

Figure ES-1.

2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans at a Glance

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1

Follow a healthy eating pattern across the lifespan. All food and beverage choices matter. Choose a healthy eating pattern at an appropriate calorie level to help achieve and maintain a healthy body weight, support nutrient adequacy, and reduce the risk of chronic disease.

Follow a healthy eating pattern over time to help support a healthy body weight and reduce the risk of chronic disease.

A Healthy Eating Pattern Includes:

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Protein
- Dairy
- Grains
- Oils

A Healthy Eating Pattern Limits:

- Saturated Fats & Trans Fats
- Added Sugars
- Sodium

2

Focus on variety, nutrient density, and amount. To meet nutrient needs within calorie limits, choose a variety of nutrient-dense foods across and within all food groups in recommended amounts.

Choose a variety of nutrient-dense foods from each food group in recommended amounts.

Example Meal:



- Vegetables
- Grains
- Fruits
- Dairy
- Protein
- Oils

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Limit calories from added sugars and saturated fats and reduce sodium intake.

Consume an eating pattern low in added sugars, saturated fats, and sodium. Cut back on foods and beverages higher in these components to amounts that fit within healthy eating patterns.

Consume an eating pattern low in added sugars, saturated fats, and sodium.

Example Sources of:



4

Shift to healthier food and beverage choices.

Choose nutrient-dense foods and beverages across and within all food groups in place of less healthy choices. Consider cultural and personal preferences to make these shifts easier to accomplish and maintain.

Replace typical food and beverage choices with more nutrient-dense options. Be sure to consider personal preferences to maintain shifts overtime.

Example:



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Support healthy eating patterns for all. Everyone has a role in helping to create and support healthy eating patterns in multiple settings nationwide, from home to school to work to communities.

