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Chinese meat consumption now double that of U.S.

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China's population is eating more than twice the meat Americans do, according to [an analysis of USDA data by the Earth Policy Institute](#).

China now consumes more than a quarter of all the meat produced worldwide. Per capita meat consumption in China is about half what it is in the United States.

Nearly three-fourths of China's meat consumption is pork; nearly half of the world's pigs live in China. China is projected to consume 52 million tons of pork this year.

This year could also see the first time China consumes more chicken than the U.S. does, though, on average, Americans eat four times more chicken per capita.

Beef is still clearly more of an American favorite, with American per capita consumption nearly nine times that of China's average.

