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Abstracts

The Global Commercial Flour Market was valued at USD 52.9 billion in 2024 and is expected to grow at a CAGR of 3.9% from 2025 to 2034. The market expansion is primarily driven by rising demand for baked goods, increasing urbanization, evolving consumer eating habits, and a surge in packaged food consumption. Consumers are shifting toward refined flour alternatives that are perceived as healthier, such as whole grain and fortified flour. Additionally, the food service industry is contributing significantly to the demand for processed flour, as restaurants, hotels, and food manufacturers continue to grow in emerging markets. Technological advancements in milling processes are improving efficiency and reducing costs, which further strengthens market growth. New milling technologies enhance the quality of flour and optimize production, while health-conscious trends drive demand for gluten-free and organic options.

The market is categorized by flour type, with wheat flour dominating, accounting for 51.1% of the market share in 2024. Wheat flour remains a key ingredient in bakery products, including bread, cakes, and pastries, making it a significant contributor to market growth. Other flour types are also supporting expansion, such as rice flour, which is popular in gluten-free and Asian cuisines, and corn flour, which is widely used in snack production and tortillas. Rye flour finds its place in specialty bread markets, while barley and oat flour gain traction in health-focused products like breakfast cereals. Specialty flours, including chickpea and almond flour, are witnessing increased demand from plant-based and gluten-free sectors. Other niche flour types, such as buckwheat, quinoa, sorghum, and spelt, cater to consumers seeking nutritious alternatives.

The market is divided into organic and conventional categories, with conventional flour

accounting for 74.1% of total sales in 2024. This segment is projected to grow at a 6.1% CAGR due to increasing demand and established supply chains.

Conventional flours such as wheat, rice, corn, rye, and barley continue to dominate due to their versatility and widespread use. However, supply chain challenges and price volatility affect certain segments, particularly rice flour. Corn flour is experiencing demand growth, especially in Latin America, but concerns over genetically modified corn present limitations. Rye and barley flours maintain steady but slow expansion as they serve niche markets focused on artisanal baking and health foods.

Commercial flour is primarily used in bakery products, which accounted for 38.9% of the market share in 2024. This segment benefits from strong demand for bread, cakes, cookies, and pastries, as consumers increasingly opt for convenient and packaged baked goods. The market is also seeing innovation in whole grain and gluten-free alternatives. Noodles and pasta contribute significantly to market growth, particularly in the Asia-Pacific, European, and North American regions, where demand for quick-to-prepare meals continues to rise. Specialty flours like chickpea and quinoa flour are diversifying the pasta segment as health-conscious consumers seek alternative ingredients.

By distribution channel, supermarkets and hypermarkets held the largest market share at 49.3% in 2024 and are expected to expand at a 4.4% CAGR. These retail outlets provide a broad selection of flours, including specialty options like gluten-free and organic varieties, catering to health-conscious consumers. Competitive pricing and promotional strategies influence purchasing trends, with private-label brands offering budget-friendly alternatives. Specialty flours, while more expensive, continue to attract niche consumer groups.

Europe led the commercial flour market in 2024, contributing 35.8% of total revenue. Rising consumption of bakery goods, increased health awareness, and regulatory changes are shaping the regional market. Government policies supporting local grain production and transparent labeling standards drive innovation and stability within the industry. Flour consumption is further propelled by the growing preference for convenience foods and rising disposable income levels.

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