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Abstracts

The South Korea spices market size reached USD 323.1 Million in 2025. The market is projected to reach USD 533.6 Million by 2034, exhibiting a growth rate (CAGR) of 5.56% during 2026-2034. To enhance the flavor and appeal of processed food products, manufacturers continue to rely heavily on a wide variety of spices and spice blends. Besides this, the broadening of supermarkets, hypermarkets, convenience stores, and specialty food outlets is contributing to the expansion of the South Korea spices market share.

SOUTH KOREA SPICES MARKET TRENDS:

Rising use in processed food and ready-to-eat (RTE) products

Increasing use of spices in RTE and processed food products is fueling the market growth. According to industry reports, the South Korea RTE food market reached 8.08 USD Billion in 2024. As modern consumers in South Korea are leading fast-paced lives, they are turning to convenient food options that require minimal preparation. RTE meals, frozen dishes, instant noodles, and canned food items are becoming staples in many households, especially among working professionals and students. To enhance the flavor and appeal of these processed food products, manufacturers rely heavily on a wide variety of spices and spice blends. Spices not only improve taste and aroma but also serve as natural preservatives, adding shelf life to items without depending entirely on artificial additives. The popularity of international cuisines like Indian, Thai, Mexican, and Middle Eastern is also influencing food producers to experiment with diverse spices, catering to evolving taste preferences. Furthermore, the health-conscious population values the medicinal and nutritional benefits of spices, such as turmeric,

ginger, and black pepper, which are included in many functional and fortified food items. As the processed food sector is expanding through supermarkets and convenience stores, the demand for spices used in these products is rising.

Growing online recipe culture

With easy access to cooking tutorials, recipe videos, and food blogs, people are exploring new cuisines and flavors, catalyzing the demand for various spice ingredients. As home cooking is becoming a popular hobby, especially among younger generations, people are more willing to try complex recipes that require specific spice blends. Rising social media users are sharing their cooking experiences and spice-rich dishes on digital platforms, further inspiring others to experiment in their kitchens. As per the DataReportal, as of January 2024, South Korea had 48.34 Million social media users. This digital trend is creating greater awareness about international flavors and the importance of spices in achieving authentic taste. Online food influencers and chefs are also promoting lesser-known spices, leading to curiosity-driven purchases.

Broadening of retail channels

The expansion of retail channels is stimulating the South Korea spices market growth. According to the IMARC Group, the South Korea retail market size reached USD 400.0 Million in 2024. As supermarkets, hypermarkets, convenience stores, and specialty food outlets are expanding across urban and suburban areas, spices are becoming more readily available to households. Organized retail chains offer attractive packaging, promotional deals, and diverse spice selections, encouraging impulse and planned purchases. E-commerce platforms are also contributing by allowing people to explore and buy international and niche spices with convenience. The growing popularity of gourmet cooking and international cuisines is catalyzing the demand for both basic and exotic spices in South Korea.

SOUTH KOREA SPICES MARKET SEGMENTATION:

IMARC Group provides an analysis of the key trends in each segment of the market, along with forecasts at the country and regional levels for 2026-2034. Our report has categorized the market based on product type, application, and form.

Product Type Insights:

Pure Spices

Chilli

Turmeric

Coriander

Cumin

Pepper

Tamarind

Asafoetida

Bay Leaf

Clove

Cardamom

Cinnamon

Tulsi Leaf

Others

Blended Spices

Garam Masala

Non-Veg Masala

Kitchen King and Sabzi Masala

Chole and Channa Masala

Chat Masala

Sambhar and Rasham Masala

Paneer and Curry Masala

Pav Bhaji Masala

Jaljeera Masala

Others

The report has provided a detailed breakup and analysis of the market based on the product type. This includes pure spices (chilli, turmeric, coriander, cumin, pepper, tamarind, asafoetida, bay leaf, clove, cardamom, cinnamon, tulsi leaf, and others) and blended spices (garam masala, non-veg masala, kitchen king and sabzi masala, chole and channa masala, chat masala, sambhar and rasham masala, paneer and curry masala, pav bhaji masala, jaljeera masala, and others)

Application Insights:

Veg Curries

Meat and Poultry Products

Snacks and Convenience Foods

Soups, Sauces and Dressings

Bakery and Confectionery

Frozen Foods

Beverages

A detailed breakup and analysis of the market based on the application have also been provided in the report. This includes veg curries, meat and poultry products, snacks and convenience foods, soups, sauces and dressings, bakery and confectionery, frozen foods, beverages, and others.

Form Insights:

Packets

Sprinkler

Crusher

The report has provided a detailed breakup and analysis of the market based on the form. This includes packets, sprinkler, and crusher.

Regional Insights:

Seoul Capital Area

Yeongnam (Southeastern Region)

Honam (Southwestern Region)

Hoseo (Central Region)

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. 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 spices market performed so far and how will it perform in the coming years?

What is the breakup of the South Korea spices market on the basis of product type?
What is the breakup of the South Korea spices market on the basis of application?
What is the breakup of the South Korea spices market on the basis of form?
What is the breakup of the South Korea spices market on the basis of region?
What are the various stages in the value chain of the South Korea spices market?
What are the key driving factors and challenges in the South Korea spices market?
What is the structure of the South Korea spices market and who are the key players?
What is the degree of competition in the South Korea spices market?

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