

How GLP-1 Is Changing Consumer Preferences in the U.S.

Impact on Food & Apparel Purchasing Behaviors

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Executive Summary

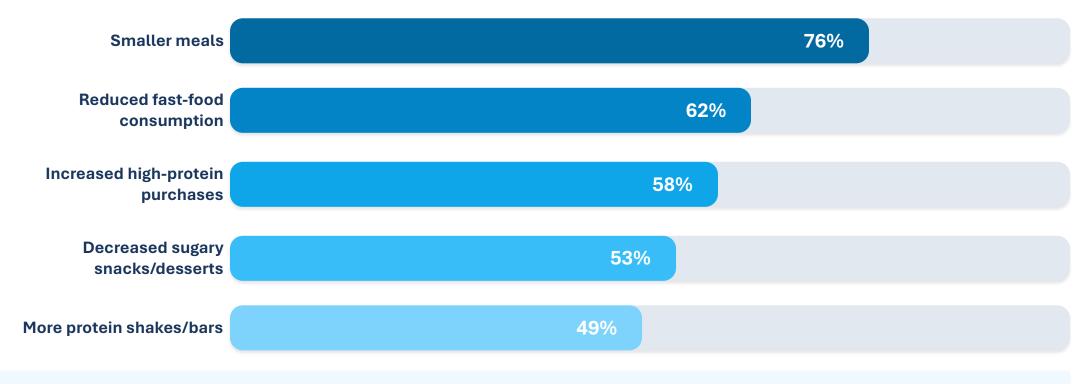
- ¶¶ GLP-1 use correlates with smaller meals, reduced snacking, and lower overall calorie intake.
- Users shift spend away from fast food and sugary items toward premium, functional nutrition (high-protein, low-sugar, nutrient-dense).
- Grocery: less total volume for many, but higher mix of health-optimized products.
- Apparel: demand rises for transitional wardrobes, adjustable/stretch fits, and activewear; some move out of plus-size.
- Emotional tailwinds: higher motivation and confidence, but wardrobe churn can feel overwhelming.



Food Purchasing Behavior Changes

Survey Results: Changes in Food Purchasing Patterns (n=45)



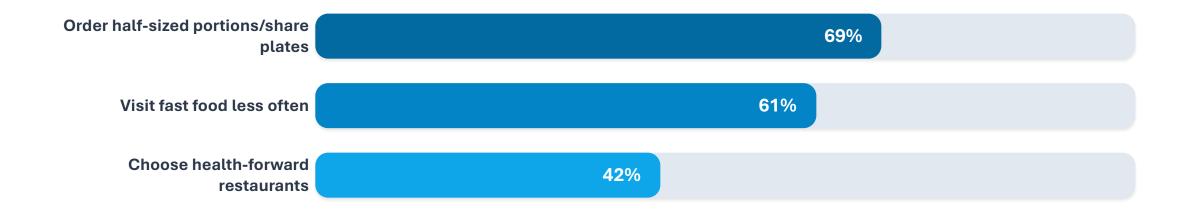


Reference: Among non-users (n=55), only 18% report similar changes due to general health goals.



Restaurant Behavior Shifts

Survey Results: Changes in Dining Habits (GLP-1 Users, n=45)

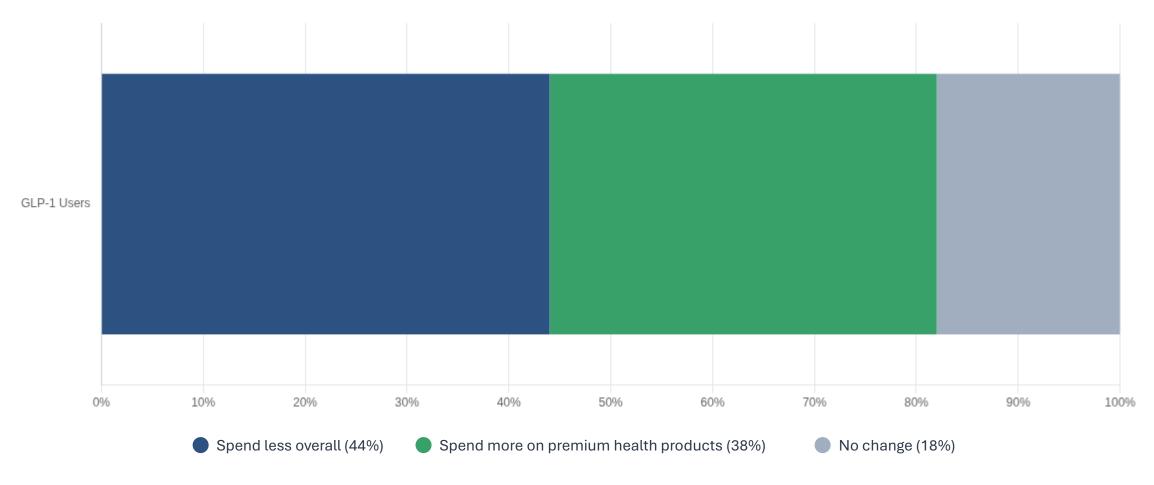


GLP-1 users demonstrate significant shifts in restaurant ordering behavior and venue selection.



