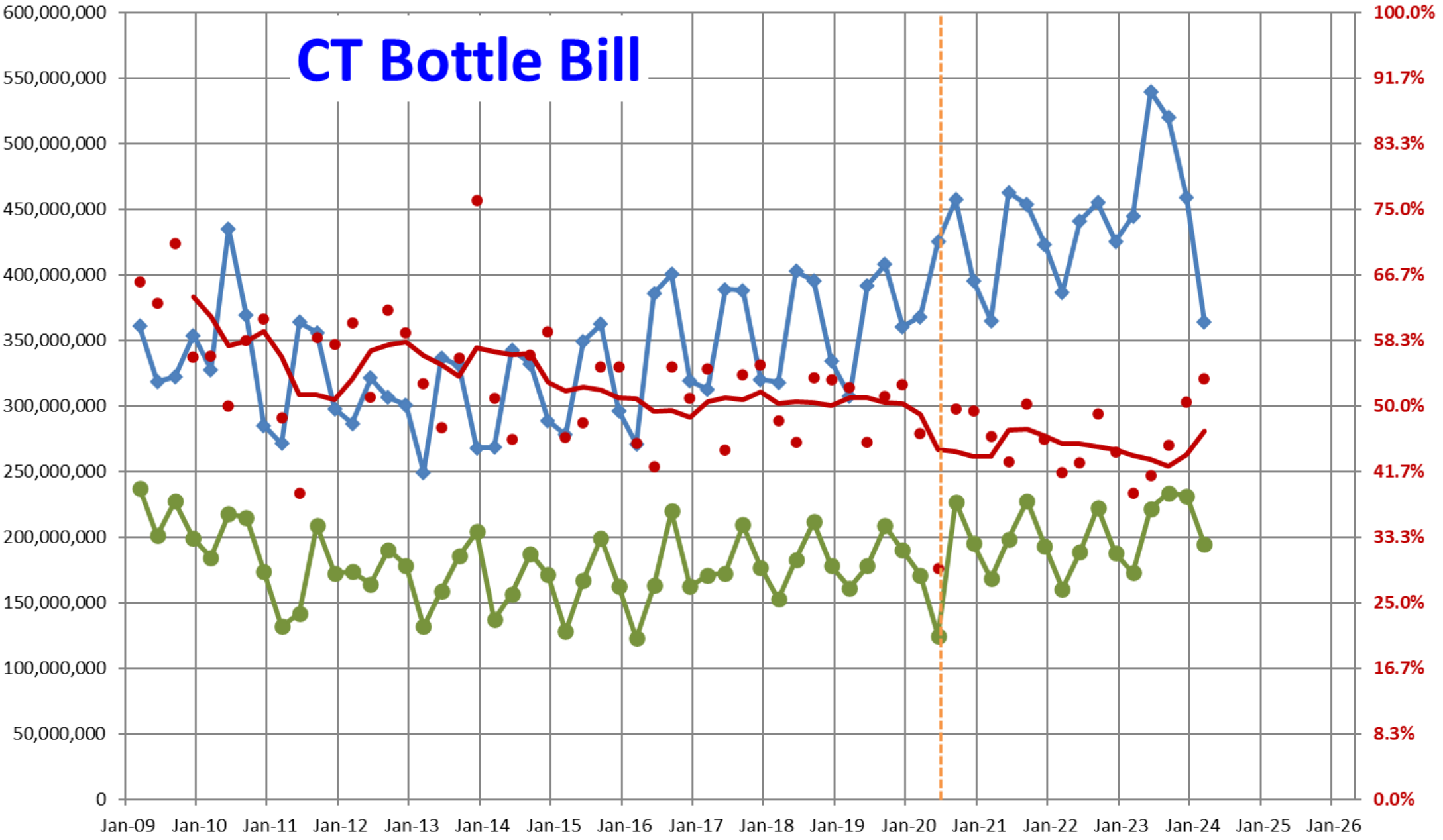
- [Payments to towns for 10/01/21-03/31/22](#)
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- [Payments to towns for 10/01/22-03/31/2023](#)
- [Payments to towns for 04/01/23- 09/30/23](#)
- **Payments to towns for 10/01/23-03/31/24 - Coming Soon**

QUICK BOTTLE BILL UPDATE

- CT deposit increased from 5 cents to 10 cents as of 01/01/24
- How did this impact redemption rates?
 - Q1 2020 – 46.5%
 - Q1 2021 – 46.1%
 - Q1 2022 – 41.5%
 - Q1 2023 – 43.7%
 - Q1 2024 – 53.5%
- Potential factors influencing redemption rate calculation:
 - Consumers held Dec empties to redeem in Jan
 - Cross-border fraud
 - Lag in data being reported to CT DRS
- Q2 2024 data might be a better indicator

CT Bottle Bill

Number of Containers



Percent Redeemed

◆ Number of Containers Sold ● Number of Containers Redeemed ● Quarterly Redemption Rate — Rolling 4-Quarter Redemption Rate