MyPlate Worksheet: 1,600 Calories



Your calorie needs are about 1,600 calories a day. Below are the USDA guidelines for your daily recommended amount of each food group.



Vegetables 2 cups	Fruits 1½ cups	Grains 5 ounces	Dairy 3 cups	Protein 5 ounces	
Eat a variety of vegetables each day.	Eat a variety of fruits each day.		Choose low-fat or fat-	Choose low-fat or lean meats, poultry, fish, and seafood	
Aim for these amounts each week:	Go easy on fruit juices.	Choose whole grains whenever	free milk, yogurt, or cheese each day.	each day.	
• 1½ cups dark green	Good choices of fruits include:	you can. Aim to eat at least		Vary your protein. Choose more:	
 4 cups red or orange-colored vegetables 	• Berries	2½ ounces of whole grains each day: • Bread		 Fish and other seafood 	
	• Bananas			 Lean low-fat meat and poultry 	
	Apples	 Cereal 			
 1 cup dry beans and 	• Melon	• Rice	 Low-fat or fat- free cottage 	• Eggs	
peas	Dried fruit	Pasta	cheese or other reduced-fat	 Beans, peas 	
 4 cups starchy vegetables 	• Frozen	Potatoes	cheeses	• Tofu	
	fruit	 Tortillas 	 Calcium-fortified milk alternatives 	 Unsalted nuts and seeds 	
 3½ cups other 	Canned fruit		min diterriatives	and seeds	
vegetables				Choose less high-fat and red meat.	

Source: USDA MyPlate, www.myplate.gov

Know your limits on sodium, saturated fat, and added sugars

- Your allowance for saturated fat is 18 grams a day.
- Limit the added sugars to 40 grams a day.
- Cut back on salt (sodium). Stay under 2,300 mg sodium a day. If you have a health condition such as heart disease or high blood pressure, your doctor will likely tell you to limit sodium to no more than 1,500 mg a day.

Get moving and be active!

Aim for at least 30 minutes of physical activity most days of the week or 150 minutes of moderate exercise a week.

MyPlate servings worksheet: 1,600 calories

This worksheet tells you how many servings you should get each day from each food group, and tells you how much food makes a serving. Use this as a guide as you plan your meals throughout the day. Track your progress daily by writing in what you actually ate.

Food group	Daily MyPlate goal	What you ate today
	4 half-cups or 4 servings	-
Vegetables	One serving is:	
	½ cup cut-up raw or cooked vegetables	
	1 cup raw, leafy vegetables	
	½ baked sweet potato	
	½ cup vegetable juice	
	Note: At meals, fill half your plate with vegetables and fruit and eat them first. 3 half-cups or 3 servings	
	One serving is:	
	½ cup fresh, frozen, or canned fruit	
	1 medium piece of fruit	
	1 cup of berries or melon	
	½ cup dried fruit	
	½ cup 100% fruit juice	
	Note: Make most choices fruit instead of juice. 5 servings or 5 ounces	
Grains	One serving is:	
	1 slice bread	
	1 cup dry cereal	
	½ cup cooked rice, pasta, or cereal	
	1 5-inch tortilla	
Dairy	Note: Choose whole grains for at least half of your servings each day. 3 servings or 3 cups	
	One serving is:	

- 1 cup milk
- 11/2 ounces reduced-fat hard cheese
- 2 ounces processed cheese
- 1 cup low-fat yogurt
- 1/3 cup shredded cheese
- Note: Choose low-fat or fat-free most often.
- 5 servings or 5 ounces
- One serving is:
- 1 ounce cooked lean beef, pork, lamb, or ham
- 1 ounce cooked chicken or turkey (no skin)
- 1 ounce cooked fish or shellfish (not fried)
- 1 egg

Protein

- 1/4 cup egg substitute
- ½ ounce nuts or seeds
- 1 tablespoon peanut or almond butter
- 1/4 cup cooked dry beans or peas
- ½ cup tofu
- 2 tablespoons hummus

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