# **The Market For Self-Improvement Products and Services**

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...Anthony Robbins, Oprah Winfrey, Joel Osteen, Eckhart Tolle, Deepak Chopra, Suze Orman, Brendon Burchard, Brian Tracy, Tim Ferriss, Dr. Phil McGraw, Robert Kiyosaki, John Maxwell, Dave Ramsey, Gary Vaynerchuck, Malcomb Gladwell.

# The Personal Coaching Market

\* Definition & summary of the market, number of active coaches in U.S., worldwide, coaching specialties, differences between coaching and consulting, corporate vs. personal coaching, most common myths about coaching, phone coaching

- \* Status report of the market, topics in demand, corporate vs. consumer customers
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- \* Coaching metrics: Avg. annual earnings, fees, no. of clients, outlook, extensive operating ratios
- \* 2023 ICF Global Coaching Study Major Findings, PricewaterhouseCoopers Survey findings, consumer attitudes & awareness of coaching services, extensive metrics, no. of coaches and earnings by region, client profile, coach demographics, etc.
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- \* Latest 2020 **APA consumer survey results** on market growth, audiobook formats, sales trends, comparisons to earlier surveys, NPD Group survey findings
- \* Consumer spending on audiobooks was very strong in 2020, discussion
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# Holistic Institutes & Training Organizations

(Self-improvement workshops, seminars, courses, retreats, training organizations)

- \* Nature of the market, status and 15 U.S. centers' philosophies, course offerings and prices, enrollments, growth since 1960s, nonprofit/for-profit status, specializations, estd. & actual revenues/budgets, workshop topics in demand, mkt. size and 2023 forecasts.
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- \* Sandler Training profile, services, history, estd. revenues, no of franchises
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- Fred Pryor/CareerTrack (Park University) 2011-2021 program revenues/expenses
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- National Seminars Group (Rockhurst Univ.)
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- \* Discussion & summary of the market, leading websites, estimated market size in 2022, Forecast
- \* Competitor Profiles: Selfgrowth.com, ConsciousOne.com, BeliefNet.com, Success.com, ThirdAge.com (History, description of services/content, ownerships, estd. revenues)
- \* Internet Mastery Programs & Courses: description/what they teach, focus, top names: Jeff Walker, Ryan Deiss, Callan Rush, Russell Brunson, Daniel Hall, Glen Dietzel, Eben Pagan, Jay Boyer, Steve Harrison, Mike Koenigs,
- \* The self-improvement apps market: key players in the weight loss apps market (Noom company profile), the top apps or dieting, weight loss
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## Status Report of The U.S. Weight Loss Market

- \* The importance of weight loss programs related to the self-improvement market
- \* Summary/status of the industry in 2022-2023-- recent and emerging trends, Marketdata forecasts, the effect on commercial diet firms of huge shift to prescription obesity meds, Changes in Dieter Behavior and Attitudes
- \* 2020-2022 Performance of leading commercial, medical, online chains (Medifast, NutriSystem, Jenny Craig, Weight Watchers – public & private companies)
- \* The major industry trends, major mkt. developments since 2020
- \* Evaluation of the 2023 "diet season", rest of 2023.

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- Marketdata estimates of <u>the 10 major segments of the diet industry</u>, \$ values (2006 to 2027 F)--diet soft drinks, artificial sweeteners, health clubs, commercial programs, medical programs by type, low-cal foods, retail meal replacements, diet pills, diet books, etc.)
- Revenues of commercial diet centers, market share of top chains (2010-2022).
- The Largest U.S. Weight Loss Companies & Brands, By Sales: 2022
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- Industry snapshot & metrics (Census ratios) for commercial diet companies: 2002, 2007, 2012, 2017.
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