

Our Industry at a Glance

Manufactured food and drink contributed almost **£29bn** to the economy



In 2019, total domestic sales of manufactured food and drink exceeded **£73bn**



In 2019 FDF members were selling **22.6 bn fewer teaspoons of sugars** than they were in 2015



In 2019 FDF members were selling:

1.2 trillion fewer calories
90.3 million fewer kilograms of sugars
4.9 million fewer kilograms of salt



than they were in 2015

In 2019 the food & drink industry was the **biggest manufacturing sector in the country by turnover...**
...larger than automotive & aerospace combined



In 2019 our industry employed over

440,000 people



across every region and nation of the UK

In 2019 our industry had a **turnover** of more than

£104bn, accounting for almost **20% of total UK manufacturing**



97% of the UK's 10,990 food and drink manufacturing businesses and 7,585 employers are **SMEs**

In 2019, UK food & drink exports exceeded



In 2019 our top three export markets were

Ireland, the USA & France



The food supply chain employed

4.3 million people in 2019 & generated over **£120 bn** of added value for the economy



The food and drink manufacturing sector delivered a **reduction in food waste** of over **30%** on a per capita basis since 2011



FDF members reported an **absolute reduction of 55.5%** in CO₂ emissions

from their use of energy in manufacturing operations in 2019, compared to the 1990 baseline



Over half of our members identified **investment in new product launches** and **increased demand for healthy food products** as opportunities for 2021