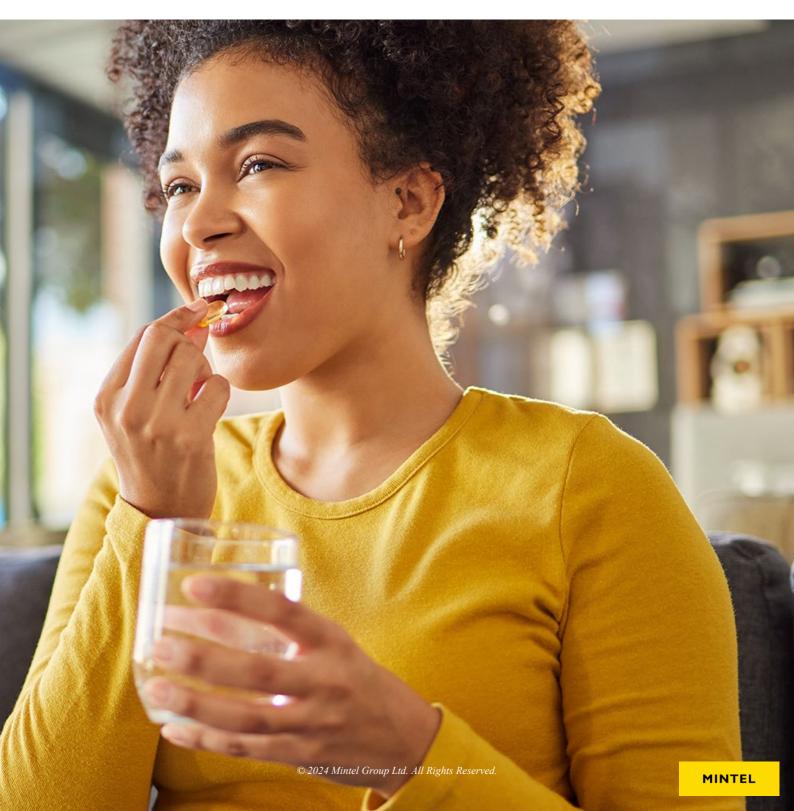
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This report looks at the following areas:

- Economic and social factors impacting the health of UK consumers, including the cost of living crisis and the ageing population
- Self-reported physical and mental health status of UK consumers, including health issues experienced in the last 12 months
- Motivations behind why consumers put effort into being healthy
- Health management behaviours adopted and products and services used in the last 12 months
- Attitudes towards health management,
 including digital healthcare and alternative approaches to health management



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Overview

The cost of living crisis has exacerbated existing **health inequality**. Day-to-day financial health is difficult to entangle from mental and physical health and socio-economic factors significantly impact how, and if, someone can effectively manage their health. The pressure of the last couple of years has also **pushed health further down the priority list** for consumers in the most vulnerable situations.

Despite 75% of Brits saying they put some or a lot of effort into being healthy, obesity rates remain high, self-reported physical and mental health is poor among some groups and

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adoption of some health-management behaviours and tools is low. This suggests some **over-reporting** in how much effort is put into health as well as the need for **more clear education** to help consumers make informed decisions amid the overwhelming amount of health information available to them.

Consumers have a **wide range of motivations to be healthy**, above all is to feel fit, happy and prevent future health issues. The positive impact of behaviours, such as spending time with loved ones and improving work/life balance, on health is increasingly being recognised too. This holistic approach to health management opens up opportunity for brands, across various sectors, to be involved in the **pursuit of wellness**.

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