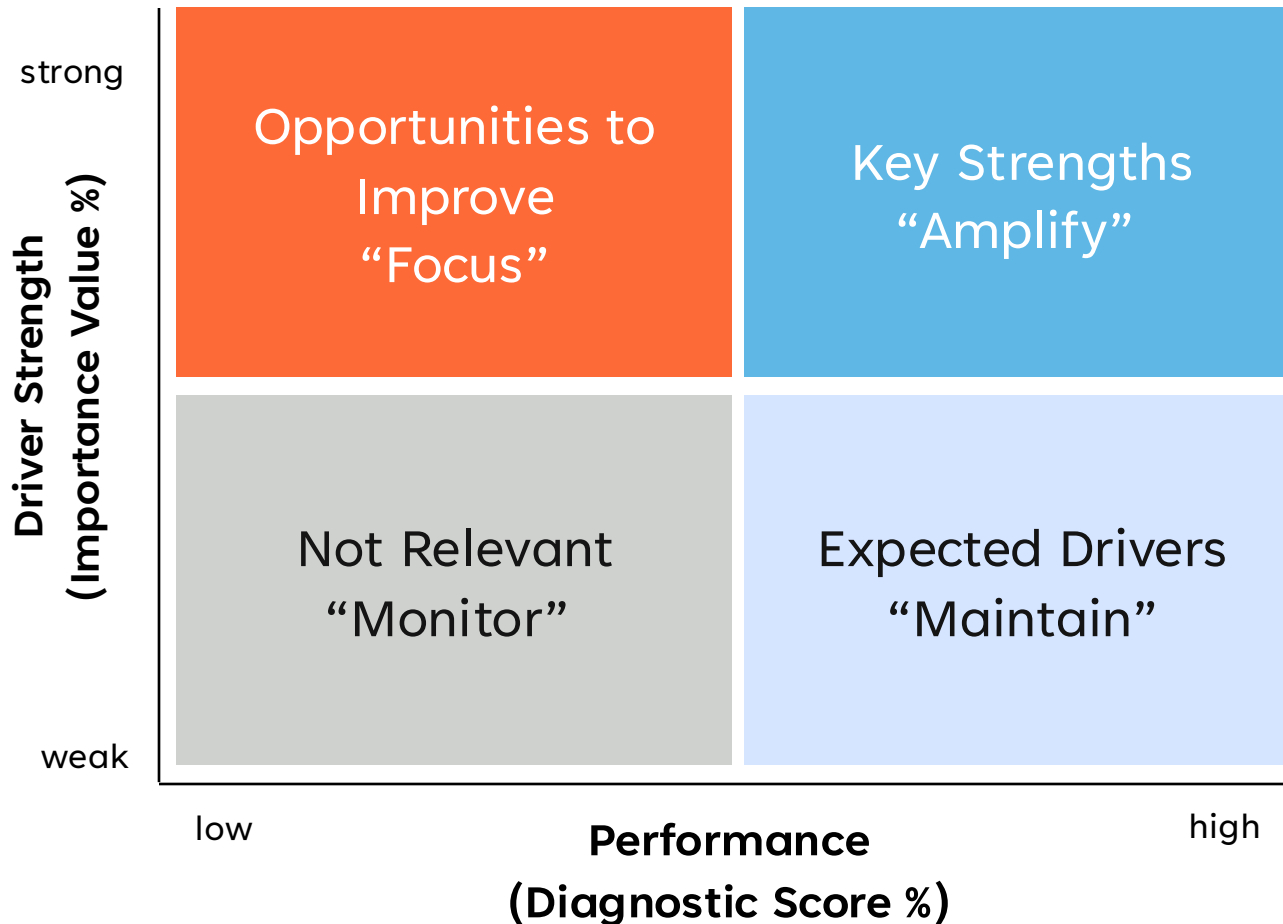


# Industry Analysis: CPG (Food & Beverage)

# Interpreting the Results

The relative weighting analysis derives the Driver Strength for each of the 20 perception diagnostics to the Mindshare and Purchase Intent scales. "Top Drivers" are those diagnostics with Driver Strength (Importance Values) above the median for that Industry. Key Strengths are those diagnostics also with Performance (Diagnostic Score) above the median for that Industry, and Opportunities to Improve have Performance below the median.



**Key Strength:** These are the stronger importance drivers as well as common perceptions for the Industry. These are attributes to amplify in communications / messaging.

**Opportunities to Improve:** These are stronger importance drivers but not commonly associated with the Industry, making them opportunities to focus on and improve. Enhanced investment here will likely yield the largest impact to brands.

**Expected Drivers:** These are weaker drivers but common perceptions of the Industry. Consumers expect a brand to have strong performance in these areas to be able to compete in the Industry, however enhancing focus here will not likely yield a strong impact to the brand.

