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This report looks at the following areas:

- The impact of the rising cost of living on the pizza/Italian restaurant and takeaway/home delivery sectors.
- Annual changes in consumer usage of pizza/Italian restaurants and takeaway/home delivery services.
- Annual changes in the way consumers access pizza/Italian takeaway/ home delivery services.
- Most popular types of dishes ordered from pizza/Italian restaurants and takeaways.
- Key factors when choosing pizza/Italian restaurants and takeaway/home delivery services.
- Consumer attitudes towards pizza/Italian restaurants and takeaway/home delivery services.
- Consumers' perceptions of key pizza and Italian restaurant brands –
 Domino's, Pizza Hut, Papa John's, PizzaExpress and Zizzi.

More than half (51%) of Britons ordered takeaway from a pizza/Italian restaurant in the 12 months to June 2022, as opposed to 29% who ate in. The takeaway/home delivery momentum generated throughout the pandemic has yet to subside, even after all COVID-19 restrictions have lifted, with the value of the pizza/Italian takeaway/home delivery segment expected to reach £2.9 billion in 2022, while the dine-in segment lags behind at £2.2 billion.

The biggest immediate threat to the market is inflation, as some consumers rein in expenditure on eating out. However, some of the negative impact of inflation on market value will be offset by the rise in average order value. This is where operators need to demonstrate added value and help justify price increases as older and well-off consumers are most likely to splurge on an occasional high-quality pizza/Italian dining experience.

Consumer behaviour within the pizza/Italian foodservice market continues to be polarised, even within the same demographic groups. For instance, 16-34



"The takeaway/home delivery momentum generated throughout the pandemic has yet to subside even after all COVID-19 restrictions have lifted, with younger consumers continuing to drive demand for a greater range of takeaway options including click-and-collect services."

Trish Caddy, Senior
 Foodservice Analyst,
 September 2022

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year olds are most willing to pay more for authentic pizza/Italian dishes and are also most likely to agree that branded pizza/Italian foods sold in supermarkets are just as tasty as those offered by restaurants. The rising cost of living threatens to push more consumers toward the grocery sector as they seek cheaper alternatives.

Demand for pizza-by-the-slice is high. With 65% of 16-44 year olds agreeing that buying single pizza slices is convenient for eating on the go (vs 61% of total), younger consumers prefer to feed themselves pizza in smaller units in a bid to consume less and waste less, without lessening their satisfaction for their favourite takeaway food.

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