Health & Fitness Subscription Apps, US App Store: free sample

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This is a free 2-page sample of my category report. The numbers below come from daily snapshots of Apple's US top-grossing chart for Health & Fitness, plus Apple's public store text and customer-reviews feed.

The top 10 by grossing rank, 2026-11-03

Rank	App	Rank on 10-23
1	LADDER Strength Training Plans	2
2	MyFitnessPal: Calorie Counter	1
3	Strava: Run, Bike, Walk	3
4	Flo Cycle & Period Tracker	5
5	Calm	6
6	Peloton: Fitness & Workouts	7
7	AllTrails: Hike, Bike & Run	4
8	Google Health (Fitbit)	9
9	Hatch Sleep	12
10	MacroFactor - Macro Tracker	11

A rank is an ordering from Apple, not revenue.

What 1,500 reviews say

I counted themes in the 50 most recent US reviews of each top-30 app on 2026-11-01, using Apple's public feed. The counts are keyword matches, so they carry some noise. I checked the five largest price counts by hand.

- **35% are 1 or 2 stars** (525 of 1,500).
- **Price and subscription is the top complaint.** 237 of the 525 low reviews (45%) mention price, subscription, premium or paying. Next come cancel, refund or "charged" (98) and bugs, crashes and sync (66).
- "**Trial**" **shows up mostly in anger.** 35 of the 43 reviews that mention it are 1 to 2 stars.
- **Google Health (Fitbit) has the lowest average in the top 30, 1.72 stars.** The theme is the move from the Fitbit app, not the price.

Two of the ten testable hypotheses

Say the charge date in plain words.
Observed: of the first 12 low reviews I read that say "free trial", 6 describe a charge they did not expect: before the trial ended, or with no warning they were promised. In the top 30, 12 store descriptions mention a free trial, and for 7 the first mention is a legal line about forfeiting unused time.
Hypothesis: a plain sentence with the date lowers billing anger more than it lowers trial starts.
Test this week: on the trial screen, show "You pay $X on [date] unless you cancel" against your current copy.
Disproved if: refund asks stay flat while trial starts fall.

Add a migration note when you move users to a new platform.
Observed: 36 of Google Health's 40 low reviews use words such as Fitbit, Google, lost or missing (a noisy count). Its release note on 11-01 reads as general stability work.
Hypothesis: naming the move, and what happens to old data, lowers the low-review rate.
Test: in your next migration release, say what moved, what did not, and where old data lives.
Disproved if: the low-review share after the release matches the release before it.

A correction, because you should see those too

In my first week I wrote that sleep apps were rising together. When I checked 8 snapshots on 2026-11-02, most of that move was one jump between 10-23 and 10-25, with no group move after it. I dropped the hypothesis built on it. The full report keeps the correction in view.

What the full report contains

- The full top-100 table, with rating counts and days in chart
- Who moved in and out of the chart
- Published prices, from store text only
- Shipping pace and release-note patterns
- Review themes per app
- A positioning map of the top 30
- All 10 hypotheses, each with a test and what would disprove it

What it does NOT contain

No paywall screens, conversion rates, revenue, downloads or ad spend. None of that is public, so I don't claim it. No app icons or screenshots. No reviewer names. Prices appear only where an app prints them in its own store text, about 15 of 100.

The full report is a $29 PDF, one-time. Checkout is not open yet.

Data for this sample: chart ranks 2026-10-23 to 2026-11-03, reviews and store text 2026-11-01.