# Learn from the **Nutrition Facts label**



### Let the label do the work

Almost all foods that come in packages have a Nutrition Facts label. It provides key details about **calories and nutrients** to help you make informed choices that fit your weight-management goals.

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8 servings per container Serving size 2/3 cup	(55a)	
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Amount per serving Calories 2	30	
% Daily Value*		
Total Fat 8g	10%	
Saturated Fat 1g	5%	
Trans Fat 0g		
Cholesterol 0mg	0%	
Sodium 160mg	7%	
<b>Total Carbohydrate</b> 37g	13%	
Dietary Fiber 4g	14%	
Total Sugars 12g		
Includes 10g Added Sugars	20%	
Protein 3g		
Vitamin D 2mag	10%	
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Calcium 260mg	20%	
Iron 8mg	45%	
Potassium 235mg	6%	
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The label is based on a **2,000-calorie** daily meal plan, but everyone's needs are different. Be sure to discuss your **specific calorie goals** with your healthcare professional.

a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories

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### **Start here**

What you eat is important. But so is how much you eat. You'll see that a **serving size** of this food is ¾ cup. The label shows the **amount of nutrients and calories** you would get for every ¾ cup eaten. There are 8 servings in this container. If you eat the whole container, you will be getting 8 times the calories, fat, and other nutrients shown on the label! Keep in mind that the serving size is not a recommendation of how much to eat.

#### **Calories**

When trying to maintain or lose weight, the number of calories you eat counts. Be sure to discuss your specific calorie goals with your healthcare professional. Use this line to see if this food option fits into your plan. Read Nutrition Facts labels to **compare calorie counts** of foods to find the lowest-calorie options.

### **Total fat**

This line tells you how much fat is in a serving of this food. It includes fats that are good for you, such as mono- and polyunsaturated fats. It also includes fats that are not good for you, such as:

Saturated fats
 Trans fats

**Eating lower-fat foods** more often may help with calorie control and keeping a healthy body weight. A low-fat food contains 3 grams or less of fat per serving.

### **Sodium**

Many people eat more sodium than they need. Consuming no more than 2300 milligrams (1 teaspoon) a day is recommended for most adults. When we think of sodium sources, we often think of table salt. But many of the foods we eat contain sodium. Reading the label can help you compare the amount of sodium in foods so that you can **choose lower-sodium options.** 

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8 servings per container

Serving size 2/3 cup (55g)

Amount per serving Calories

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Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 0mg	0%
Sodium 160mg	7%
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### Aim for a nutrient balance:

- Keep these low: saturated fats, trans fats, cholesterol, added sugars, sodium, and alcoholic beverages
- Get enough of these: potassium, fiber, vitamins A, D, and C, calcium, and iron\*

<sup>\*</sup>Calcium, potassium, dietary fiber, and vitamin D are considered dietary components of public health concern for the general U.S. population because low intakes are associated with health concerns. If a healthy dietary pattern is consumed, amounts of calcium, potassium, and dietary fiber can meet recommendations.



## **Total carbohydrate**

**Carbohydrates provide calories,** or "energy," for the body. "Total carbohydrate" includes sugar, starches, and fiber.

### **Fiber**

Fiber is the part of plant-based foods that the body does not digest. Dietary fiber can help **reduce your calorie intake.** Adults should aim to eat 25 to 30 grams of fiber a day.

### **Sugars**

Total sugars include added sugar that is added during processing (like in soda or cookies). This is different from sugar that is found in food naturally (like in fruit). Try to **avoid foods with added sugar**.

### **Protein**

Protein helps with important body functions, nourishes the body (including muscles), and helps you feel full longer. Most people don't get enough protein. Try to **vary your protein routine** with meat, poultry, eggs, seafood, nuts, beans, and soy products.

# % Daily Value

The % Daily Value (% DV) shows how much of each nutrient is in a serving of food. As a general guide:

- 5% DV or less means that the food is low in that nutrient
- 20% DV or more means that the food is high in that nutrient

