

Report Price: £3695 | \$4995 | €4400

The above prices are correct at the time of publication, but are subject to change due to currency fluctuations

# This report looks at the following areas:

- Indulgence and health could go hand in hand
- Biscuits with multiple textures for more occasions
- · Savoury biscuits for before-meal snacks

Product innovation and premiumisation has helped the biscuits market to recover in terms of both retail value and retail volume. Meanwhile, consumers' craving for indulgence and interest in formulation innovations will continue to drive growth. There is the opportunity to enhance the indulgence and mood comforting roles of sweet biscuits with crispy or smooth textures, while savoury biscuits enjoy a healthy image and there are opportunities for them to accompany meals.

Looking ahead, as consumers today are willing to pay more for the healthiness and freshness of biscuits, freshly baked and short-shelf-life biscuits with ingredients that are good for health or have special functions could become premiumisation options.



"Even though consumers are still craving indulgence, traditional biscuits can no longer meet the needs of new generations of consumers. In a highly competitive market with high product homogenity, biscuits producers that can provide innovative formulations while considering biscuits' healthiness and freshness could satisfy consumer needs."

- Bella Li, Research Analyst

Visit	store.mintel.com
EMEA	+44 (0) 20 7606 4533
Brazil	0800 095 9094
Americas	s +1 (312) 943 5250
China	+86 (21) 6032 7300
APAC	+61 (0) 2 8284 8100

Report Price: £3695 | \$4995 | €4400

The above prices are correct at the time of publication, but are subject to change due to currency fluctuations.



#### Table of Contents

# **OVERVIEW**

- What you need to know
- Covered in this Report
- Excluded
- Definition

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- The market
- Positive growth for retail volume in the next 5 years

Figure 1: Best- and worst-case retail volume sales forecast of biscuits, china, 2013-23

· Prominent growth in retail value

Figure 2: Best- and worst-case retail value sales forecast of biscuits, china, 2013-23

- Sweet biscuits enjoy faster growth
- Companies and brands
- Mondelez continues to lead in market share in a fragmented market

Figure 3: Value share of top 11 companies, China, 2016-18

- · Jiashili extends its product range with coarse grain biscuits
- The consumer
- · "Eating more" is the trend in the biscuits market

Figure 4: Consumption trends of different biscuits, November 2018

Ingrained in breakfast occasions

Figure 5: Occasions to consume biscuits or crackers, China, November 2018

 Sweet biscuits for emotional aide, savoury biscuits for stomach filling

Figure 6: Attributes consumers associate with sweet or savoury biscuits, China, November 2018

Biscuits for indulgence and comfort

Figure 7: Ideal attributes for a biscuit product, selected by texture, China, November 2018

 Healthiness and freshness could drive premiumisation in biscuit category

Figure 9: Factors encouraging consumers to pay more, China, November 2018

Adding yogurt and red bean could win over most consumers

Figure 10: Consumers' preferred biscuit ingredients, China, November 2018

What we think

# What's included

**Executive Summary** 

Full Report PDF

Infographic Overview

Powerpoint Presentation

Interactive Databook

Previous editions

# Did you know?

This report is part of a series of reports, produced to provide you with a more holistic view of this market.

All Mintel 2020 reports contain specific COVID-19 related research and forecasts. The world's leading brands rely on Mintel reports for the most complete, objective and actionable market intelligence.

Visit	store.mintel.com
EMEA	+44 (0) 20 7606 4533
Brazil	0800 095 9094
Americas	+1 (312) 943 5250
China	+86 (21) 6032 7300
APAC	+61 (0) 2 8284 8100

Report Price: £3695 | \$4995 | €4400

The above prices are correct at the time of publication, but are subject to change due to currency fluctuations.



#### **ISSUES AND INSIGHTS**

- Indulgence and health could go hand in hand
- The facts
- The implications

Figure 11: Examples of better-for-you biscuits, 2018

- · Biscuits with multiple textures for more occasions
- The facts
- The implications

Figure 12: Examples of multi-textured biscuits, 2018

- · Savoury biscuits for before-meal snacks
- The facts
- The implications

Figure 12: Examples of crackers or savoury biscuits paired with dip, USA, 2018

Figure 13: Example of biscuit with balanced nutrition, Korea, 2018

#### THE MARKET - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- · Promising growth in next five years
- Development of high-quality biscuits
- Competition from adjacent categories

#### MARKET SIZE AND FORECAST

- Recovery in both retail value and retail volume
  Figure 14: Retail market size of biscuits in China, 2013-18
- Positive growth for retail volume in five-year outlook
  Figure 15: Best- and worst-case retail volume sales forecast of biscuits, china, 2013-23
- Retail value is forecasts to have a prominent growth

Figure 16: Best- and worst-case retail value sales forecast of biscuits, china, 2013-23

#### **MARKET FACTORS**

- Premiumisation with fresh baked biscuits
- Formulation innovation pushes the development of the market
- Competition from other snacks

#### **MARKET SEGMENTATION**

Indulgence drives sweet biscuits segment

Figure 17: Best- and worst-case retail value sales forecast of sweet biscuits, China, 2013-23

· Slower growth in savoury biscuits segment

# What's included

**Executive Summary** 

Full Report PDF

Infographic Overview

Powerpoint Presentation

Interactive Databook

Previous editions

# Did you know?

This report is part of a series of reports, produced to provide you with a more holistic view of this market.

