WOMEN'S FACIAL SKINCARE – GERMANY – 2023

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This report looks at the following areas:

- The impact of the the cost-of-living crisis and rising inflation on women's facial skincare
- The usage and purchase of women's facial skincare in the 12 months to May 2023, where serums are more than a flash in the pan and essentials crystallise
- Behaviours around women's facial skincare, revealing that many women are reluctant to experiment
- Spending on facial skincare, where women splurge on treatments and save on cleansers



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- Purchase drivers, where active ingredients and long-lasting results outrank price
- Attitudes towards women's facial skincare, which show that effectiveness and prevention are cornerstones of women's regimes
- Launch activity and innovation, responding to consumer demand for barrier care, with a focus on mass(tige) brands

Overview

Only 6% of female facial skincare users disagree that catering to skin type is more important than tackling skin issues. This points to a **proactive approach to skincare that favours prevention over treatment**. However, as the age group most likely to experience visible signs of skin ageing, such as wrinkles/fine lines and hyperpigmentation, women over 55 are more likely to prioritise active ingredients that can achieve visible results.

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In a market hit by inflation and declining real wages, category growth continues to be elusive. Market share of own labels decreased in 2022 as women resorted to trusty mass(tige) brands. But as of July 2023, 46% of German women are considering purchasing more ownlabel beauty products, which bodes well for these brands.

In the current economic climate, there is little willingness to try new things or engage with skincare trends, which has led to a decline in usage of some products. Changing habits and adverse beliefs around makeup impact cleansing frequency.

For many women, their **skincare regimes are closely tied to confidence and wellbeing**. Those who still earn good money and like to spend it on skincare are more prone to layering products, adding steps to their routines, and experimenting with brands. This allows for **a positive outlook for women's facial skincare once the economy bounces back**.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Key issues covered in this Report

- Overview
- The five-year outlook for women's facial skincare

Market context

- · Amid financial strains, Germans scrutinise their repertoires
- Flexible work shapes beauty routines
- · Skincare boosts confidence and helps manage stress

Mintel predicts

- · Market size and forecast
- · Lip care and mass(tige) brands are beacons of light
- · Modest growth expected for women's facial skincare

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Market size and forecast

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- Lip care and mass(tige) segments: building blocks to recovery?

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