

# DISHWASHING PRODUCTS – UK – 2024

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## This report looks at the following areas:

- The impact of the cost of living on dishwashing care
- Analysis of the size of the market and forecast for the next five years
- Market share of major players, competitive strategies and advertising initiatives
- Product trends and new product development in dishwashing care
- Consumer usage of dishwashing products and frequency of dishwasher usage
- Issues experienced when using the dishwasher



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## Overview

Squeezed household budgets triggered by the cost-of-living crisis have encouraged consumers to rethink dishwashing habits to save on bills and reduce overall spent on dishwashing purchases. Money-conscious consumption behaviours were reflected in terms of value sales in 2021 and 2022. **The category saw a change in trend during 2023, with the market recording the highest growth since 2020, the first year of the pandemic.**

While savviness will always influence purchases to some extent, brand names and reputation still matter to consumers. However, **loyalty towards dishwashing brands is fragile**, as consumers often link unsatisfactory cleaning performance with dishwasher detergents. In such a scenario, competition is fierce and the market open to new category players.

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In parallel to exploring aromatherapy and alluring fragrance combinations, the hand dishwashing segment is perfectly positioned to **capitalise on emerging trends such as skin health and water-saving claims**. On other hand, the machine dishwashing segment has the opportunity to **integrate water hardness into NPD and marketing strategies** more overtly. This with the final aim to **target consumers more effectively and promote penetration of machine maintenance formulas** such as rinse aids and dishwasher cleaners.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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- Enhance washing up rituals to allure consumers
- Talk about hard water to relaunch ancillary products
- Tier offerings based on dishwashing cycles

### Market dynamics and outlook

- Market size & forecast
- Market predictions
- Stable growth expected in the dishwashing products category
- Hand dishwashing shares grow for the third consecutive year
- All segments set to grow
- Rivalry between Fairy and Finish increases
- Fairy benefits from cross-category presence

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- Market sees highest growth since the pandemic

## Market forecast

- Stable growth expected in the dishwashing products category
- Be consumer-centric to grow and lead over rivals

## Market segmentation

- Hand dishwashing drives growth in the category
- The hand dishwashing segment grows for the third consecutive year
- Daily automatic dishwashing drives sales of dishwasher detergents
- Right moment to relaunch powder detergents

## Market share

- Finish accounts for 44% of overall market share in the machine segment
- Rivalry between Fairy and Finish increases
- Leading brands continue to grow in the hand segment
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