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)

1 slice of bread (weighing 1 ounce)

1/4 large bagel

1/2 hamburger bun, hot-dog bun, pita bread, English muffin

1/3 cup rice, pasta, millet, couscous

1/2 cup beans (pinto, kidney, garbanzo, lentils)

1/2 cup starchy vegetable (potato, corn, peas, sweet potato, yam)

1/2 cup oatmeal, kasha, grits, bulgur

1 small tortilla (flour or corn, 6 inch size)

6 saltine crackers

3 graham cracker squares

3 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 margarine chicken butter fish oil

tuna mayonnaise cheese avocado cream cheese cottage cheese

tofu seeds olives eggs

nuts sour cream





















Free Foods

The following foods are insignificant sources of calories and carbohydrate.

diet soda lemons/limes artificial sweeteners lettuce mineral water Crystal Light broth spices salsa sugar-free Jello coffee ginger tea Diet Snapple nonstick cooking spray garlic

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