



# Ready Meals Packaging in the US

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### KEY DATA FINDINGS

#### 2021 DEVELOPMENTS

End of stockpiling leads to decline, but sales remain higher than pre-pandemic  
Convenience drives packaging volumes of plastic pouches in dried ready meals  
Greater health awareness drives increased use of transparent packaging

#### PROSPECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

As consumers focus on recycling, folding cartons set to see share growth  
Manufacturers will seek to improve the sustainability of meal kits

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Packaging in 2021: The big picture

#### 2021 KEY TRENDS

Packaging inventory shortages cause disruption in shipping and price hikes  
Transparency and sustainability are shaping the food packaging industry in 2022  
Metal beverage cans and PET bottles expected to grow in beverage packaging over the forecast period  
Metal beverage cans the main pack type in alcoholic drinks  
Sustainable packaging within the beauty and personal care industry offers a competitive edge to various brands  
Home care industry has many untapped opportunities to help reduce plastic pollution

#### PACKAGING LEGISLATION

TPCH announces a 2021 update to its Model Toxics in Packaging Legislation  
Realizing the Economic Opportunities and Value of Expanding Recycling Act introduced

#### RECYCLING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Paper-based eco-friendly packaging solutions recommended by sustainability campaigners widely in the US

Table 1 - Overview of Packaging Recycling and Recovery in the US: 2019/2020 and Targets for 2021

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