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The Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control says it has seen sales increase to record-breaking levels consecutively for the past 16 years.

The agency that runs 350 shops saw a profit of \$140 million in the fiscal year that ended June 30.

Gross wholesale and retail sales increased nearly 4 percent to \$801 million. Sales at retail stores grew nearly 5 percent while sales to restaurants increased nearly 2 percent.



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