

Outdoor Cooking - US - 2021

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This report looks at the following areas:

- The impact of COVID-19 on the outdoor cooking market.
- Outdoor cooking equipment experiences high penetration, allowing brands to focus on consumer experience.
- Outdoor cooking equipment shopping needs to evolve to merge physical with digital.
- New and existing hurdles can be overcome by focusing on themes that resonate best with outdoor cooking participants: convenience, flavor and enjoyment.

2020 was not anticipated to be a record year for the outdoor cooking industry. Prior to the pandemic, demand for grills and outdoor cooking equipment was modest at best. But as the pandemic led to widespread lockdowns, Americans began investing more in their homes, enhancing their outdoor spaces and buying new outdoor cooking equipment. The unexpected surge in demand has created opportunities and challenges for manufacturers and retailers. While previous category struggles remain, like long purchase cycles, another element that players will need to contend with will be maintaining engagement as economies reopen and Americans return to activities put on the back burner for the past year, shifting their attention away from outdoor cooking.



"2020 was a good year for the outdoor cooking market. COVID-19 drove consumers back to their homes, which led them to prioritize their surroundings and invest in their outdoor spaces.."

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