# **Our Industry at a Glance**

2021



The food and drink industry is the biggest UK manufacturing sector, larger than automotive and aerospace combined

Over 97% of the 11,675 food and drink manufacturing businesses are SMEs

### **Industry Insights**

Industry's output was valued at £30bn ▲ 4.2%

with a total turnover of £112bn **▲** 4.8%



and domestic sales of £100bn **4**.5%

The food and drink industry employed 468,000 colleagues ▲ 3.4%



across every region and nation. with 4.2m workers in the farm-tofork food chain

Percentage Increase/ Decrease from 2020 to 2021



The industry's total business investment was £4bn ▲ 7.9%

Over half of our members identified new products and healthy food as investment opportunities



Food and drink exports were valued at £20bn ▼ 4.0%

Sold to over 220 export countries, of which the top export markets are Ireland, France, USA

### **Diet & Health**

FDF member products contributed



fewer sugars to the average shopping basket, compared to 2017

FDF member products contributed



fewer calories to the average shopping basket, compared to 2017

**FDF** member products contributed



16%

less salt to the average shopping basket, compared to 2017

FDF member products contributed



less total fat to the average shopping basket, compared to 2017

## **Environmental Sustainability**

FDF members reported an absolute reduction of 58% in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



from their use of energy in manufacturing operations in 2020 compared to 2019



FDF members are committed to the shared ambition of achieving Net Zero by 2040 across the farm-tofork supply chain



Sector delivered a reduction in food waste of over 30% on a per capita basis since 2011



members achieved 39% reduction in water consumption since 2007