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Dollar sales of sugar and sweeteners fell from 2011-16. Three category segments (sugar, sugar substitutes, and syrup) experienced overall declines, due to the stigmatization of sugar, and concerns about artificial sweeteners. Improving the perception of the category is in order. The honey segment has flourished during the period, garnering the highest perception of healthfulness among products measured.

# This report looks at the following areas:

- Sales of sugar and sweeteners decline from 2011-16
- Dollar sales of sugar decline from 2011-16
- 84% of consumers are limiting the amount of sugar in their diet

This Report builds on the tabletop sweetener analysis presented in Mintel's *Sugar and Alternative Sweeteners – US, May 2015*, as well as *Sugar and Sweeteners – US, September 2014*, 2013, and 2012

For the purposes of this Report, Mintel has used the following definitions for tabletop sweeteners:

- Sugar (white granulated, brown, and powdered)
- Table syrup and molasses
- Sugar substitutes, such as Splenda, Sweet'N Low, Equal, Truvia, etc
- Honey

The following categories are excluded from this Report:

- Chocolate and other dessert syrups.

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