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The Dietary Reference Intakes (DRI) include two sets of values that serve as goals for nutrient intake—Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDA) and Adequate Intakes (AI). The RDA reflect the average daily amount of a nutrient considered adequate to meet the needs of most healthy people. If there is insufficient evidence to determine an RDA, an AI is set. AI are more tentative than RDA, but both may be used as goals for nutrient intakes.

## 1997–2001 Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDA) and Adequate Intakes (AI)

Age (yr)	Vitamins												
	Thiamin RDA (mg/day)	Riboflavin RDA (mg/day)	Niacin RDA (mg/day) <sup>a</sup>	Biotin AI (μg/day)	Pantothenic acid AI (mg/day)	Vitamin B <sub>6</sub> RDA (mg/day)	Folate RDA (μg/day) <sup>b</sup>	Vitamin B <sub>12</sub> RDA (μg/day)	Choline AI (mg/day)	Vitamin C RDA (mg/day)	Vitamin A RDA (μg/day)	Vitamin D AI (μg/day) <sup>c</sup>	
<b>Infants</b>													
0–0.5	0.2	0.3	2	5	1.7	0.1	65	0.4	125	40	400	5	
0.5–1	0.3	0.4	4	6	1.8	0.3	80	0.5	150	50	500	5	
<b>Children</b>													
1–3	0.5	0.5	6	8	2	0.5	150	0.9	200	15	300	5	
4–8	0.6	0.6	8	12	3	0.6	200	1.2	250	25	400	5	
<b>Males</b>													
9–13	0.9	0.9	12	20	4	1.0	300	1.8	375	45	600	5	
14–18	1.2	1.3	16	25	5	1.3	400	2.4	550	75	900	5	
19–30	1.2	1.3	16	30	5	1.3	400	2.4	550	90	900	5	
31–50	1.2	1.3	16	30	5	1.3	400	2.4	550	90	900	5	
51–70	1.2	1.3	16	30	5	1.7	400	2.4	550	90	900	10	
>70	1.2	1.3	16	30	5	1.7	400	2.4	550	90	900	15	
<b>Females</b>													
9–13	0.9	0.9	12	20	4	1.0	300	1.8	375	45	600	5	
14–18	1.0	1.0	14	25	5	1.2	400	2.4	400	65	700	5	
19–30	1.1	1.1	14	30	5	1.3	400	2.4	425	75	700	5	
31–50	1.1	1.1	14	30	5	1.3	400	2.4	425	75	700	5	
51–70	1.1	1.1	14	30	5	1.5	400	2.4	425	75	700	10	
>70	1.1	1.1	14	30	5	1.5	400	2.4	425	75	700	15	
<b>Pregnancy</b>													
≤18	1.4	1.4	18	30	6	1.9	600	2.6	450	80	750	5	
19–30	1.4	1.4	18	30	6	1.9	600	2.6	450	85	770	5	
31–50	1.4	1.4	18	30	6	1.9	600	2.6	450	85	770	5	
<b>Lactation</b>													
≤18	1.4	1.6	17	35	7	2.0	500	2.8	550	115	1200	5	
19–30	1.4	1.6	17	35	7	2.0	500	2.8	550	120	1300	5	
31–50	1.4	1.6	17	35	7	2.0	500	2.8	550	120	1300	5	

NOTE: For all nutrients, values for infants are AI. The glossary on the inside back cover defines units of nutrient measure.

<sup>a</sup> Niacin recommendations are expressed as niacin equivalents (NE), except for recommendations for infants younger than 6 months, which are expressed as preformed niacin.

<sup>b</sup> Folate recommendations are expressed as dietary folate equivalents (DFE).

<sup>c</sup> Vitamin A recommendations are expressed as retinol activity equivalents (RAE).

<sup>d</sup> Vitamin D recommendations are expressed as cholecalciferol and assume an absence of adequate exposure to sunlight.

In addition to the values that serve as goals for nutrient intakes (presented in the table above), the Dietary Reference Intakes (DRI) include a set of values called Tolerable Upper Intake Levels (UL). The UL represent the maximum amount of a nutrient that appears safe for most healthy people to consume on a regular basis.

