Food Packaging Market Size & Share Analysis - Growth Trends and Forecast (2026 - 2031)

> **Industry:** End-Use & Specialty Packaging (Packaging)
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Executive Market Summary

Market Metric	Details
Base Market Size	USD 400.08 billion
Projected Forecast (2031)	USD 400.08 billion
Growth Rate (CAGR)	5.18 %
Largest Market Region	N/A
Fastest-Growing Region	N/A

Market Visualizations & Infographics

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Comprehensive Research Analysis

Overview Points List Flex 49 Share Feature End

Market OverviewStudy Period | 2020 - 2031 |
Market Size (2026) | USD 400.08 Billion |
Market Size (2031) | USD 515.06 Billion |
Growth Rate (2026 - 2031) | 5.18 % |
Fastest Growing Market | Asia Pacific |
Largest Market | Asia Pacific |
Market Concentration | Low |
Major Players*Disclaimer: Major Players sorted in no particular order

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Market Overview

Food Packaging Market Analysis by Mordor IntelligenceThe food packaging market size in 2026 is estimated at USD 400.08 billion, growing from 2025 value of USD 380.38 billion with 2031 projections showing USD 515.06 billion, growing at 5.18% CAGR over 2026-2031. Expansion rests on rapid urbanisation in Asia-Pacific, stronger regulatory attention to recycled content across North America and Europe, and the steady shift among global brand owners toward material-efficient flexible formats. Manufacturers also benefit from investments in cold-chain infrastructure that widen retail reach for chilled and frozen foods, while premiumisation trends revitalise glass demand and encourage adoption of high-barrier technologies able to support clean-label claims. On the supply side, direct customer relationships remain the dominant route to market; however, e-commerce logistics specialists are accelerating uptake of indirect channels that serve small and mid-size food processors. Merger activity among the leading converters is reshaping competitive boundaries by pooling R&D, recycling assets and global distribution footprints.

Key Report Takeaways* By material, plastics accounted for 58.55% revenue in 2025; glass is set to record the fastest 7.12% CAGR through 2031.
* By packaging format, flexible solutions held 56.10% share in 2025 and are expanding at a 6.18% CAGR.
* By product type, pouches captured 35.25% share in 2025 and will climb at an 8.32% CAGR to 2031.
* By technology, Modified Atmosphere Packaging led with 32.10% share in 2025, whereas aseptic systems are projected to post the highest 8.55% CAGR.
* By distribution channel, direct sales represented 57.95% share in 2025; indirect routes are advancing at a 6.53% CAGR as e-commerce broadens reach.
* By application, poultry and meat products held 28.05% share in 2025, while ready meals are predicted to log the swiftest 7.46% CAGR.
* By region, Asia-Pacific led with 40.85% of food packaging market share in 2025, while the same region is projected to rise at an 8.22% CAGR to 2031.

Key Market Trends

Market Trends and InsightsDrivers Impact Analysis of Food Packaging Market*Driver | (~) % Impact on CAGR Forecast | Geographic Relevance | Impact Timeline |
Accelerated urban convenience retail growth across Asia | +1.2% | Asia-Pacific core, spill-over to MEA | Medium term (2-4 years) |
Legislative push for post-consumer recycled content in North America | +0.8% | North America & EU | Short term (≤ 2 years) |
Expansion of direct-to-consumer meal-kit services in Europe | +0.6% | Europe, expanding to North America | Medium term (2-4 years) |
Rising demand for ready-to-eat seafood in Japan | +0.4% | Japan, expanding to APAC | Short term (≤ 2 years) |
Cold-chain build-out in Sub-Saharan Africa | +0.3% | Sub-Saharan Africa | Long term (≥ 4 years) |
Digital printing for short-run SKUs in Latin America | +0.2% | Latin America, global expansion | Medium term (2-4 years) |
Source: Mordor Intelligence |

Competitive Landscape

Competitive Landscape

The industry demonstrates fragmented following a wave of mergers and acquisitions that bolstered incumbent scale and innovation budgets. Amcor’s USD 8.4 billion purchase of Berry Global combined complementary flexibles portfolios, yielding an entity with USD 24 billion annual sales and a global footprint across 45 coun tries. Sonoco's USD 3.9 billion addition of Eviosys produced a leading metal-can specialist with synergies in aerosol and seafood end-markets, while Smurfit WestRock emerged from a USD 11.2 billion paper giant tie-up that positions the firm to leverage containerboard integration.

