

Was trinken die Deutschen? das BIER, die Biere

10 FASCINATING FACTS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT GERMAN BEER

7. German beer consumption is actually on the decline



Former tennis player Boris Becker and his wife Lilly at Oktoberfest 2016 in Munich.

Despite its breweries producing more and more of the stuff, beer consumption in Germany per person is actually declining. In 2015, Germans drank 2.1 billion gallons of the brew, **the lowest amount since data was first recorded in 1991.**

Per capita consumption has fallen from around 150 litres in the 1970s to 107 litres now.

But this is nothing on the decline since 1864, if American journalist Andrew Broeck is to be trusted. In an article in *The Atlantic* that year, he described how “a man is scarcely reckoned with the real drinkers until he drinks six masses [a mass is a litre] ... ten masses are not uncommon, twenty to thirty masses... are drunk by some, on a wager much more.”