

Boba Tea, Burnout, and Balance: How Drink Orders Reveal Urban Emotional Habits in 2025

As stress levels rise, U.S. consumers are turning to bubble tea not just for flavor, but for emotional comfort and self-regulation.

CA, UNITED STATES, April 8, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- From zero-sugar teas to self-soothing bubble drinks, consumers are navigating more than taste — they're managing emotion.

As wellness trends continue to dominate the beverage industry, orders for full-sugar bubble tea with tapioca pearls are on the rise.

Despite the surge in demand for zerosugar drinks and clean-label teas, data reveals a growing preference for indulgent options like bubble tea particularly among Gen Z consumers.



This shift is not a contradiction but rather a reflection of how modern consumers are coping with stress, self-care, and joy through their beverage choices. For many, the decision between a fruit tea and a rich brown sugar milk tea isn't just about dietary rules — it's about emotional calibration.

A 2024 national survey by Research! America and the American Heart Association highlights the challenges faced by consumers striving to maintain healthy habits. While 77% of Americans express a desire to eat healthier, the survey reveals the following constraints:

- 60% report that healthy food is too expensive
- 42% admit to stress eating
- 33% cite lack of time for meal preparation
- 32% feel unprepared to cook healthy meals

In times when life feels out of control, even the act of selecting a drink becomes an exercise in self-care and emotional well-being.

At Sharetea locations across the United States, an increasing number of customers are choosing their drinks based on their emotional state — a trend Sharetea is embracing as part of its commitment to community and customer well-being.

Christine N., the owner of Sharetea Austin, shares:

"As a kid, I have fond memories of visiting relatives in Taiwan and getting bubble tea every day while I was there. I always remember a strong, distinct tea aroma every time I walked into a bubble tea shop and the happy feeling it would give me."

This emotional connection is supported by findings from Innova Market Insights' Global Consumer Trends 2025, which identifies "feeling mentally and emotionally well" as the primary driver behind health-focused consumer decisions. Additionally, Innova's Top Ten Food and Beverage Trends 2025 highlights "Mood Food – Mindful Choices" and "Transformational Moments," pointing to a growing trend where beverages are more than just drinks — they are emotional experiences embedded in daily rituals.

Customers are increasingly using drinks to mark emotional milestones, whether it's a midweek reset or post-exam relief.

Wayne N., manager of Sharetea at Cactus Marketplace in Las Vegas, reflects: "Sharetea aimed to introduce the community to Taiwanese bubble tea made with fresh ingredients. Share the happiness. Share the joy."

As <u>Sharetea USA</u> continues to expand, the company's diverse menu reflects a broad emotional spectrum, offering everything from light, clean options to indulgent comfort drinks, alongside seasonal blends that cater to the full range of real-life emotions.

Our internal data shows that specific drinks consistently resonate with how customers feel in the moment — whether they are seeking comfort, clarity, or refreshment. For example:

- Boba Fresh Milk at our Hayward store remains a favorite for those seeking a creamy, grounding experience.
- Hot Matcha Milk Tea in Fremont provides a warm, focused feeling for busy customers.
- Mango Green Tea in Mobile is a top choice for its vibrant and uplifting flavor.

Across Sharetea locations nationwide, these preferences reflect how the company plays a role in emotional self-care — naturally and deliciously.

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