## 1997–2001 Tolerable Upper Intake Levels (UL)

Age (yr)	Vitamins								Minerals			
	Niacin (mg/day) <sup>a</sup>	Vitamin B <sub>6</sub> (mg/day)	Folate (μg/day) <sup>a</sup>	Choline (mg/day)	Vitamin C (mg/day)	Vitamin A (μg/day) <sup>b</sup>	Vitamin D (μg/day)	Vitamin E (mg/day) <sup>c</sup>	Calcium (mg/day)	Phosphorus (mg/day)	Magnesium (mg/day) <sup>d</sup>	Iron (mg/day)
<b>Infants</b>												
0–0.5	—	—	—	—	—	600	25	—	—	—	—	40
0.5–1	—	—	—	—	—	600	25	—	—	—	—	40
<b>Children</b>												
1–3	10	30	300	1000	400	600	50	200	2500	3000	65	40
4–8	15	40	400	1000	650	900	50	300	2500	3000	110	40
9–13	20	60	600	2000	1200	1700	50	600	2500	4000	350	40
<b>Adolescents</b>												
14–18	30	80	800	3000	1800	2800	50	800	2500	4000	350	45
<b>Adults</b>												
19–70	35	100	1000	3500	2000	3000	50	1000	2500	4000	350	45
>70	35	100	1000	3500	2000	3000	50	1000	2500	3000	350	45
<b>Pregnancy</b>												
≤18	30	80	800	3000	1800	2800	50	800	2500	3500	350	45
19–50	35	100	1000	3500	2000	3000	50	1000	2500	3500	350	45
<b>Lactation</b>												
≤18	30	80	800	3000	1800	2800	50	800	2500	4000	350	45
19–50	35	100	1000	3500	2000	3000	50	1000	2500	4000	350	45

<sup>a</sup> The UL for niacin and folate apply to synthetic forms obtained from supplements, fortified foods, or a combination of the two.

<sup>b</sup> The UL for vitamin A applies to the preformed vitamin only.

<sup>c</sup> The UL for vitamin E applies to any form of supplemental α-tocopherol, fortified foods, or a combination of the two.

<sup>d</sup> The UL for magnesium applies to synthetic forms obtained from supplements or drugs only.



## 1997–2001 Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDA) and Adequate Intakes (AI)

Vitamins		Minerals												
Vitamin E RDA (mg/day) <sup>e</sup>	Vitamin K AI (μg/day)	Calcium AI (mg/day)	Phosphorus RDA (mg/day)	Magnesium RDA (mg/day)	Iron RDA (mg/day)	Zinc RDA (mg/day)	Iodine RDA (μg/day)	Selenium RDA (μg/day)	Copper RDA (μg/day)	Manganese AI (mg/day)	Fluoride AI (mg/day)	Chromium AI (μg/day)	Molybdenum RDA (μg/day)	
4	2.0	210	100	30	0.27	2	110	15	200	0.003	0.01	0.2	2	
5	2.5	270	275	75	11	3	130	20	220	0.6	0.5	5.5	3	
6	30	500	460	80	7	3	90	20	340	1.2	0.7	11	17	
7	55	800	500	130	10	5	90	30	440	1.5	1.0	15	22	
11	60	1300	1250	240	8	8	120	40	700	1.9	2	25	34	
15	75	1300	1250	410	11	11	150	55	890	2.2	3	35	43	
15	120	1000	700	400	8	11	150	55	900	2.3	4	35	45	
15	120	1000	700	420	8	11	150	55	900	2.3	4	35	45	
15	120	1200	700	420	8	11	150	55	900	2.3	4	30	45	
15	120	1200	700	420	8	11	150	55	900	2.3	4	30	45	
11	60	1300	1250	240	8	8	120	40	700	1.6	2	21	34	
15	75	1300	1250	360	15	9	150	55	890	1.6	3	24	43	
15	90	1000	700	310	18	8	150	55	900	1.8	3	25	45	
15	90	1000	700	320	18	8	150	55	900	1.8	3	25	45	
15	90	1200	700	320	8	8	150	55	900	1.8	3	20	45	
15	90	1200	700	320	8	8	150	55	900	1.8	3	20	45	
15	75	1300	1250	400	27	13	220	60	1000	2.0	3	29	50	
15	90	1000	700	350	27	11	220	60	1000	2.0	3	30	50	
15	90	1000	700	360	27	11	220	60	1000	2.0	3	30	50	
19	75	1300	1250	360	10	14	290	70	1300	2.6	3	44	50	
19	90	1000	700	310	9	12	290	70	1300	2.6	3	45	50	
19	90	1000	700	320	9	12	290	70	1300	2.6	3	45	50	

<sup>e</sup> Vitamin E recommendations are expressed as α-tocopherol.

