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It's easier than ever to tour or visit a local brewery.

Adopted the independent craft brewer seal, representing more than 85% of the craft beer brewed in the U.S.

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500,000 Jobs
Craft beer's jobs impact. A 4% increase over 2017.

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