What determines the capacity of a brewery?

1) The amount of wort made with one batch

With each system, it takes approximately 7 to 8 hours to complete a single batch. This is the time it takes to carry out all the processes that occur inside the brewhouse: heating the water, mashing, lautering, adding hops and transferring the wort into the fermentation tank.

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2) Number of batches (cycles) in 24 hours

Some brewhouse designs enable simultaneous process execution in separate tanks, so it is possible to start mashing a new quantity of malt even before the wort has been transferred from the kettle into the fermenter (knock-out). In this case, the time needed to complete a brewing cycle is substantially reduced.

3) Number of fermentation and maturation tanks at disposal

There is a big difference between the capacity of a brewhouse and that of a brewery.

A large brewhouse capacity is no use if you do not have a suitable amount of storage units, which is what ultimately determines the brewery's capacity. You can only make as much wort as you are able to transfer into fermentation and maturation tanks.

Beer needs approximately 3 to 4 weeks to mature, depending on the type.

See below a table with Škrlj brewhouse and microbrewery systems. The table contains data on the max. number of cycles (batches) that can be completed with the brewhouse in one day and the duration of a single cycle within the specified number of cycles (cycle time). The table can be used to compare different brewhouse systems.

The nominal volume of a brewhouse (incorporated in the brewhouse name) equals the max. amount of wort that can be produced with one batch. The weekly/monthly/annual brewery capacity of a specific configuration can only be calculated based on the number of fermentation and maturation tanks at disposal.

	BHM mini systems	Number of tanks	MM / LT	K/W	ММ	LT	К	W	WTX	СТХ	Max. number of cycles / 24 h	Cycle time
BHM 250 L		2	V	V					+	+	4	5 h
BHM 500 L	MM/LT K/W	2	V	V					+	+	4	5 h

Legend:

ММ	mash mixer	W	whirlpool	\checkmark	part of basic configuration
LT	lauter tun	WTX	hot water tank		order separately
К	kettle	СТХ	cold water tank	т	order separately

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	BH2 systems	Number of tanks	MM / LT	K/W	ММ	LT	К	W	WTX	СТХ	Max. number of cycles / 24 h	Cycle time
BH2 10 HL		2	✓ upper part of com- bined tank	V					√ lower part of com- bined tank	+	4	5 h
BH2 20 HL	MM/LT	2	✓ upper part of com- bined tank	\checkmark					✓ lower part of com- bined tank	+	4	6 h
BH2 25 HL		2	✓ upper part of com- bined tank	V					√ lower part of com- bined tank	+	4	6 h

Legend:

ММ	mash mixer	w	whirlpool	\checkmark	part of basic configuration
LT K	lauter tun kettle	WTX CTX	hot water tank cold water tank	+	order separately

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	BH3 systems	Number of tanks	MM / LT	K/W	ММ	LT	К	W	WTX	СТХ	Max. number of cycles / 24 h	Cycle time
BH3 10 HL		3	✓ upper part of com- bined tank				V	✓ lower part of com- bined tank	+	+	6	4 h
BH3 20 HL		3	✓ upper part of com- bined tank				V	✓ lower part of com- bined tank	+	+	6	4 h
BH3 25 HL		3	✓ upper part of com- bined tank				V	✓ lower part of com- bined tank	+	+	6	4 h

Legend:

мм	mash mixer	w	whirlpool	\checkmark	part of basic configuration
LT K	lauter tank kettle	WTX СТХ	hot water tank cold water tank	+	order separately
n	Kettle	CIX	cold water tank		

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	MB systems	Number of tanks	MM / LT	K/W	ММ	LT	К	w	WTX	СТХ	Max. number of cycles / 24 h	Cycle time
MB2 40 HL	MM/LT	4	V	V					+	+	4	6 h
MB3 40 HL	W K MM/LT CTX WTX	5	\checkmark				V	V	+	+	6	4 h
MB4 40 HL		б			\checkmark	V	V	V	+	+	8	3 h
MB5 40 HL	WTX CTX MM/LT K	7	√ 2x				√ 2x	V	+	+	11	2 h

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Legen	d:				
MM LT K	mash mixer lauter tun kettle	W WTX CTX	whirlpool hot water tank cold water tank	√ +	part of basic configuration additional equipment