











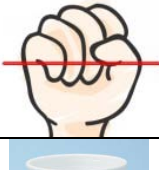











The standard serving sizes are often much less than what people actually eat. Many individuals often believe they're eating fewer calories than they take in, which can lead to unwanted weight gain. Here are a few guidelines to help you control your portions, calories, waistline, and ultimately your health.

Food Group or Item	Servings Per Day	Serving Size	This Looks Like...
<b>GRAINS</b>	<b>4-11</b>		
rice, pasta, cereal, oatmeal, quinoa, bulgur, barley, wheat		½ cup of cooked pasta, rice or cereal	 Half of a baseball
<b>TIP:</b> <i>Choose mostly whole grains</i>		1 cup of dry cereal	 A baseball
		1 slice of bread (1 oz), 1 pancake or waffle 1 6 inch tortilla	 A CD case
<b>PROTEIN</b>	<b>2-4</b>		
poultry, fish, beans, eggs, beef, nuts, soy products		3 oz of meat or poultry	 A deck of cards
		4 ounces of fish	 A checkbook
<b>TIP:</b> <i>Choose mostly lean sources from skinless poultry, fish, beans, soy</i>		½ cup of beans* or tofu	 Half of a baseball
		1/3 cup of nuts or seeds*	 Small handful
		1 medium egg*	 A golf ball
*Foods marked with an asterisk are 1/3 of a serving of protein		2 tbsp peanut butter*	

<b>VEGETABLES</b>	<b>3-5+</b>		
leafy greens, carrots, broccoli, squash, green beans		1 cup of raw leafy greens	 Your fist
<i>TIP: Choose a wide variety of fresh and frozen</i>		½ cup, raw or cooked	 Half of your fist
		½ cup of vegetable juice	 ¾ of a Styrofoam cup
<b>FRUIT</b>	<b>2-4</b>		
berries, orange, apple, mango, grapes		1 medium piece	 Your fist
<i>TIP: Choose a wide variety of fresh or frozen</i>		½ cup, fresh, frozen or canned	 Half of your fist
		½ cup fruit juice	 ¾ of a Styrofoam cup
		¼ cup dried fruit, unsweetened	 A medium egg
<b>DAIRY</b>	<b>1-3</b>		
yogurt milk cheese		1 cup of milk or yogurt (8 oz)	 ¾ of a soda can
<i>TIP: Choose low/nonfat items</i>		1 ½ oz of cheese	 A 9-volt battery
<b>OILS/FATS</b>	<b>2-4**</b>		
Oil Margarine Butter Salad dressing		1 tsp oil, butter margarine or mayo	 1 die

<b>**TIP:</b> <i>Choose mostly plant oils – canola, olive, safflower and trans fat free items</i>		1 tbsp reduced fat mayo, cream cheese, salad dressing		Half of your thumb
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	<b>Males 0-2 Females 0-1</b>			
Wine Beer Cocktails		1 glass of wine (5oz)		Less than ½ of a medium glass
<b>TIP: Do not drink alcohol if pregnant or nursing or under legal age</b>		1 beer (12 oz)		1 12-ounce can
		1 ½ oz of hard liquor		1 shot glass

### You are What you Eat - AND How Much

The number of servings you should eat each day from each food group is based on your body's calorie needs, your preferences, activity level and goal. To determine your needs, take the Free Fitness Profile at <http://www.dotfit.com/>. Since weight gain results from eating more calories than you take in, keep in mind that *how much* you eat is just as important as *what* you eat.

### Current Recommendations

Experts recommend the ranges below for your daily intake of protein, carbs and fat. These ranges are associated with a lower risk of chronic disease, such as heart disease. You can track your percentages in your online dotFIT program by logging your food. Your totals are located at the bottom of the My Nutrition page. Recommendations for other key nutrients are also included here. You can view your daily total for these nutrients by clicking on the Detailed View button on your food log page.

<b>Carbohydrates</b>	45-65%	<b>Cholesterol</b>	<300 mg
<b>Protein</b>	10-35%	<b>Fiber</b>	Males 38g >50yrs - 30g Females 25 g, >50 yrs - 21 g
<b>Fat</b>	20-35%	<b>Calcium</b>	9-18 yrs 1,300 mg 19-50 yrs 1,000 mg >50 yrs 1,200 mg
<b>Saturated Fat</b>	<10%	<b>Sodium</b>	<2,300 mg >50 yrs - <1,500 mg*

\*Includes African Americans and those with high blood pressure, diabetes or chronic kidney disease