Strategic focus now tilts toward developing barrier-coated paper, compostable films and PCR-rich rigid containers that satisfy future regulatory curves. Patents such as Amcor's AmFiber Performance Paper underscore the race for proprietary solutions that deliver both high oxygen resistance and curbside recyclability. Simultaneously, converters are investing in closed-loop recycling, including vertically integrated wash plants near urban centres to secure feedstock for high-purity PCR.

New entrants concentrate on niche technologies: start-ups harnessing mycelium-based foams for insulation, IoT-enabled smart labels that track cold-chain compliance, and refill-ready rigid systems for zero-waste grocery concepts. Although their market shares remain small, alliance deals with retailers and CPGs provide pathways to scale. Overall, competitive intensity centres on speed to sustainable innovation, cost leadership in PCR sourcing and the ability to deliver personalised graphics at commercial speed.

Food Packaging Industry Leaders* Amcor Plc.

* Mondi Group

* Sealed Air Corporation

* Smurfit WestRock

* Sonoco Products Company

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Scope Methodology P Space

For this methodology, the food packaging market covers packaging materials and pack forms used to contain, protect, and distribute food products across retail and foodservice channels, measured in value at selling prices that reflect typical market transactions.

Scope exclusions: Packaging used only for beverages, non-food consumer goods, and industrial bulk handling that does not relate to food is excluded.

Segmentation Container

* By Material Type* Plastics* PET
* PE (HDPE and LDPE)
* PP
* Other Plastics

* Paper and Paperboard
* Metal
* Glass

* By Packaging Format* Rigid
* Flexible

* By Product Type* Cans
* Bottles and Jars
* Pouches
* Corrugated Boxes

* Other Product Type

* By Technology* Modified Atmosphere Packaging (MAP)
* Vacuum Packaging
* Hot-Fill
* High-Pressure Processing (HPP)
* Aseptic
* Retort

* By Distribution Channel* Direct Sales
* Indirect Sales

* By Application* Dairy Products
* Poultry and Meat Products
* Fruits and Vegetables
* Bakery and Confectionery
* Seafood
* Ready Meals and Convenience Food
* Frozen Food
* Other Application

* By Geography* North America* United States
* Canada
* Mexico

* Europe* Germany
* United Kingdom
* France
* Italy
* Spain
* Russia
* Rest of Europe

* Asia-Pacific* China
* India
* Japan
* South Korea
* Australia and New Zealand
* Rest of Asia-Pacific

* Middle East and Africa* Middle East* United Arab Emirates
* Saudi Arabia
* Turkey
* Rest of Middle East

* Africa* South Africa
* Nigeria
* Egypt
* Rest of Africa

* South America* Brazil
* Argentina
* Rest of South America

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the current size of the food packaging market and how fast is it growing?

The market stands at USD 400.08 billion in 2026 and is on track to reach USD 515.06 billion by 2031, advancing at a 5.18% CAGR.

Which region generates the highest revenue in food packaging?

Asia-Pacific leads with 40.85% of global revenue in 2025 and is also the fastest-growing region at an 8.22% CAGR through 2031.

Why are flexible packaging formats gaining share?

Flexible packs use less material, cut freight weight by up to 70%, and meet brand sustainability goals, helping them secure 56.10% market share in 2025 and a 6.18% growth rate.

Which packaging technology is projected to grow the fastest?

Aseptic processing shows the highest momentum with an expected 8.55% CAGR, driven by demand for shelf-stable dairy, beverages and sauces.

How do North American regulations influence recycled content usage?

Mandates such as California's SB 54 require minimum PCR levels, pushing resin premiums up by 15-20% versus virgin PET and prompting long-term supply contracts.

What challenge does the EU Single-Use Plastic Directive pose to multilayer flexibles?

The regulation forces a redesign to recyclable mono-material structures, raising production costs by as much as 14% and tightening compliance timelines to 2028.