Simply Counting Carbohydrates



The following servings each contain about **15 grams of carbohydrate.** Each serving counts as **ONE CARB PORTION**.

Milk Group

1 cup of milk 1 cup of soy milk 1 cup of buttermilk 2/3 cup of plain yogurt 2/3 cup of aspartame sweetened yogurt

1 cup = 8 fluid ounces

Starch Group (measured after cooking)

slice of bread (weighing 1 ounce)
l/4 large bagel
hamburger bun, hot-dog bun, pita bread, English muffin
cup rice, pasta, millet, couscous
cup beans (pinto, kidney, garbanzo, lentils)
cup starchy vegetable (potato, corn, peas, sweet potato, yam)
cup oatmeal, kasha, grits, bulgur
small tortilla (flour or corn, 6 inch size)
saltine crackers
graham cracker squares
cups popcorn

Fruit Group

1 small apple, orange, peach, pear, or nectarine (1/2 if large fruit)

1 small banana (1/2 of average banana)

1/2 grapefruit

1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce

3/4 cup fresh pineapple chunks, blueberries, or blackberries

17 grapes

3 prunes

1 1/4 cups strawberries, or watermelon

1 cup cantaloupe, honeydew, or papaya

1 large kiwi

2 tablespoons raisins

1/2 cup orange juice, apple juice, or grapefruit juice



Non-Starchy Vegetables

The following non-starchy vegetables contain about **5 grams** of carbohydrate per **1/2 cup cooked, or 1 cup raw**.

Artichokes, asparagus, green beans, beets, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, eggplant, greens, kohlrabi, leeks, okra, onions, pea pods, peppers, spinach, summer squash, tomato, tomato sauce, turnips, and zucchini.



Meats, Proteins, and Fats

The following meats, protein foods, and fats contain **little or no carbohydrate**.

meat chicken
fish
tuna
cheese
cottage cheese
tofu
eggs
nuts

margarine butter oil mayonnaise avocado cream cheese seeds olives sour cream



Free Foods

The following foods are insignificant sources of calories and carbohydrate.

diet soda	lettuce
mineral water	broth
coffee	salsa
tea	garlic

lemons/limes spices ginger Diet Snapple artificial sweeteners Crystal Light sugar-free Jello nonstick cooking spray

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