

Baked Goods in South Korea

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2025 DEVELOPMENTS

Baked goods evolving to meet new consumption occasions

INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Bread transforming from an indulgent snack to a meal replacement option

Dessert bread retains its popularity but players rebrand to meet evolving trends

WHAT'S NEXT?

Producers of baked goods may need to feed off pop culture to stand out Clean label products and digestibility set to outpace traditional health claims Bakery-to-go expansion of bread into foodservice and hybrid meal formats

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

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Staple Foods in South Korea - Industry Overview

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Volume sales stagnate but opportunities exist in adding value to the market

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INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Volume sales stagnate while value growth is propelled by the search for healthier options Health and sustainability on the menu as primary considerations Rising production costs hit sweet treats

WHAT'S NEXT?

Growth expected to remain focused more on value than volume gains

Competition set to evolve through new product development and distribution strategies

Changing lifestyle behaviours expected to influence the future of staple foods

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

CJ Cheiljedang strengthens its leading position with its trusted product range Nongshim and Ottogi provide stiff competition with tried and trusted products

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