



CARBOHYDRATE CONTENT

An outline of the typical carbohydrate content of meals has been provided as a resource to answer potential participant questions related to the amount of carbohydrate in the meals served. The amount of carbohydrates per serving is based on the typical meal patterns used for menu planning. Participants who are diabetic may ask for this information. The charts provided include food components, serving sizes, and grams of carbohydrate per serving.

Carbohydrate Content Breakfast

15g= 1 Carbohydrate Exchange

Food components	Serving Size	Carbohydrates per serving
Milk: Low-fat (1%) or fat-free milk, unflavored or flavor	8 fl oz	15 g
Meat/meat alternates Lean meat, poultry, or fish	1 oz	None
Cheese	1 oz	
Cottage cheese	1 oz	
Egg, large	1 each	
Cooked dry beans or peas	N/A	
Peanut butter, soy nut butter, or other nut or seed butters	4 TBSP	
Yogurt or soy yogurt, plain or flavored, unsweetened or sweetened	1 c	
Fruit (Fresh or juice packed)	½ c or 1 small piece	15 g
Grains	2 oz served each meal	30 g
Whole grain rich (WGR) or enriched bread or bread product, e.g., biscuit, roll, or muffin	1 slice bread= 1oz 1 small roll= 1oz	
WGR, enriched or fortified cooked breakfast cereal	1/2c cooked cereal = 1oz	
WGR, enriched, or fortified ready-to-eat (RTE) breakfast cereal (dry, cold)	1 c= 1 oz	
Total Per Meal (average)		60 g= 4 Exchanges

Carbohydrate Content Lunch and Dinner

15g= 1 Carbohydrate Exchange

Food Components	Serving Size	Carbohydrate s per serving
Milk, fluid: Low-fat (1%) or fat-free milk, unflavored or flavored	8 fl oz	15g
Meat/meat alternates Lean meat, poultry, or fish	3 oz	None
Cheese	3 oz	
Cottage cheese	$\frac{3}{4}$ c	
Egg, large	2 each	
Cooked dry beans or peas	$\frac{1}{2}$ c	
Peanut butter, soy nut butter, or other nut or seed butters	4 TBSP	
Yogurt or soy yogurt, plain or flavored, unsweetened or sweetened	1 c	
Vegetables	$\frac{1}{2}$ c	5g
Fruits (Fresh or juice packed)	$\frac{1}{2}$ c or 1 small piece	15g
Grains	2 oz served each meal	30g
WGR or enriched bread or bread product, e.g., biscuit, roll, or muffin	1 slice bread= 1 oz 1 small roll= 1 oz	
WGR, pasta or rice	$\frac{1}{2}$ c pasta= 1 oz $\frac{1}{2}$ c rice= 1 oz	
Total Per Meal (average)		65g= 4 Exchanges