

South Korea Oral Anti-Diabetic Drug Market Report by Drugs (Biguanides, Alpha-Glucosidase Inhibitors, Dopamine D2 Receptor Agonist, SGLT-2 Inhibitors, DPP-4 Inhibitors, Sulfonylureas, Meglitinides), and Region 2026-2034

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Abstracts

South Korea oral anti-diabetic drug market size reached USD 897.0 Million in 2025. Looking forward, IMARC Group expects the market to reach USD 1,191.0 Million by 2034, exhibiting a growth rate (CAGR) of 3.20% during 2026-2034 . The growing prevalence of diabetes among the masses due to the adoption of unhealthy diets, increasing integration of smart devices with drug delivery mechanisms, and rising influence of patient advocacy groups represent some of the key factors driving the market.

Oral anti-diabetic drug, also known as oral hypoglycemic agent, is a class of pharmaceutical compound specifically designed to lower blood sugar levels among individuals with diabetes. It comprises biguanides like metformin, which reduces the production of glucose and enhances insulin sensitivity. It also consists of sulfonylureas, such as glibenclamide and glipizide, which increases insulin production. It often enhances insulin production by the pancreas and improves the sensitivity of cells to insulin, allowing better glucose uptake. It also slows down the absorption of glucose in the gut and inhibits the production of glucose by the liver. It is often used in combination with each other or with insulin to achieve better glycemic control. It is more convenient than insulin injections, which can improve patient adherence to treatment plans. It also helps control blood sugar levels, reducing the risk of complications, such as heart disease, kidney disease, nerve damage, and vision problems. It allows healthcare providers to tailor treatments as per the age, severity of diabetes, and existing health conditions of an individual.

SOUTH KOREA ORAL ANTI-DIABETIC DRUG MARKET TRENDS:

At present, the increasing prevalence of diabetes among the masses due to the consumption of unhealthy diets and the adoption of sedentary lifestyle habits represents one of the crucial factors impelling the growth of the market in South Korea. Besides this, the growing awareness about the importance of early diagnosis and treatment, coupled with improvements in healthcare infrastructure and accessibility, is expanding the patient pool seeking pharmacological interventions. In addition, the rising research and development (R&D) activities are facilitating the production of various novel drugs that are not only effective in managing blood sugar levels, but also offer additional benefits, such as weight loss and cardiovascular risk reduction. Apart from this, the integration of smart devices with drug delivery mechanisms enables real-time monitoring and personalized dosing adjustments, thereby contributing to better disease management. Furthermore, combination therapies that combine multiple drug classes in a single medication are prescribed by doctors to address the multifaceted nature of diabetes are simplifying treatment regimens for patients and improving medication adherence. Moreover, the growing influence of patient advocacy groups and the increasing role of social media in healthcare is bolstering the market growth in the country. Furthermore, patients are becoming more involved in their treatment decisions and are demanding drugs that not only effectively manage diabetes but also align with their lifestyle and preferences. This trend is pushing pharmaceutical companies operating in the country to focus on patient feedback and develop medications that cater to these evolving needs.

SOUTH KOREA ORAL ANTI-DIABETIC DRUG 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.

Drugs Insights:

Biguanides

Metformin

Alpha-Glucosidase Inhibitors

Dopamine D2 Receptor Agonist

Bromocriptin

SGLT-2 Inhibitors

Invokana (Canagliflozin)

Jardiance (Empagliflozin)

Farxiga/Forxiga (Dapagliflozin)

Suglat (Ipragliflozin)

DPP-4 Inhibitors

Onglyza (Saxagliptin)

Tradjenta (Linagliptin)

Vipidia/Nesina (Alogliptin)

Galvus (Vildagliptin)

Sulfonylureas

Meglitinides

The report has provided a detailed breakup and analysis of the market based on the drugs. This includes biguanides (metformin), alpha-glucosidase inhibitors, dopamine D2 receptor agonist (bromocriptin), SGLT-2 inhibitors (invokana (canagliflozin), jardiance (empagliflozin), farxiga/forxiga (dapagliflozin), and suglat (ipragliflozin)), DPP-4 inhibitors (onglyza (saxagliptin), tradjenta (linagliptin), vipidia/nesina (alogliptin), and galvus (vildagliptin)), sulfonylureas, and meglitinides.

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 oral anti-diabetic drug 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 oral anti-diabetic drug market?

What is the breakup of the South Korea oral anti-diabetic drug market on the basis of drugs?

What are the various stages in the value chain of the South Korea oral anti-diabetic drug market?

What are the key driving factors and challenges in the South Korea oral anti-diabetic drug?

What is the structure of the South Korea oral anti-diabetic drug market and who are the key players?

What is the degree of competition in the South Korea oral anti-diabetic drug market?

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