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This report looks at the following areas:

- The impact of inflation on the savings market
- The proportion of adults who have savings and how much they have saved
- Savings account ownership and provider rankings
- Consumer saving habits
- Future saving intentions over the next 12 months

Despite a more competitive landscape as a result of rising interest rates, only 16% of savers are planning to switch or consider switching to a new savings account or provider. The years of ultra-low interest rates since the financial crisis has seen apathy take hold among many savers as they have simply seen little benefit in switching. More competitive rates should change this, and brands should highlight the gains to be made to attract new customers.

The rising cost of living continues to squeeze household budgets, limiting consumers' ability to save. Inflationary pressures are especially noticeable among those with less flex in their budget. 88% of those with tight finances say that the rising cost of living is making it hard for them to save.

With inflation forecast to stay high throughout 2023, saving activity will be under intense pressure. However, this does not mean that consumers are not eager to save; in fact, 50% are planning to add to their savings in the next 12 months. Brands have an opportunity to help consumers weather economic uncertainty by helping them stick to their savings habits.

One of the biggest opportunities for the savings market is the expansion of the ethical and sustainable savings segment, as consumers are increasingly interested in financial products that reflect their values and promote positive social and environmental outcomes. 50% of savers say they are interested in these types of savings accounts.



"Despite higher interest rates and increased competition, inflationary pressures are limiting the growth of the market. While consumers are finding it hard to save as a result of the cost of living crisis, there is a scope for savings providers to support them through economic uncertainty."

Greta Staselyte, Financial
 Services Analyst, February
 2023

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