Grocery Spending Patterns

How GLP-1 Medication Use Affects Grocery Spending (n=45)

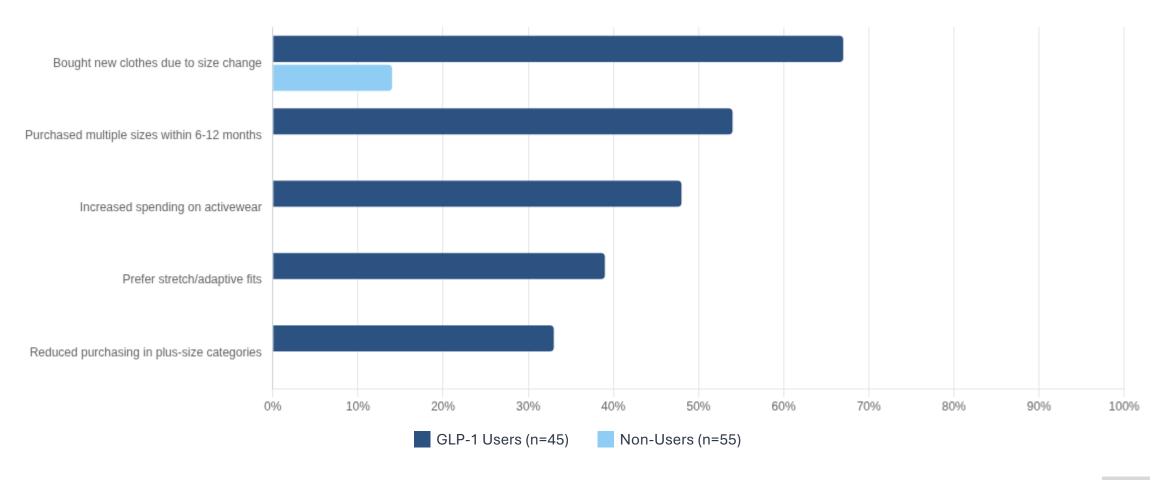


Self-reported spending changes among GLP-1 medication users. Less overall volume, but higher premium product selection.



Apparel Purchase Behavior (GLP-1 vs. Non-Users)

Survey Results: Changes in Apparel Purchasing Patterns





Key Takeaways



Shift From Convenience Foods

Material shift away from high-calorie, convenience, and fast-food purchases among GLP-1 users.



Quality Over Quantity

Lower volume of food purchased, but higher share of premium functional nutrition items.



Label Transparency

Increased focus on clean-label claims and ingredient transparency influencing purchase decisions.



Functional Food Growth

Strong interest in high-protein, low-sugar, high-fiber formats and meal replacements.



Accelerated Wardrobe Turnover

Weight-loss-driven changes significantly accelerate apparel turnover and increase purchase frequency.



Versatile Sizing Demand

Adjustable and stretch fits gain market share as consumers seek clothing that accommodates body changes.



Multiple Purchase Cycles

Transitional wardrobe needs create multiple purchase cycles as 54% of GLP-1 users buy multiple sizes within 6-12 months.

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Conclusion



Reshaping Consumption

GLP-1 usage is fundamentally changing consumer behavior across food and apparel: less volume, higher-quality nutrition, and more frequent apparel turnover.



Industry Adaptation

Brands that align assortments and messaging to functional health benefits and flexible fit solutions will capture increasing market share.



Health & Body Confidence

Successful brands will emphasize health optimization and body-positive messaging that acknowledges and supports physical transitions.



Growth Opportunities

Next steps: test targeted product bundles for transitional consumers, develop size-flexible programs, and explore health-forward retail partnerships.



Methodology

- Sample: 100 U.S. adults; 45 GLP-1 users (current/past), 55 non-users.
- Approach: Self-reported behavioral and spending changes; fictional but realistic dataset for analytical purposes.
- **%** Reporting: Percentages rounded to whole numbers; users vs. non-users where available.



Thank You

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