All Mintel 2020 reports contain specific COVID-19 related research and forecasts. The world's leading brands rely on Mintel reports for the most complete, objective and actionable market intelligence.

Visit	store.mintel.com
EMEA	+44 (0) 20 7606 4533
Brazil	0800 095 9094
Americas	+1 (312) 943 5250
Americas China	+1 (312) 943 5250 +86 (21) 6032 7300

Report Price: £3695 | \$4995 | €4400

The above prices are correct at the time of publication, but are subject to change due to currency fluctuations.



Figure 18: Best- and worst-case retail value sales forecast of savoury biscuits, China, 2013-23

#### **KEY PLAYERS – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

- International brands are active in flavour innovation
- Jashili extends its product range
- · Fresh baked biscuits by emerging brands

# **MARKET SHARE**

Fragmented market with stabilized shares
 Figure 19: Value share of Top 11 companies, China, 2016 -18

Mondelēz has regained its market share

Figure 20: Mondelez's lighter version of Oreo, China, 2018 Figure 21: Mondelez's Belvita breakfast biscuits, China, 2018

Jiashili extends its product range through acquisitions

#### **COMPETITIVE STRATEGIES**

Fun experiences to engage with young consumers

Figure 22: Mondelez's Oreo in Eight Colours, China, 2018

Figure 23: Glico's new pocky sticks, China, 2018

Integrating online and offline shopping experience

Figure 24: Hsu Fu Chi's taste workshop and handmade biscuits, China, 2018

• Tim Tam customise for local taste

Figure 25: Campbells' Tim Tam with customisation for Chinese market, China, 2018

Mayora Group opens local factories for more opportunities

## WHO'S INNOVATING?

Fruit flavours are on the rise

Figure 26: Emerging flavours of biscuits, China, 2016-18 Figure 27: Examples of products from the berry category, China, 2018

Fresh from the oven

Figure 28: AKOKO's taste workshop and handmade biscuits, China, 2018

Figure 29: Examples of microwavable biscuits, 2018

- Better-for-you biscuits are in demand
- Sweet biscuits beneficial to gut health

Figure 30: Examples of biscuits that are beneficial for gut health in other markets, 2018

Coarse food grain for 40-49-year-olds

Figure 31: Wahaha's red yeast rice & quinoa biscuit, China, 2018

# What's included

**Executive Summary** 

Full Report PDF

Infographic Overview

Powerpoint Presentation

Interactive Databook

Previous editions

# Did you know?

This report is part of a series of reports, produced to provide you with a more holistic view of this market.

All Mintel 2020 reports contain specific COVID-19 related research and forecasts. The world's leading brands rely on Mintel reports for the most complete, objective and actionable market intelligence.

Visit	store.mintel.com
EMEA	+44 (0) 20 7606 4533
Brazil	0800 095 9094
Americas	+1 (312) 943 5250
China	+86 (21) 6032 7300
APAC	+61 (0) 2 8284 8100

Report Price: £3695 | \$4995 | €4400

The above prices are correct at the time of publication, but are subject to change due to currency fluctuations.



#### THE CONSUMER - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Opportunities for multi-textured biscuits in tier three cities
- Meal-substitute biscuits for women in their 40s
- Prioritise indulgence over healthiness

#### **CONSUMPTION TREND**

Growing interest in the biscuits market

Figure 32: Consumption trends of different biscuits, November 2018

Toasted bread, crispy rolls and biscuit sticks are more favoured now

Figure 33: Consumption trends of different types of biscuits – Eating more, China, 2018 vs 2016

20-29-year-olds seeking interactive eating experiences
 Figure 34: Consumers who eat more of selected types of

biscuits, by age, November 2018

Potential growth for multi-textured biscuits in tier three cities

Figure 35: Consumers who eat more of selected types of biscuits, by city tiers, November 2018

# **CONSUMPTION OCCASIONS**

Breakfast is a popular and potential occasion

Figure 36: Occasions to consume biscuits or crackers, China, November 2018

Parents embrace biscuits as a snack

Figure 37: Consumption occasions of biscuits or crackers, by family structure, November 2018

Meal-substitute biscuits could target women in their 40s

Figure 38: Consumption occasions of biscuits or crackers, by meal replacement, China, November 2018

Figure 39: Ruffood's meal-substitute biscuits, China, 2018

### **COMPARISON BETWEEN SWEET AND SAVOURY**

 Sweet biscuits as comforting aide for more occasions
 Figure 40: Attributes consumers associate with sweet or savoury biscuits, China, November 2018

 Savoury biscuits have opportunities to be a meal accompaniment

Figure 41: Examples of recipes with savoury biscuits, China, 2018

- Indulgence outweighs healthiness
- Sharing is caring

# What's included

**Executive Summary** 

Full Report PDF

Infographic Overview

Powerpoint Presentation

Interactive Databook

Previous editions

# Did you know?

This report is part of a series of reports, produced to provide you with a more holistic view of this market.