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## 1997–2001 Tolerable Upper Intake Levels (UL)

Minerals										
Zinc (mg/day)	Iodine (μg/day)	Selenium (μg/day)	Copper (μg/day)	Manganese (mg/day)	Fluoride (mg/day)	Molybdenum (μg/day)	Boron (mg/day)	Nickel (mg/day)	Vanadium (mg/day)	
4	—	45	—	—	0.7	—	—	—	—	
5	—	60	—	—	0.9	—	—	—	—	
7	200	90	1000	2	1.3	300	3	0.2	—	
12	300	150	3000	3	2.2	600	6	0.3	—	
23	600	280	5000	6	10	1100	11	0.6	—	
34	900	400	8000	9	10	1700	17	1.0	—	
40	1100	400	10,000	11	10	2000	20	1.0	1.8	
40	1100	400	10,000	11	10	2000	20	1.0	1.8	
34	900	400	8000	9	10	1700	17	1.0	—	
40	1100	400	10,000	11	10	2000	20	1.0	—	
34	900	400	8000	9	10	1700	17	1.0	—	
40	1100	400	10,000	11	10	2000	20	1.0	—	

NOTE: An Upper Limit was not established for vitamins and minerals not listed and for those age groups listed with a dash (—) because of a lack of data, not because these nutrients are safe to consume at any level of intake. All nutrients can have adverse effects when intakes are excessive.

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# Preface

We are pleased to present to instructors and students the third edition of *Nutrition Now*. Thoroughly updated, this text remains dedicated to complementing the instructional efforts of faculty who teach a one- to four-credit course on introductory nutrition to nonmajors. In line with the previous editions, *Nutrition Now* retains its scientific, student-focused, and practical approach to nutrition. It continues to be directed at the goals of increasing student understanding of basic nutrition concepts and developing skills for making healthful decisions about personal nutrition now and in the future. For many students, the course supported by *Nutrition Now* represents a happy balance between meeting an educational requirement and learning useful information about a subject of particular interest.

Readers of this preface will discover that the third edition covers new topics of growing importance to nutrition, and that the text's unique didactic features have been strengthened. There are now 33 "stand-alone" units in *Nutrition Now*. As before, subsets of units that match instructors' and students' interests and needs can be ordered and presented in class in any desired arrangement. Eleven of the units cover core nutrition topics, including nutrition concepts, nutrition and health relationships, the nutrients, healthy diets, and digestion. Other units address topics that touch students' lives regularly and that relate to students' professional interests. Topics covered in these 22 units include body weight, weight control, eating disorders, heart disease, cancer, herbal and other dietary supplements, sports nutrition, life cycle nutrition, food safety, and global nutrition. Exciting discoveries related to genes, genetic variation, and nutrition and health relationships receive first-time coverage in the nutrient-gene interactions unit.

In the third edition of *Nutrition Now*, you will find:

- **Expanded coverage** of herbal supplements (Unit 24), diabetes (Unit 12), genetically modified foods (Unit 21), food safety (Unit 32), Canadian dietary guides (Unit 6), the fetal origins hypothesis (Units 19 and 28), and lactose maldigestion (Units 12 and 17), as well as an expanded glossary.
- **Dietary Reference Intake values** released through 2001.
- **2000 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.**
- **New Nutrition Up Close** activities and other student activities.
- **A table of measurement equivalents.**
- **Additional Health Action features.**

## Pedagogical Features

*Nutrition Now* continues to incorporate a number of unique approaches to student learning:

- Each unit begins with a feature called ***Nutrition Scoreboard*** that presents a set of true-false questions designed to test students' knowledge of various topics addressed in the unit. Answers to the questions appear on the following page.
- A **summary of the key concepts** covered is presented on the second page of each unit.
- **Every major point in each unit is accompanied by an illustration** that helps to drive the point home.



