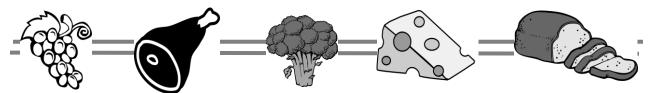
## Food Group Servings For Children



Food Group	Nutrients	Health Benefits	Servings for children		Foods	Serving Size
			6-8*	9-18*		
Milk Group	Key Nutrient: Calcium  Other Nutrients: Protein Riboflavin Vitamin D	For strong bones and teeth  To help blood clot	3	4	Milk	1 cup
					Yogurt	1 cup
					Cheese	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 oz.
					Cottage Cheese	½ cup
					Pudding	½ cup
					Ice Cream, Frozen Yogurt	½ cup
					Milkshake	10 oz.
Meat	Key Nutrient: Protein  Other Nutrients: Iron Niacin	To build strong muscles For growth	2	2	Cooked, Lean Meat, Fish, Poultry	2-3 oz.
Group					Egg	1
					Peanut Butter	2 tbsp.
					Cooked, Dried Peas, Cooked, dried beans	½ cup
					Nuts, Seeds	½ cup
Vegetable Group	Key Nutrient: Vitamin A  Other Nutrients: Vitamin C  Fiber	To see in the dark  For healthy skin	3	3	Cooked Vegetables	½ cup
					Chopped, Raw Vegetables	½ cup
					Raw, leafy vegetables	1 cup
					Vegetable juice	½ cup
Fruit	Key Nutrient: Vitamin C  Other Nutrients: Vitamin A Fiber	To heal wounds  To fight infection	2	2	Apple, Banana, Orange, Pear	1 medium
Group					Grapefruit	1/2
					Cantaloupe	1/4
					Raw, Canned, or Cooked Fruit	½ cup
					Raisins, dried fruit	½ cup

					Fruit Juice	₃ cup
Grain Group	Key Nutrient: Carbohydrate  Other Nutrients: Iron Fiber	Carbohydrate for energy Fiber for digestion	6	6	Bread	1 slice
					Tortilla, roll, muffin	1
					Bagel,English Muffin, Hamburger bun	1/2
					Rice, pasta, cooked cereal, grits	½ cup
					Ready-to-eat Cereal	1 oz.
"Others" Category			Eat in Moderation		Fats, oils, spreads	1 tsp./1 tbsp.
					Candy	1 oz.
					Cookies	2 small
					Cake	1/16 cake
					Chips and other salty snacks	1 oz.
					Condiments	1 tbsp.
					Soft Drinks	12 oz.
					Coffee, tea	1 cup

<sup>\*</sup>These represent minimum number of servings recommended each day for children ages 6-18. Some children may need more servings.