

GCC Bottled Water Market Report by Product Type (Still Bottled Water, Carbonated Bottled Water, Flavored Bottled Water, Mineral Bottled Water), Distribution Channel (Supermarkets/Hypermarkets, Retailers, Stores, On-Trade, and Others), and Region 2024-2032

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## **Abstracts**

The GCC bottled water market size reached US\$ 23.8 Billion in 2023. Looking forward, IMARC Group expects the market to reach US\$ 46.3 Billion by 2032, exhibiting a growth rate (CAGR) of 7.4% during 2024-2032. The harsh climatic conditions in the region, escalating concerns about tap water quality, and the increasing health consciousness and awareness among consumers regarding the health hazards associated with consuming carbonated drinks represent some of the key factors driving the market.

The Rising Awareness About the Convenience and Hygiene of Bottled Water Augmenting the Market Growth

The bottled water market in the GCC has been experiencing continuous growth. Product convenience and hygiene currently represent one of the primary drivers resulting in the increasing sales of bottled water. Bottled water is incredibly convenient for transportation, carrying, and storage, especially in areas where drinkable water is scarce or unavailable altogether. This represents one of the major benefits of bottled water, as it can be easily purchased, making it a reliable source of hydration on the go.

Moreover, bottled water undergoes special treatments, such as distillation and ozonation, to ensure that the water is free from impurities. It is rigorously tested for



various chemicals and bacteria, resulting in a lower risk of being contaminated with disease-causing germs compared to tap water. This ensures the safety and quality of bottled water. In addition to its safety, bottled water also offers a distinct taste and more consistent quality. The filtration and treatment processes used in bottling water can result in a crisper and cleaner taste compared to tap water, which may contain minerals or other flavor-altering substances.

Competitive analysis such as market structure, market growth, new entrants, competitive dashboard, and product differentiation has been covered in the report. Also, detailed profiles of all major companies have been provided. The market structure is concentrated with several small and large players operating in the industry due to low capital investments. The volume of new entrants is high in the bottled water industry due to the easy access to distribution networks and the minimization of threats due to product differentiation.

#### What is Bottled Water?

Bottled water is purified or natural water packaged in plastic or glass containers for commercial sale. It may be sourced from springs, wells, or municipal supplies and undergoes treatment to remove impurities before bottling. It is typically produced through special treatments, such as distillation and ozonation, which enhances its quality and purity. This process involves purifying water to remove impurities and contaminants, resulting in a product that is considered safe and clean for consumption. One of the main advantages of bottled water is its consistent quality and taste, as compared to tap water which can vary in taste and quality depending on the source and treatment process. Bottled water is often preferred for its convenience, especially in regions with hot and dry climatic conditions like the GCC countries. It is readily available in various sizes and formats, making it easy to carry and consume on the go. Furthermore, it offers consumers a wide range of choices, including different brands, flavors, and variations in pH and sodium levels.

### COVID-19 Impact:

The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic has posed a severe risk to the growth of the beverage industry as countries and companies continue to grapple with unprecedented challenges. Manufacturers and retailers are facing issues with production being halted, which has resulted in depleted stockpiles that are difficult to replenish. However, the easy availability of pure potable water has become even more imperative during a global pandemic like COVID-19, as adequate daily intake of pure water is critical in



maintaining healthy immunity levels.

States and cities have taken proactive measures to ensure continued access to clean water for drinking and handwashing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Bottled water companies in the GCC are increasing their bottling capacity, acquiring extra packaging and materials, working closely with retailers to determine demand, and hiring additional drivers and bottling plant workers to keep pace with the ever-increasing demand for bottled water.

However, there have been some shortages in the availability of raw materials for manufacturing bottled water due to restrictions on personnel transportation and travel. One of the most significant shifts resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak is that more consumers are trying out online grocery purchasing, and it is expected that many consumers will continue to use this method in the future. As a result, there has been a massive uptick in online grocery purchases of clean and mineral-rich naturally alkaline water as consumers prioritize the convenience and safety of having bottled water delivered to their doorsteps.

GCC Bottled Water Market Trends:

In the GCC countries, the bottled water market has witnessed significant growth due to the harsh climatic conditions, along with concerns about tap water quality. The increasing health consciousness and awareness among consumers regarding the health hazards associated with consuming carbonated drinks is acting as another growth-inducing factor. Additionally, the expanding expatriate community and the growing number of tourists and pilgrims have contributed to the increase in sales of bottled water, further driving the market growth. In line with this, key international companies are forming alliances with regional firms to expand their consumer base. They are also introducing user-friendly packaging and adopting aggressive marketing techniques, which, in turn, is creating a positive outlook for the market.

### Key Market Segmentation:

IMARC Group provides an analysis of the key trends in each sub-segment of the GCC bottled water market report, along with forecasts at the regional and country level from 2024-2032. Our report has categorized the market based on product type and distribution channel.

Product Type Insights:



Still Bottled Water Carbonated Bottled Water Flavored Bottled Water Mineral Bottled Water

A detailed breakup and analysis of the GCC bottled water market based on the product type has also been provided in the report. This includes still bottled water, carbonated bottled water, flavored bottled water, and mineral bottled water. According to the report, still bottled water segment accounted for the largest market share due to the shifting consumer preference toward bottled water over tap water. Moreover, the inflating consumer expenditure power and surging tourism are influencing the market growth.

Distribution Channel Insights:

Supermarkets/Hypermarkets Retailers Stores On-Trade Others

A detailed breakup and analysis of the GCC bottled water market based on the packaging has also been provided in the report. This includes supermarkets/hypermarkets, retailers, stores, on-trade, and others. According to the report, supermarkets/hypermarkets accounted for the largest market share due to the wide availability of different brands. Besides this, the convenience of choosing the product and availability of massive storage space are other growth-inducing factors.

Regional Insights:

Saudi Arabia United Arab Emirates Oman Qatar Kuwait Bahrain

The report has also provided a comprehensive analysis of all the major regional markets, which include Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, and Bahrain. According to the report, Saudi Arabia was the largest market for bottled water.



Some of the factors driving the Saudi Arabia bottled water market included its inflating consumer expenditure power. This is further bolstered by rapid technological advancements, increasing health awareness of the health hazards associated with consuming carbonated drink, and the rapidly expanding retail sector.

Competitive Landscape:

The report has also provided a comprehensive analysis of the competitive landscape in the global paper cups market. Some of the companies covered in the report include:

Al Ain Water Al Jomaih Bottling Plants Al Kawther Water Treatment W.L.L. Alsafi Drinking Water Purification LLC Hana Food Industries Company Masafi Park Oasis Water Company SAOC (The Zubair Corporation)

Kindly note that this only represents a partial list of companies, and the complete list has been provided in the report.

Key Questions Answered in This Report

1. What was the size of the GCC bottled water market in 2023?

2. What is the expected growth rate of the GCC bottled water market during 2024-2032?

- 3. What are the key factors driving the GCC bottled water market?
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