

International foods continue to intrigue U.S. shoppers. Many first experience international flavors in restaurants, then seek at-home solutions for their favorite globally inspired dishes.

## **Growing interest in international foods**



While Hispanic food retains highest sales, Asian and Indian growing fastest

U.S. Shelf-Stable International Grocery Sales, 52WE 08.07.2022 vs. YAG

\$6.5B

Hispanic (+5.5%)

\$1.8B

Asian (+8.5%)

\$293.7MM

Middle Eastern (+1.2%)

\$106.7MM

Indian (+7.5%)



Significant interest in new cuisine Consumers want to try these international foods:

45% South

American

**39%** Other Asian

37%

African

(Lao, Cambodian,

Malaysian, etc.)

44%

Central American

39%

39% Cuban



Online interest in international food growing. Online searches: (2017-2022)

+52%

Mexican

+90%

Asian **+100%** 

Indian

+122% Middle Eastern

## Shoppers want international options at grocery stores



Hispanic meal-shopping experience should include whole store

For Hispanic food buyers, these are somewhat/ extremely important:

84%

80%

Produce

**79%** Meat

Cheese **75%** 

**Breads** 

Exposure at restaurants

Exposure at restaurants encourages in-store purchases of Asian and Indian food

Asian quick-service restaurants grew **+135%** over last 25 years

CAGR of **+12%** through 2026 forecasted for Asian quick-service restaurants

More than a quarter of those who buy Indian food want to purchase Indian food items not currently available at their store



Convenient meal options reduce ingredients and make trial easy

22% tired of cooking at home

**24%** interested in trying different international foods, but find them intimidating

**59%** say a wider range of international flavors would encourage them to use sauces more

## Demographic diversity driving growth

25% growth expected in international food in next 3 years. By 2060:

- Only 44% of U.S. population will identify as Non-Hispanic White
- 17% of U.S. residents are anticipated to be foreign born





Parents raising new generation of international eaters

- 25- to 34-year-olds most frequent international aisle shoppers
- Parents more likely than nonparents to shop the international aisle
- 78% of parents interested in serving international flavors to their children