## Getting Enough Whole Grain

## Everyone needs at least 3 servings of whole grains every day. Check out the many ways you can eat whole grains for breakfast, lunch, dinner and even snacks! Pick from foods like these...


whole grain cereal, like oatmeal or cold cereal

whole grain crackers

whole grain bagel

popcorn

whole grain pancakes or waffles

whole grain chips or pretzels

whole grain side dishes like brown rice, bulgur, quinoa or barley
whole grain bread, pita, tortillas or wraps

whole grain pasta

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## 2005 Dietary Guidelines and Whole Grains

The 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans call for the following whole grain servings and total grain servings. In this table, the first of each pair of numbers is the whole grain servings, and the second number is the total grain servings.

## Grain Servings Recommended in Dietary Guidelines Whole Grains - Total Grains

| Age | Girls/Women | Boys/Men |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| $2-3$ | $1.5-3$ | $1.5-3$ |
| $4-8$ | $2-4$ | $2.5-5$ |
| $9-13$ | $3-5$ | $3-6$ |
| $14-18$ | $3-6$ | $3.5-7$ |
| $19-30$ | $3-6$ | $4-8$ |
| $31-50$ | $3-6$ | $3.5-7$ |
| $51+$ | $3-5$ | $3-6$ |

Overall the Guidelines recommend that HALF of grains eaten be whole grains. This is a minimum. "More whole grains, up to all of the grains recommended, may be selected" - but instead of enriched grains, not in addition to them.

On the handout page, we have simplified this table to focus on 3 servings a day. This is the minimum recommended for all but very young, inactive children.

## Identifying Whole Grain Foods

Sometimes it's hard to know which foods are really "whole grain foods." The best way to be sure, is to look for the Whole Grain Stamp. (See www.wholegrainscouncil.org for more information about the Stamp and about identifying whole grains.)

If the product does not have the Whole Grain Stamp, look at the ingredients. If the first ingredient is one of the following, the product is most likely a whole grain food:
whole wheat or whole grain wheat
whole grain amaranth
whole grain barley
brown rice (or other colored rice)
whole grain corn, whole cornmeal
whole grain millet
oatmeal or whole oats
whole grain buckwheat
whole triticale
whole grain rye
wheatberries
whole grain quinoa
lightly pearled barley
bulgur or cracked wheat or grano popcorn
whole grain sorghum
whole grain emmer, farro or spelt
whole Kamut ${ }^{\circledR}$ grain
wild rice

