Food Lists





Starches



Breads and More Each Serving = 15 g carbohydrate, 3 g protein, 0-1 g fat, 80 calories Bagel large 1/4 1 **Biscuit** size 2¹/₂-inches across Bread 1 slice white, wheat, multigrain, rye Bun hotdog or hamburger 1/2 bun Chapatti size 6-inch diameter 1 1 Cornbread size 2-inch cube 1/2 English muffin Flour, corn meal, wheat germ 3 Tbsp. dry 1 Pancake 4-inch diameter, ¼- inch thick Pita bread 6-inch diameter 1/2 Roll small dinner roll 1 Stuffing: bread 1/3 cup Taco shell or tostada shell size 5-inch 2 crisp shells Tortilla 1 Corn or flour, 6-inches across Flour, 10-inches across 1/3 1 Waffle 4-inch diameter

Most breads, bagels, buns and rolls have about 15 grams (g) of carbohydrate per ounce when weighed on a food scale.



Rice, Noodles and Grains Each Serving = 15 g carbohydrate, 3 g protein, 0-1 g fat, 80 calories		
Barley	1/3 cup	
Bulgur	1/2 cup	
Couscous	1/3 cup	
Granola, regular or low-fat	1/4 cup	
Grits	1/2 cup	All items on this page are measured after
Millet	1/3 cup	cooking.
Muesli	1/4 cup	
Oatmeal	1/2 cup	
Pasta	1/3 cup	
Polenta	1/3 cup	E. C.
Quinoa	1/3 cup	CENTUM CUNTO
Rice, white or brown	1/3 cup	
Wild rice	1/2 cup	

Beans, lentils and split peas are good sources of protein.

Beans, Peas and Lentils Each Serving = 15 g carbohydrate, 7 g protein, 0-3 g fat, 125 calories

Baked beans	1/3 cup
Beans: black, garbanzo, kidney, lima, navy, pinto, white	1/2 cup
Lentils: brown, green, yellow	1/2 cup
Peas: black-eyed, split	1/2 cup
Refried beans	1/2 cup

Starchy Vegetables Each Serving = 15 g carbohydrate, 3 g protein, 0-1 g fat, 80 calories

Cassava, Yucca	1/3 cup
Corn	1/2 cup
Corn on cob, large	1/2 cob
Hominy, canned	3/4 cup
Parsnips	1/2 cup
Peas, green	1/2 cup
Plantain	1/3 cup
Potato	1/2 cup
Pumpkin, canned, no sugar added	1 cup
Squash, winter: acorn, butternut	1 cup
Succotash	1/2 cup
Yam, sweet potato	1/2 cup

These snack foods each have 15 grams of carbohydrate

6 saltines 3 graham cracker squares 3 cups popped corn







Fruits

Fresh Fruits Each Serving = 15 g carbohydrate, 0 g protein, 0 g fat, 60 calories		
Apple	1 small	
Applesauce, unsweetened	1/2 cup	
Apricots, fresh	4 whole	
Banana	1/2 large or 1 baby banana	
Blackberries	3/4 cup	
Blueberries	3/4 cup	
Cantaloupe	1 cup cubed	
Cherries	12	
Fruit cocktail	1/2 cup	
Grapefruit	1/2	
Grapes	17 small	
Honeydew	1 cup cubed	
Kiwi	1	
Mango	1/2 cup	
Nectarine	1 small	
Orange	1 small	
Papaya	1 cup cubed	
Peach	1 medium	
Pear	1 small	
Pineapple	3/4 cup	
Plums	2 small	
Raspberries	1 cup	
Strawberries	1½ cup whole berries	
Tangerines	2 small	

11/4 cup cubes

Watermelon

Dried Fruit Each Serving = 15 g carbohydrate, 0 g protein, 0 g fat, 60 calories		
Apples, dried	4 rings	
Apricots, dried	8 halves	
Dates	3	
Dried fruits	2 Tbsp.	
Figs	2 medium	
Prunes	3	
Raisins	2 Tbsp.	