- **Health Action boxes** provide examples and guidelines for making healthful decisions about nutrition, food handling, and more.
- **Nutrition Up Close boxes** provide opportunities for students to apply nutrition concepts in their daily lives.
- **WWW Links** provide URLs and descriptions of high-quality nutrition resources.
- **Margin definitions** and an **end-of-text glossary** help students master the material presented.
- **Every version of the text includes a resource-rich appendix.** Materials include a table of food composition, the food exchange systems for the United States and for Canada, a table of intentional food additives, supplemental information related to the basic structure and function of cells, and a glossary.

A number of high-quality, useful aids to instruction are available to faculty adopting *Nutrition Now*:

- An **Instructor's Manual** is replete with class outlines, student activities, test questions and answers, and transparency masters of the Nutrition Scoreboard for each unit.
- A set of 80 **full-color transparencies** of key illustrations in the text.
- **CNN Videos** available to qualified adopters. These news clips are a good way to introduce nutrition topics and ignite class discussion.
- **Nutrilink CD-ROM** presentation software supplement. This software contains illustrations from this and other introductory nutrition textbooks. Instructors can download images, photographs, and animations from Nutrilink into Power Point or other electronic presentation programs.
- **Diet Analysis** software and a **Nutrition Interactive CD-ROM** are available for students to supplement their learning. These are sold individually or may be bundled with the text for a reduced price.
- **Nutrition Now on CD-ROM** provides the full text with student quizzes, animations, and video clips to enhance learning.

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Textbooks don't get to see the light of day unless instructors know they are available and have a chance to hear about them and review them. I am fortunate to have representation of *Nutrition Now* placed in the highly capable hands of Wadsworth sales representatives and managers. I hope you enjoy reading this new edition.



The Instructor's Manual for *Nutrition Now* was developed by Judy Kaufman. Thank you for expanding the usefulness of the text.

The second edition of *Nutrition Now* received a thorough going-over by faculty who teach introductory nutrition. Their comments always make me sit up and pay attention. And you will note in the third edition that I did pay attention. To the reviewers, I send my thanks for your time and helpful comments.

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## Daily Values for Food Labels

The Daily Values are standard values developed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use on food labels. Daily Values for protein, vitamins, and minerals reflect average allowances based on the RDA. Daily Values for nutrients and food components, such as fat and fiber, that do not have an established RDA but do have important relationships with health are based on recommended calculation factors as noted.

### Proteins, Vitamins, and Minerals

Nutrient	Amount
Protein <sup>a</sup>	50 g
Thiamin	1.5 mg
Riboflavin	1.7 mg
Niacin	20 mg NE
Biotin	300 µg
Pantothenic acid	10 mg
Vitamin B <sub>6</sub>	2 mg
Folate	400 µg
Vitamin B <sub>12</sub>	6 µg
Vitamin C	60 mg
Vitamin A	5000 IU
Vitamin D	400 IU
Vitamin E	30 IU
Vitamin K	80 µg
Calcium	1000 mg
Iron	18 mg
Zinc	15 mg
Iodine	150 µg
Copper	2 mg
Chromium	120 µg
Selenium	70 µg
Molybdenum	75 µg
Manganese	2 mg
Chloride	3400 mg
Magnesium	400 mg
Phosphorus	1000 mg

<sup>a</sup>The Daily Values for protein vary for different groups of people: pregnant women, 60 g; nursing mothers, 65 g; infants under 1 year, 14 g; children 1 to 4 years, 16 g.

### Nutrients and Food Components

Food Component	Amount	Calculation Factors
Fat	65 g	30% of kcalories
Saturated fat	20 g	10% of kcalories
Cholesterol	300 mg	Same regardless of kcalories
Carbohydrate (total)	300 g	60% of kcalories
Fiber	25 g	11.5 g per 1000 kcalories
Protein	50 g	10% of kcalories
Sodium	2400 mg	Same regardless of kcalories
Potassium	3500 mg	Same regardless of kcalories

Note: Daily Values were established for adults and children over 4 years old. The values for energy-yielding nutrients are based on 2000 kcalories a day.

## GLOSSARY OF NUTRIENT MEASURES

**kcal:** kcalories; a unit by which energy is measured.

**g:** grams; a unit of weight equivalent to about 0.03 ounces.

**mg:** milligrams; one-thousandth of a gram.

**µg:** micrograms; one-millionth of a gram.

**IU:** international units; an old measure of vitamin activity determined by biological methods (as opposed to new measures that are determined by direct chemical analyses). Many fortified foods and supplements use IU on their labels.

