

Hot Drinks in Nigeria

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Hot drinks navigate affordability pressures while essentiality and adaptability sustain demand

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INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Manufacturers prioritise affordability through smaller pack sizes and cost-saving mixes

Weak interest in premium wellness limits innovation and favours functional, affordable nutrition

Currency pressure constrains import-heavy categories while local tea and coffee players gain traction

WHAT'S NEXT?

Hot drinks set to benefit from population growth, economic improvement, and rising workplace consumption Innovation and brand rejuvenation to accelerate as economic stability improves

Distribution expansion, digitalisation, and modern grocery growth will reshape market reach

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Nestlé Nigeria strengthens its leadership through brand equity, distribution depth, and accessible innovation Promasidor Nigeria emerges as the most dynamic player through aggressive affordability and flavour variety Local players gain visibility as imported niche segments stagnate and consumers explore domestic alternatives

CHANNELS

Small local grocers remain the leading distribution channel due to proximity and strong demand for small pack sizes Supermarkets record the strongest dynamism as assortments expand and proximity improves E-commerce experiences gradual adoption as consumers value convenience but still prefer physical shopping

FOODSERVICE VS RETAIL SPLIT

Foodservice remains a small but steadily evolving channel as café culture expands and premium experiences gain relevance On-trade outperforms off-trade in 2025 as affluent consumers sustain demand amid economic pressures Retail remains the dominant channel as affordability, convenience, and daily consumption habits steer purchasing behaviour

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Retail value sales of coffee increased in 2025 as stabilising inflation supported modest recovery Instant coffee mixes was the most dynamic category in 2025 due to increased sachet availability and value-driven positioning

WHAT'S NEXT?

Retail value sales of coffee are expected to rise over the forecast period as economic stability and rising incomes support adoption Innovation in instant mixes and flavour diversification will drive future growth opportunities

Health, wellness, and sustainability will play a niche but growing role in shaping consumer preferences

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Nestlé Nigeria Plc was the leading company in 2025 in coffee due to strong brand equity and extensive distribution Primera Foods Nigeria Ltd was the most dynamic company overall in 2025 due to the rapid expansion of TopCafe

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INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

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WHAT'S NEXT?

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Health-focused and natural formulations will strengthen appeal in a market shaped by wellness trends

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Lipton Teas & Infusions Plant Based Ltd was the leading company in 2025 in tea due to strong brand equity and national distribution Richmond and Top Tea were the most dynamic companies overall in 2025 due to affordability and flavour-driven differentiation

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2025 DEVELOPMENTS

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INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

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WHAT'S NEXT?

Retail value sales of other hot drinks are expected to rise as population growth and economic stabilisation support demand Innovation will focus on combination products, flavour expansion, and increased use of local cocoa sourcing Nutrition-focused propositions will strengthen as health-conscious consumers seek added-value benefits

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Nestlé Nigeria Plc leads other hot drinks in 2025 due to Milo's strong brand equity, visibility and distribution reach

Promasidor Nigeria Ltd is the most dynamic company in 2025 as Twisco expands rapidly across price-sensitive households

CHANNELS

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