

South Korea Diabetes Drugs Market Report by Drug (Insulins, Oral Anti-diabetic Drugs, Non-Insulin Injectable Drugs, Combination Drugs), Distribution Channel (Online Pharmacies, Hospital Pharmacies, Retail Pharmacies), and Region 2026-2034

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Abstracts

South Korea diabetes drugs market size reached USD 1.90 Billion in 2025. Looking forward, IMARC Group expects the market to reach USD 4.90 Billion by 2034, exhibiting a growth rate (CAGR) of 11.31% during 2026-2034 . The rising prevalence of diabetes, increasing adoption of advanced technologies and telemedicine, and the expansion of hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare facilities in the country represent some of the key factors driving the market.

Diabetes drugs are used to manage and regulate blood glucose levels among individuals with diabetes. They encompass a range of mechanisms, including insulin secretion, insulin resistance reduction, and glucose absorption inhibition. They are available in different classes, such as sulfonylureas, biguanides, DPP-4 inhibitors, SGLT-2 inhibitors, and GLP-1 receptor agonists. They require a prescription from a healthcare provider due to their potential side effects and individualized treatment plans. They help individuals maintain stable blood glucose levels, preventing hyperglycemia and hypoglycemia. Diabetes drugs enhance the sensitivity of the body to insulin, enabling cells to utilize glucose better. Besides this, they reduce the risk of diabetes-related complications like cardiovascular disease, kidney problems, and neuropathy. They contribute to a better quality of life by minimizing symptoms, such as excessive thirst, frequent urination, and fatigue. They are prescribed alongside dietary changes and physical activity to achieve optimal blood sugar control. They are used to prevent or delay the progression of prediabetes to full-blown diabetes.

SOUTH KOREA DIABETES DRUGS MARKET TRENDS:

The rising prevalence of type 2 diabetes due to sedentary lifestyles, changing dietary habits, and an aging population represents one of the key factors catalyzing the demand for effective pharmaceutical interventions in South Korea. Along with this, physicians are increasingly prescribing combination medications that target multiple facets of diabetes management, such as glucose control, insulin sensitivity, and weight management, which is strengthening the growth of the market in the country. Additionally, pharmaceutical companies are developing and marketing combination drugs that offer comprehensive solutions, addressing multiple aspects of diabetes in a single medication. Apart from this, the rising adoption of advanced technologies and telemedicine is streamlining patient care and management. The integration of digital platforms and digital health into diabetes management is facilitating remote monitoring of the glucose levels of patients. These technological advancements are enhancing patient outcomes and fueling the market growth by creating new avenues for pharmaceutical companies to introduce innovative diabetes drugs. Furthermore, governing authorities of the country are focusing on improving healthcare accessibility and affordability, which is offering a favorable market outlook. They are implementing universal healthcare coverage and emphasizing preventive healthcare measures to make diabetes diagnosis and treatment more accessible to a broader segment of the population. Moreover, the introduction of once-daily oral medications and user-friendly insulin delivery devices is improving patient compliance and reducing the burden of frequent injections. These advancements are enhancing the quality of life for individuals with diabetes and expanding the market by attracting more patients to pharmacological treatments.

SOUTH KOREA DIABETES DRUGS MARKET SEGMENTATION:

IMARC Group provides an analysis of the key trends in each segment of the market, along with forecasts at the country level for 2026-2034. Our report has categorized the market based on drugs and distribution channel.

Drugs Insights:

Insulins

Basal or Long Acting Insulins

Bolus or Fast Acting Insulins

Traditional Human Insulins

Biosimilar Insulins

Oral Anti-diabetic Drugs

Biguanides

Alpha-Glucosidase Inhibitors

Dopamine D2 Receptor Agonist

SGLT-2 Inhibitors

DPP-4 Inhibitors

Sulfonylureas

Meglitinides

Non-Insulin Injectable Drugs

GLP-1 Receptor Agonists

Amylin Analogue

Combination Drugs

Insulin Combinations

Oral Combinations

The report has provided a detailed breakup and analysis of the market based on the drugs. This includes insulins (basal or long acting insulins, bolus or fast acting insulins, traditional human insulins, and biosimilar insulins), oral anti-diabetic drugs (biguanides, alpha-glucosidase inhibitors, dopamine D2 receptor agonist, SGLT-2 inhibitors, DPP-4 inhibitors, sulfonylureas, and meglitinides), non-insulin injectable drugs (GLP-1 receptor

agonists and amylin analogue), and combination drugs (insulin combinations and oral combinations).

Distribution Channel Insights:

Online Pharmacies

Hospital Pharmacies

Retail Pharmacies

A detailed breakup and analysis of the market based on the distribution channel have also been provided in the report. This includes online pharmacies, hospital pharmacies, and retail pharmacies.

Regional Insights:

Seoul Capital Area

Yeongnam (Southeastern Region)

Honam (Southwestern Region)

Hoseo (Central Region)

Others

The report has also provided a comprehensive analysis of all the major regional markets, which include Seoul Capital Area, Yeongnam (Southeastern Region), Honam (Southwestern Region), Hoseo (Central Region), and Others.

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE:

The market research report has also provided a comprehensive analysis of the competitive landscape in the market. Competitive analysis such as market structure, key player positioning, top winning strategies, competitive dashboard, and company evaluation quadrant has been covered in the report. Also, detailed profiles of all major

companies have been provided.

KEY QUESTIONS ANSWERED IN THIS REPORT

How has the South Korea diabetes drugs market performed so far and how will it perform in the coming years?

What has been the impact of COVID-19 on the South Korea diabetes drugs market?

What is the breakup of the South Korea diabetes drugs market on the basis of drugs?

What is the breakup of the South Korea diabetes drugs market on the basis of distribution channel?

What are the various stages in the value chain of the South Korea diabetes drugs market?

What are the key driving factors and challenges in the South Korea diabetes drugs?

What is the structure of the South Korea diabetes drugs market and who are the key players?

What is the degree of competition in the South Korea diabetes drugs market?

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