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The Five Food Groups and Nutrition Facts

Eat Well & Keep Moving

The Five Basic Food Groups

- Vegetables
- Fruits
- Grains
- Protein
- Dairy

Kid's Healthy Eating Plate



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Choose Colorful Fruits and Vegetables Instead of Junk Food

- Fruits and vegetables provide vitamins, minerals, and carbohydrate.
- Choose fruits and vegetables in a rainbow of colors (choose especially dark-green and orange vegetables).
- Getting 5 or more servings each day can reduce the risk of diabetes, heart disease, obesity, and possibly some cancers.

Fruits

- Good source of vitamins A and C and potassium
- Whole and sliced fruits have more fiber than juice and are better choices.
- One serving = 1 medium apple, banana, or orange; 1/2 cup chopped or cooked fruit; 1/4 cup of dried fruit, like raisins
- Limit fruit juice to no more than 4-6 ounces per day.

Vegetables

- Good source of vitamins A and C, folate, iron, and magnesium
- High in fiber
- Choose a rainbow of colors, especially dark green and deep orange.
- One serving = 1/2 cup cooked vegetables, 1 cup of leafy salad greens

Grains: Get Whole Grains and Sack the Sugar!

- Grains contain carbohydrate, fiber, and some vitamins and minerals.
- Whole grains are the healthiest choices.
- Choose foods that list a whole grain as the first ingredient and watch out for added sugar in the ingredients list.
- Examples of whole-grain foods include 100% whole-wheat bread and pasta, steelcut oatmeal, whole-grain crackers and breakfast cereals, barley, brown rice, and quinoa.

Protein

 Contain protein, B vitamins, and minerals responsible for functions like building and repairing muscles and tissue.

 Choose healthy sources of protein, including nuts, seeds, beans, and peas, as well as fish, poultry, and vegetarian alternatives.

Dairy

- Dairy foods are needed in lower proportions than foods from the other groups
- Good source of calcium; also contains protein, riboflavin, and vitamins A and D
- Promotes strong bones and healthy teeth
- Choose unflavored milk, plain yogurt, or unsweetened dairy foods
- Those who cannot consume dairy can choose lactose-free milk or calcium-fortified nondairy alternatives such as unflavored and unsweetened rice milk or soy milk

Combination and Processed Foods

 Combination foods contain foods from more than one food group.

 Processed foods are prepared and packaged by manufacturers.

A Balanced Diet

- No single food supplies all needed nutrients.
- Choose a variety of foods from each group.
- Follow these guidelines to make the best choices:
 - Choose colorful fruits and vegetables instead of junk food.
 - Choose whole-grain foods and limit foods with added sugar.
 - Make the switch from sugary drinks to water.
 - Choose foods with healthy fat, limit foods high in saturated fat, and avoid foods with trans fat.

Energy Requirements

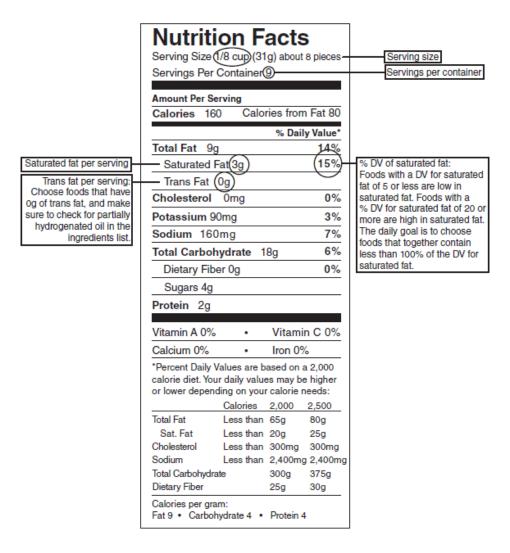
Adults

- Women need 1,800 to 2,000 calories per day.
- Men need 2,200 to 2,400 calories per day.
- Adults need more if they are very active.

Children

- Girls aged 9 to 13 need 1,600 calories per day.
- Boys aged 9 to 13 need 1,800 calories per day.
- Children may need 400 calories more each day if they are moderately active.
- Very active boys and girls may need even more.

Reading Food Labels



Understanding % Daily Value

- The % Daily Value (% DV) tells you whether a food is low or high in a nutrient.
- Consider saturated fat:
 - Food with % DV ≤ 5 is low in saturated fat.
 - Food with % DV ≥ 20 is high in saturated fat.
- Follow the daily goal for saturated fat:
 - Choose foods that together have <100% of the DV for saturated fat.
 - It is easier to eat a healthy diet by choosing foods that have ≤ 5% of the DV for saturated fat.

% Daily Value for Other Nutrients

% DV for vitamins, iron, calcium

- Food with % DV ≤ 5 is low in a nutrient.
- Food with % DV ≥ 20 is high in a nutrient.

Daily goal for vitamins, iron, calcium

- Choose foods that together reach 100% of the DV for these beneficial nutrients.
- It is easier to reach 100% DV by choosing foods that are high in these nutrients.

Trans Fat on the Food Label

- No % DV is listed for trans fat, because it is unclear if there is any safe level.
- It is best to avoid trans fat.
 - Look for "0 grams trans fat" on food label.
 And
 - Check ingredients list for partially hydrogenated oil.
 - Switch to products that do not contain trans fat or partially hydrogenated oil.

Calculating % Daily Value for Saturated Fat

 Divide the number of grams of saturated fat per serving by 22 and multiply by 100.

- Here is an example:
 - 1 cup of whole milk has 5 grams of saturated fat.
 - $-(5 \div 22) \times 100 = 23\%$ DV for saturated fat.

Adding Up the Saturated Fat

Snack foods	% DV saturated fat
Nonfat milk	0%
Apple slices	0%
Water	0%
Chocolate chip cookie (1)	16%
Small fast-food cheeseburger	32%
Vanilla milkshake (12 oz.)	45%
Spinach	0%
Roasted cashews (1/4 cup)	11%
Total	104%

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