

Cleaning the House - US - 2022

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This report looks at the following areas:

- Key cleaning audiences
- Changes in cleaning frequency in the last year
- · Key drivers of cleaning frequency shifts
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- · Attitudes toward cleaning

Cleaning behaviors remain elevated, yet a slight shift in those claiming to be cleaning more often compared to last year echoes the lingering nature of the pandemic's impact coupled with a return to some old routines and lifestyles. Among a slew of other issues and concerns among manufacturers and consumers challenging the household cleaning category, inflation has joined the list. While other industries are feeling the impact more prominently as household care is largely a needs-based market, inflation will still have some impact on shopping behaviors, particularly among adults that already are struggling to make ends meet. Looking ahead, while germ management will continue to be a motivator for category participation, safer cleaning and convenience will re-emerge as important drivers of innovation and engagement in a post-pandemic world.



"Cleaning habits have shifted slightly in the past year as virus concerns lessen slightly and consumers return to some old routines, resulting in more time spent outside of the home. This poses a potential challenge for category participation, as health and time were two major assets driving heightened cleaning behaviors."

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