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This report looks at the following areas:

- Changes in consumers' oral health concerns and usage of oral care products
- · Reasons for using mouthwash
- Comparisons between manual toothbrush and electric toothbrush
- Factors associated with high-quality oral care products
- Consumer interest in ingredients used in oral care products

As an essential category, oral care is resilient to the COVID-19 outbreak and a positive growth trend in its value sales continued in 2020.

Chinese consumers are expanding their oral care routines beyond basic tooth brushing and using a broad variety of products to improve both oral health and the appearance of teeth. While toothbrush and toothpaste dominate category sales, mouthwash and ancillary products provide stronger growth over the past year.

Looking ahead, oral care needs to be tied more closely with health and beauty, and there's potential to leverage consumer interest in natural ingredients to renew new product development and marketing.



"The importance of oral care is not just about maintaining hygiene; it's a crucial part of people's health and beauty routines. For one thing, oral care products could be positioned more holistically in relation to health and expand their territories to treat more oral health issues; for another, the appearance of teeth has become as important as health, driving the growth of teeth whitening products." – Alice Li, Associate Director

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