**Not Relevant:** These are both weaker drivers and less commonly associated with brands in the Industry, therefore are considered least relevant for the Industry

# Popularity and word of mouth drives love and purchase of CPG brands; opportunities exist to connect with younger gens

## Top 5 Key Drivers of Mindshare for CPG (Food & Beverage)

Among Gen Z (n= 1064)	Among Millennials (n=2381)
1. Popular	1. Recommended
2. Recommended	2. Popular
3. Gets You	3. Pay Attention To
4. Pay Attention To	4. Reliable
5. Reliable	5. Gets You

Mindshare for CPG brands is highly driven by the “buzz” surrounding a brand, including its popularity, recommendation, and brands they naturally pay attention to, as well as ones they can count on to be reliable, all of which are considered strengths in the category.

Room for improvement exists in making products / services that get them, i.e., products that represent their lifestyles and fit their budgets.

## Top 5 Key Drivers of Purchase Intent for CPG (Food & Beverage)

Among Gen Z (n= 1064)	Among Millennials (n=2381)
1. Keeps Getting Better	1. Recommended
2. Recommended	2. Popular
3. Pay Attention To	3. Reliable
4. Gets You	4. Pay Attention To
5. Popular	5. Keeps Getting Better

Purchase intent for CPG brands is also driven by some of the same buzz-worthy attributes that drive mindshare.

However, keeps getting better is a unique driver of purchase intent for CPG, topping the list of purchase intent drivers among Gen Z. While Millennials consider this type of continuous improvement to be a strength of CPG brands, Gen Z view it as an opportunity for improvement.

A background image showing a woman sitting on a couch with a dog. The image is overlaid with a dark blue, semi-transparent grid pattern. The woman is wearing a light-colored top and dark pants, and the dog is a small, light-colored breed.

# Additional Info

# METHODOLOGY OVERVIEW

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- We used our Performance Drivers methodology to analyze the importance drivers for both Mindshare and Purchase Intent for an entire Industry, rather than at the individual brand level.
- Only the brand ratings for the top 50% of performers by YScore+ within each Industry were used.
- Region: North America (U.S. & Canada)
- Brand ratings were collected weekly from 1/1/2024 - 6/30/2024 (H1 2024)
- Analyses available for each Industry for:
  - All 13-39-year-olds
  - Gen Z
  - Millennials
- Analyses will be updated 2x per year

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Performance Driver Analysis conducted separately for the following Industries:

- CPG (Food & Beverage) (n=5,000)
- Education Technology (n=2,908)
- Fashion & Apparel (n=8,681)
- Financial Services (n=4,078)
- Footwear (n=3,226)
- Health & Beauty (4,466)
- Home Improvement (n=2,275)
- Intimates (n=2,775)
- Media, Tech, & Entertainment (n=26,675)
- Retail (n=2,784)
- Sport & Leagues (n=1,387)

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- Interested in going even further with a custom drivers analysis? Our Strategic Services Team can complete custom drivers analyses for any group of brands and demographics.
- Reach out to [support@ypulse.com](mailto:support@ypulse.com) to learn more about these options.

# YPulse's Youth-Centric Brand Diagnostics

YPulse's Brand Tracker assesses a holistic view of young consumers' affinity for brands using 20 unique measures.

## 20 Youth-Centric Diagnostics

Which of the following...?

1. Have a **BRIGHT FUTURE**
2. Are **COOL**
3. Are **ECO-FRIENDLY**
4. Helps you **EXPRESS WHO YOU ARE**
5. **GET YOU**

6. Have you **HEARD SOMETHING POSITIVE ABOUT** recently
7. Are **HOT** right now
8. Are **INNOVATIVE**
9. **KEEP GETTING BETTER**
10. Would you **LIKE TO HEAR FROM** more often

11. **MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE**
12. Do you **PAY ATTENTION TO**
13. Are **POPULAR** among you and your friends
14. Have you previously **RECOMMENDED**
15. **REFLECT DIVERSITY**

16. Are **RELIABLE**
17. **SUPPORT CAUSES** you care about
18. Have you **TALKED ABOUT** more often recently
19. Are **TRUE TO THEMSELVES**
20. Are **TRUSTWORTHY**

# Performance Drivers Analysis Variables

YPulse Performance Drivers Analysis use Relative Weight Analysis to identify which of the 20 youth-centric performance diagnostics are most important in moving consumers further down the path of the two relationship scales we measure: Mindshare and Purchase Intent.

## Mindshare Scale

Please tell us how well you know each of the following brands.

- I have never heard of this brand
- I have heard of this brand
- I am familiar with this brand / know about this brand
- I have bought from or financially supported this brand
- I am loyal to this brand
- This brand is one of my favorites

## Purchase Intent Scale

How likely are you to buy or to use the brand in the future?

- Very Unlikely
- Somewhat Unlikely
- Somewhat Likely
- Very Likely