The amount spent on food rises with income. ... while the proportion falls...

**Americans spend...**

- **Low**: 21% of $1,923
- **Middle**: 11% of $2,417
- **High**: 7% of $3,304

**Other countries spend...**

- **Low**: 45% of $194
- **Lower middle**: 34% of $443
- **Upper middle**: 23% of $914
- **Upper**: 12% of $2,133

**Annual food expenditures per person, 2006**

- **Low**: $1,923
- **Middle**: $2,417
- **High**: $3,304

**Income group**

- **Low**
- **Middle**
- **High**

**Other countries’ expenditures by income group**

- **Low**
- **Lower middle**
- **Upper middle**
- **Upper**

**Diet composition shifts, particularly in other countries**

- **Other**
- **Fruit & vegetables**
- **Dairy**
- **Meat**
- **Cereals**

ERS monitors food consumption around the world as part of its research on global food security. This research includes estimates of current and future food gaps and analysis of international food aid. ERS also estimates food expenditures to inform research on food markets, including research on demand and supply trends.

For more information, see the ERS Website:

- Food CPI, Prices, and Expenditures, [www.ers.usda.gov/Briefing/CPIFoodAndExpenditures/](www.ers.usda.gov/Briefing/CPIFoodAndExpenditures/)