- For vitamin A, 1 IU = 0.3 µg retinol, 3.6 µg β-carotene, or 7.2 µg other vitamin A carotenoids.
- For vitamin D, 1 IU = 0.025 µg cholecalciferol.
- For vitamin E, 1 IU = 0.67 natural α-tocopherol (other conversion factors are used for different forms of vitamin E).

**mg NE:** milligrams niacin equivalents; a measure of niacin activity.

- 1 NE = 1 mg niacin.  
= 60 mg tryptophan (an amino acid).

**µg DFE:** micrograms dietary folate equivalents; a measure of folate activity.

- 1 µg DFE = 1 µg food folate.  
= 0.6 µg fortified food or supplement folate.  
= 0.5 µg supplement folate taken on an empty stomach.

**µg RAE:** micrograms retinol activity equivalents; a measure of vitamin A activity.

- 1 µg RE = 1 µg retinol.  
= 12 µg β-carotene.  
= 24 µg other vitamin A carotenoids.

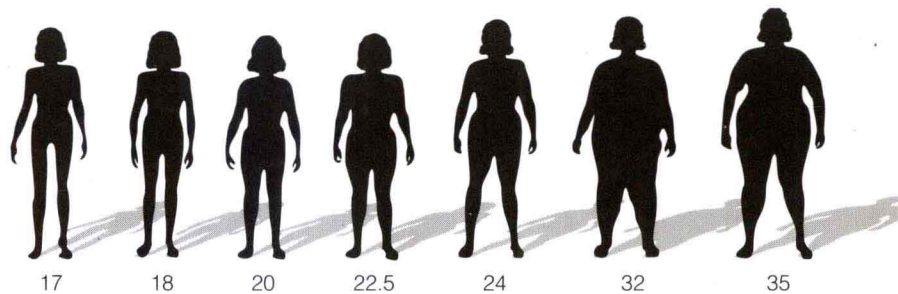


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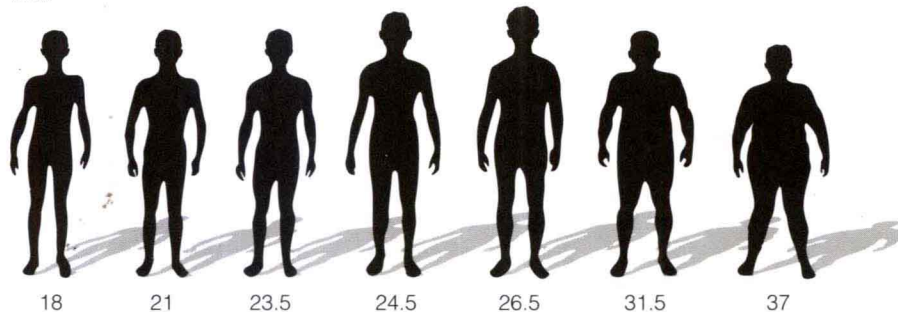
Height	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
	Body Weight (pounds)																						
4'10"	86	91	96	100	105	110	115	119	124	129	134	138	143	148	153	158	162	167	172	177	181	186	191
4'11"	89	94	99	104	109	114	119	124	128	133	138	143	148	153	158	163	168	173	178	183	188	193	198
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Under-weight ( $<18.5$ )	Healthy Weight (18.5–24.9)							Overweight (25–29.9)					Obese ( $\geq 30$ )										

**F**ind your height along the left-hand column and look across the row until you find the number that is closest to your weight. The number at the top of that column identifies your BMI. Chapter 8 describes how BMI correlates with disease risks and defines obesity, and Chapter 16 presents BMI for children and adolescents. The area shaded in green represents healthy weight ranges. The figure below presents silhouettes of various BMI.

Women



Men





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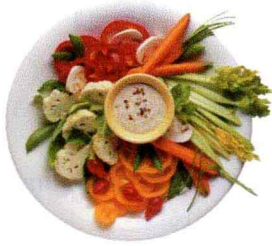
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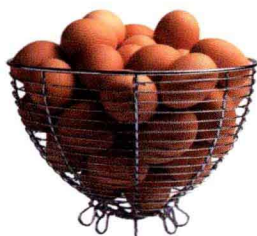
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