Increasing rates of obesity are not unique to the United States. Rates of obesity are increasing around the globe. The World Health Organization projects that, as of 2005, 1.6 billion adults were overweight and at least 400 million were obese. Approximately 2.3 billion adults will be overweight and 700 million will be obese by 2015.

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