Fruit Juice Each Serving = 15 g carbohydrate, 0 g protein, 0 g fat, 60 calories		
Apple juice or apple cider	1/2 cup	
Fruit juice blends, 100% juice	1/3 cup	
Grape juice	1/3 cup	Juices can rais
Grapefruit juice	1/2 cup	blood sugar quickly.
Orange juice	1/2 cup	quiotiy.
Pineapple juice	1/2 cup	
Prune juice	1/3 cup	



Milk and Yogurt



1 cup = 8 ounces

Fat-free and Low fat Selections

Each Serving = 15 g carbohydrate, 8 g protein, 0-3 g fat, 100 calories

Fat-free or low fat buttermilk	1 cup
Fat-free milk	1 cup
1% low fat milk	1 cup
Evaporated fat-free milk	1/2 cup
Fat-free dry milk powder	1/3 cup dry
Yogurt, Fat-free, flavored with sugar substitute Plain, fat-free	2/3 cup 2/3 cup

Reduced Fat Selections Each Serving = 15 g carbohydrate, 8 g protein, 5 g fat, 120 calories		
2% reduced fat milk 1 cup		
Kefir	1 cup	
Yogurt, plain low fat	2/3 cup	
Sweet acidophilus milk	1 cup	

Whole Milk Selections Each Serving = 15 g carbohydrate, 8 g protein, 8 g fat, 160 calories			
Milk, whole 1 cup High in saturat			
Evaporated whole milk	1/2 cup	fat: limit us	se
Yogurt, plain, made from whole milk	1 cup		
Goat's milk	1 cup		

Non-Starchy Vegetables

Serving Size: 1/2 cup cooked or 1 cup raw Each Serving = 5 g carbohydrate, 2 g protein, 0 g fat, 25 calories

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Amaranth	Leeks	
Artichoke	Mung bean sprouts	
Asparagus	Mushrooms	
Baby corn	Okra	
Bamboo shoots	Onion	
Beans: green, Italian, wax	Pea pods	
Bean sprouts	Peppers: bell and all varieties	
Beets	Radishes	
Bitter melon	Rutabaga	
Bok choy	Sauerkraut	
Borscht	Sprouts: all varieties	
Broccoli	Spinach	
Brussels sprouts	Summer squash	
Cabbage- all types	Sugar snap peas	
Carrots	Swish chard	
Cauliflower	Tomatoes	
Celery	Tomato sauce	
Chayote	Tomato juice	
Coleslaw	Turnips	
Cucumber	V8 juice	
Eggplant		
Greens all: collard, kale, mustard, turnip	Salad greens	
Green onions	and lettuce are very low carb	
Hearts of palm	and usually do not need to be	

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Kohlrabi

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Meats and Meat Substitutes

Choose lean most often

Lean Protein Choices

Each portion size below = 0 g carbohydrate, 7 g protein, 0-3 g fat, 45 calories

1 oz
1 oz
1/4 cup
1/4 cup
2
1 oz
1 oz
1
1 oz

3 ounces (oz) of meat is about the size of a deck of cards and provides 135 calories and 21 grams of protein

Vegetarian protein sources are listed on page 11.

Medium Fat Protein Choices Each portion size below= 0 g carbohydrate, 7 g protein, 4-7 g fat, 75 calories

Cheese, reduced-fat with 4-7 g fat per oz	1 oz
Feta cheese	1 oz
Mozzarella cheese	1 oz
Ricotta cheese	1/4 cup
Beef: corned beef, ground beef, meatloaf, Prime grades trimmed of fat prime rib, short ribs, tongue	1 oz
Egg	1
Fish, fried	1 oz
Lamb: ground, rib roast	1 oz
Pork: cutlet, shoulder roast	1 oz
Poultry: chicken with skin, dove, pheasant, wild duck, wild goose, fried chicken, ground turkey	1 oz
Sausage with 4-7 grams of fat per oz	1 oz
Veal, cutlet, no breading	1 oz

Choose less often

High Fat Proteins Choices

Each portion size below = 0 g carbohydrate, 7 g protein, 8 or more g fat, 100 calories

Pork bacon Turkey bacon	2 slices 3 slices
Cheese, all regular versions: American, bleu, brie, cheddar, Colby, hard goat, Monterey jack, queso, Swiss	1 oz
Hot dog: beef, pork, turkey, chicken or combination	1
Pork: ground pork, sausage, spareribs	1 oz
Processed meats with 8 or more g fat per oz bologna, pastrami, salami	1 oz
Sausages: bratwurst, chorizo, Italian, Polish, pork	1 oz

