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Sugarless gum and regular gum sales have seen fairly steady declines since 2010, and are expected to continue doing so through 2020, with sugarless gum dropping an estimated 31.7% from 2010-20, and regular gum declining an estimated 20.2% during the same time frame. Factors such as smoking rate declines, increased snacking, and the belief that gum chewing is undesirable likely are contributors to this decline.

This report looks at the following areas:

- Gum sales on the decline; mint, breath freshener sales rising
- · Gum-chewing losing favor
- · Freshness-focused products are key
- · Flavor more important than brand, cost

Sales of mints and breath fresheners, have been on the rise since 2010 and are anticipated to continue rising through 2020, with sales of mints growing an estimated 34.7% from 2010-20, and breath freshener sales increasing a projected 55.2% during the same period. Mints and breath fresheners offer the breath-freshening attributes consumers desire and are more discreet than gum. Growing sales of mints and breath fresheners will require a focus on freshening attributes and new formats, while improving sales of regular and sugarless gum will require flavor innovation and functional attributes that could remove the stigma from gum chewing.

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