

China Plastic Caps And Closures - Market Share Analysis, Industry Trends & Statistics, Growth Forecasts (2025 - 2030)

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Report description:

The China Plastic Caps And Closures Market size is worth USD 4.52 Billion in 2025, growing at an 4.08% CAGR and is forecast to hit USD 5.52 Billion by 2030.

In 2023, China's GDP grew by 5.2% Y-o-Y, driven by a steadily growing population, swift urbanization, and technological progress. Additionally, the nation's rising appetite for beverages fuels growth in the packaging industry.

Key Highlights

- China stands out as a dominant player in global plastic consumption. With its rich reserves of raw materials and a production landscape characterized by cost efficiency, the nation has witnessed a significant surge in plastic production.
- The burgeoning food and beverage industries in China are driving swift demand for plastic caps and closures. As consumers increasingly lean toward pre-cooked meal packs, the food processing industry in China, as reported by USDA, not only showcased steady growth in 2023 but is also poised for further expansion, buoyed by rising food product import volumes.
- USDA further highlights that as consumer demands evolve and become more lifestyle-centric with a focus on healthier eating and at-home dining, new food segments such as semi-prepared meals, plant-based products, and light snacks are gaining traction, significantly bolstering the market for plastic caps and closures in China.
- In China, the plastic caps and closures market thrives on product innovation, catering to diverse end-use industries.

 Technological strides in plastic packaging have ushered in a wave of industry innovations. With many Chinese firms channeling substantial investments into research and development for unique, cost-effective solutions, the pace of innovation is accelerating. For instance, in April 2024, US-based Aptar Group Inc. inaugurated its 'Aptar China Intelligent Production and Research & Development Base' in Suzhou, marking it as a pivotal manufacturing hub for Asia-Pacific.
- Yet, the market grapples with a significant hurdle: mounting environmental concerns surrounding plastic waste. As China's

population grows and the demand for food and beverage takeaways surges, the challenge intensifies. ACS Publications reports a staggering 26 million tons of plastic waste generated annually in China, with only a mere fraction undergoing recycling.

China Plastic Caps And Closures Market Trends

The Beverages Segment to Drive the Growth of the Market

- In 2023, the USDA reported that a burgeoning middle-income group in China is increasingly prioritizing health, with around 57% scrutinizing nutritional details such as fat, sugar, and calorie content before purchasing food or beverages. This heightened awareness has led to a surge in sales of imported items, particularly food supplements and premium dairy products, driving significant market growth.
- As China's beverage landscape evolves, manufacturers are ramping up local production. In September 2023, Swire Coca-Cola Ltd, a key bottler for Coca-Cola, invested CNY 2 billion (approximately USD 280 million) to inaugurate a state-of-the-art factory in eastern China.
- China's retail scene has long showcased a rising appetite for sugar-free options, especially tea-based mixes. Catering to the younger demographic, introducing varied flavors in healthy beverages is fuelling this market expansion. Highlighting this trend, Coca-Cola unveiled its Al-assisted 'Coca-Cola Y3000 Zero Sugar' drink in September 2023.
- China's burgeoning non-alcoholic beverages industry is set to bolster demand for plastic containers over the coming years. Data from the National Bureau of Statistics of China revealed a production leap from 17.87 million tons in March 2024 to 19.54 million tons by June 2024.

The Polyethylene (PE) Segment to Register the Highest Market Share

- Polyethylene (PE), a durable plastic, offers chemical resistance and cost-effectiveness. Derived from petroleum polymers, PE can endure environmental hazards. It is primarily categorized into high-density polyethylene (HDPE) and low-density polyethylene (LDPE).
- Commonly, HDPE and LDPE are the go-to materials for caps and closures. Specifically, HDPE caps dominate the non-alcoholic beverage bottle industry. Due to its superior properties, polyethylene has been the top choice for water bottle closures. Given its adaptability and robustness, HDPE, a thermoplastic polymer from petroleum, stands out as a prime choice for diverse industries in China.
- China, the world's second-largest beauty market, sees a rising trend in PE caps and closures within its cosmetics and personal care industries. This surge is driven by heightened consumer spending on skincare, a growing emphasis on self-care, and a growing preference for natural and organic ingredients. Additionally, the boom in e-commerce sales of cosmetics in China is fueling this market expansion.
- Plastic caps and closures play a crucial role in packaging, shielding products from dust, spills, and contamination. Their durability, recyclability, and cost-effectiveness make them a favored choice among manufacturers. In China, PE reigns as the top material for crafting caps and closures. Data from the National Bureau of Statistics of China revealed that by June 2024, the nation produced approximately 6.59 million tons of plastic products. Dominating the global scene, China is the largest plastic producer, responsible for nearly a third of the global plastic output, propelling the growth of the plastic caps and closures market.

China Plastic Caps And Closures Industry Overview

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The Chinese caps and closures market is moderately consolidated due to a surge in demand for beverages and a multitude of domestic and international vendors operating in the market. To navigate this competitive landscape and bolster their market presence, these vendors are increasingly leaning toward both horizontal and vertical integration. Key players in the market encompass Bericap Holding GmbH, Aptar Group, Berry Global Inc., and Shangdong Haishengyu Plastic Industry Co. Ltd.

- April 2024: Bericap Holding GmbH, a Germany-based company, established a new manufacturing plant in Kunshan, China. This move aims to boost its production capacity by 50% in response to the surging demand from Chinese customers. Strategically located near Shanghai, Kunshan offers Bericap a local foothold, facilitating prompt customer support and efficient product logistics.

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