Vegetarian Protein Choices				
Bacon strips, soy-based	3 strips	7 g protein, 4-7 g fat		
Baked beans	1/3 cup	15 g carb, 7 g protein, 0-3 g fat		
Beans, cooked: black, garbanzo, kidney, lima, navy, pinto, white	1/2 cup cooked	15 g carb, 7 g protein, 0-3 g fat		
Beef or sausage crumbles, soy- based	1/4 cup	8 g carb, 7 g protein, 0-3 g fat		
Chicken nuggets, soy-based	2 nuggets	8 g carb, 7 g protein, 4-7 g fat		
Edamame	1/2 cup shelled	8 g carb, 7 g protein, 0-3 g fat		
Falafel-spiced chickpea patties	3 patties 2 inch diameter	15 g carb, 7 g protein, 8 g fat		
Hot dog, soy-based	1	8 g carb, 7 g protein, 0-3 g fat		
Hummus	1/3 cup	15 g carb, 7 g protein, 8 g fat		
Lentils, brown, green, or yellow	1/2 cup cooked	15 g carb, 7 g protein, 0-3 g fat		
Meatless burger, soy-based	3 oz	8 g carb, 14 g protein, 0-3 g fat		
Nut spreads: almond butter, cashew butter, peanut butter, soy nut butter	1 Tbsp.	7 g protein, 8 or more g fat		
Dried peas: black-eyed and split peas	1/2 cup cooked	15 g carb, 7 g protein, 0-3 g fat		
Refried beans, canned	1/2 cup	15 g carb, 7 g protein, 0-3 g fat		
Sausage patties, soy-based	1	7 g protein, 4-7 g fat		
Soy nuts	3/4 oz	8 g carb, 7 g protein, 4-7 g fat		
Tempeh	1/4 cup	7 g protein, 4-7 g fat		
Tofu	1/2 cup	7 g protein, 4-7 g fat		
Tofu, light	1/2 cup	7 g protein, 0-3 g fat		

Fats



Monounsaturated Fats Each Serving = 0 g carbohydrate, 5 g fat, 45 calories

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Avocado	2 Tbsp.	
Peanut butter, almond butter, cashew butter	1 ¹ / ₂ tsp.	
Nuts:		
Almonds or cashews	6 nuts	
Brazil	2 nuts	
Filberts, hazelnuts	5 nuts	
Macadamia	3 nuts	
Peanuts	10 nuts	
Pecans	4 halves	"6
Pistachios	16 nuts	
Oils: olive oil, canola oil, peanut oil	1 tsp.	
Olives	8-10 large	

Polyunsaturated Fats Each Serving = 0 g carbohydrate, 5 g fat, 45 calories		
Margarine, reduced-fat, avoid trans-fats	1 Tbsp.	
Margarine regular: stick, tub, or squeeze, avoid trans-fats	1 tsp.	
Mayonnaise: Reduced-fat Regular	1 Tbsp. 1 tsp.	
Nuts: Pignolia, pine nuts Walnuts	1 Tbsp. 4 halves	
Oils: corn, flax, grape seed, safflower, soybean, sunflower	1 tsp.	
Salad dressing	1 Tbsp.	
Seeds: flax, pumpkin, sunflower, sesame	1 Tbsp.	
Tahini, sesame paste	2 tsp.	



Saturated Fats Each Serving = 0 g carbohydrate, 5 g fat, 45 calories

Bacon, cooked	1 slice
Butter: Regular Stick	1 tsp.
Reduced-fat	1 Tbsp.
Whipped	2 tsp.
Butter blends made with oil	
Reduced-fat or light	1 Tbsp.
Regular	1 ¹ / ₂ tsp.
Chitterlings, boiled	2 Tbsp.
Cream	
Half and half	2 Tbsp.
Heavy	1 Tbsp.
Light	1 ¹ / ₂ Tbsp.
Whipped	2 Tbsp.
Whipped, spray can	1/4 cup
Cream cheese	
Reduced-fat	1 ¹ / ₂ Tbsp.
Regular	1 Tbsp.
Lard	1 tsp.
Oil: coconut, palm, palm kernel	1 tsp.
Salt pork	1/4 oz
Shortening, solid	1 tsp.
Sour cream	
Reduced-fat or light	3 Tbsp.
Regular	2 Tbsp.

Saturated fats are not heart-healthy: limit intake.

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