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From 2010-15, US retail sales of water filtration products have fallen nearly 1%, reaching an estimated \$807 million in 2015. While sales in the water filtration device segment showed modest growth from 2013-15, sales in the water filter segment dropped sharply.

# This report looks at the following areas:

- Sales have fallen from 2010-15, with water filters posting steep declines
- Bottled water competes with filtered water and has shown strong growth
- Barriers to usage range from adequate tap water to the cost of water filters

Faced with low-cost tap water, a robust bottled water market, and an influx of less expensive private label filters, the \$807 million water filtration product market has seen sales decline in recent years. However, growth potential lies in affirming the cost, health, and environmental benefits of water filtration products and seizing opportunities to expand market outreach to Millennials, Asians, and Hispanics. These demographics post positive attitudes toward filtered water and strong interest in innovative products, including filtration-usage indicators, flavor infusers, and smart technology.

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#### Market Perspective

Bottled water competes on many fronts with water filtration products

Top users of bottled water also over index for water filtration usage

Interest in sparking and enhanced water shape opportunities

Refrigerator or house-wide filters can limit water filtration device usage

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New pitchers and filter indicators among Brita and PUR innovations

ZeroWater Technologies and Keurig Green Mountain grow share

More smart devices and embedded technology lie ahead

## Manufacturer Sales of Water Filtration Products

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Private label products are a growing market force

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Manufacturer sales of water filtration products

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#### ZeroWater Technologies touts superior performance, shares information

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3M Filtrete devices and filters post declining MULO sales

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High-end filters integrated into connected refrigerators, brewers

Stylish, eco-friendly, high-end, and high-tech filtered water bottles

Seventh Generation's stylish, fun, eco-friendly bobble

Black+Blum's retro design with binchotan active charcoal

Tiny Watergizzi for everyday, emergency use and travel

ZeroWater Technologies new tumbler model with filter indicator

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Younger adults, parents, and multicultural consumers represent core user

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Built-in filter system owners value space-saving and cost efficiency

High interest in a range of innovations suggests growth opportunities

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