All Mintel 2020 reports contain specific COVID-19 related research and forecasts. The world's leading brands rely on Mintel reports for the most complete, objective and actionable market intelligence.

Visit	store.mintel.com
EMEA	+44 (0) 20 7606 4533
Brazil	0800 095 9094
Americas	+1 (312) 943 5250
China	+86 (21) 6032 7300
APAC	+61 (0) 2 8284 8100

Report Price: £3695 | \$4995 | €4400

The above prices are correct at the time of publication, but are subject to change due to currency fluctuations.



Figure 42: Attributes consumers associate with sweet or savoury biscuits – Sharing with friends, China, November 2018

Biscuits are popular for gifting in the South

Figure 43: Consumers attitudes towards 'good for gifting' with sweet or savoury biscuits, by region, China, November 2018

## **IDEAL ATTRIBUTES OF BISCUITS**

Seeking indulgence and comfort through texture
 Figure 44: Ideal texture for a biscuit product, China,
 November 2018

• Thin in shape and strong aftertaste

Figure 45: Ideal attributes for a biscuit product, by shape and aftertaste, China, November 2018

Parents prefer smooth or chewy biscuits

Figure 46: Ideal texture for a biscuit product, by family status, China, November 2018

#### PREMIUMISATION FACTORS

Health related benefits could drive premiumisation
 Figure 47: Factors encouraging consumers to pay more,
 China, November 2018

· Parents look into ingredients and health benefits

Figure 48: Factors encouraging consumers to pay more, selected, China, November 2018

- · Definition of "premium" varies with age
- 40-49-year-olds are more willing to pay more for coarse food grain
- 20-24-year-olds think highly of bakery style biscuits
  Figure 49: Factors encouraging consumers to pay more, by age, China, November 2018

# PREFERENCE ON BISCUIT INGREDIENTS

Yogurt and red bean win most consumers' heart

Figure 50: Consumers' preferred biscuit ingredients, China, November 2018

Figure 51: TURF analysis for ingredients preference, November 2018

Married couples prefer added fruit and vegetables

Figure 52: Consumers' preference on biscuit ingredients, by family status, China, November 2018

#### **MEET THE MINTROPOLITANS**

Mintropolitans crave both premium and healthy biscuits

# What's included

**Executive Summary** 

Full Report PDF

Infographic Overview

Powerpoint Presentation

Interactive Databook

Previous editions

# Did you know?

This report is part of a series of reports, produced to provide you with a more holistic view of this market.

All Mintel 2020 reports contain specific COVID-19 related research and forecasts. The world's leading brands rely on Mintel reports for the most complete, objective and actionable market intelligence.

Visit	store.mintel.com
EMEA	+44 (0) 20 7606 4533
Brazil	0800 095 9094
Americas	+1 (312) 943 5250
China	+86 (21) 6032 7300
APAC	+61 (0) 2 8284 8100

Report Price: £3695 | \$4995 | €4400

The above prices are correct at the time of publication, but are subject to change due to currency fluctuations.



Figure 53: Consumption trends of different types of biscuits – Eating more, by consumer segmentation, China, November 2018

 Smooth and chalky textured biscuits are favoured by Mintropolitans

Figure 54: Ideal attributes for a biscuit product, by consumer segmentation, China, November 2018

# **APPENDIX - MARKET SIZE AND FORECAST**

Figure 55: Retail value sales of biscuits, crackers and cookies,

China, 2013-2023

Figure 56: Retail volume sales of biscuits, crackers and

cookies, China, 2013-2023

#### **APPENDIX - MARKET SEGMENTATION**

Figure 57: Retail value sales of savoury and sweet biscuits,

China, 2013-23

Figure 58: Retail volume sales of savoury and sweet biscuits,

China, 2013-23

#### **APPENDIX - METHODOLOGY AND ABBREVIATIONS**

- Methodology
- Fan chart forecast
- Abbreviations

# What's included

**Executive Summary** 

Full Report PDF

Infographic Overview

Powerpoint Presentation

Interactive Databook

Previous editions

# Did you know?

This report is part of a series of reports, produced to provide you with a more holistic view of this market.

All Mintel 2020 reports contain specific COVID-19 related research and forecasts. The world's leading brands rely on Mintel reports for the most complete, objective and actionable market intelligence.

Visit	store.mintel.com
EMEA	+44 (0) 20 7606 4533
Brazil	0800 095 9094
Americas	+1 (312) 943 5250
China	+86 (21) 6032 7300
APAC	+61 (0) 2 8284 8100



# **About Mintel**

Mintel is the **expert in what consumers want and why.** As the world's leading market intelligence agency, our analysis of consumers, markets, product innovation and competitive landscapes provides a unique perspective on global and local economies. Since 1972, our predictive analytics and expert recommendations have enabled our clients to make better business decisions faster

Our purpose is to help businesses and people grow. To find out how we do that, visit mintel.com.