



Calcium counter

- Calcium is important for building strong bones in childhood and helping protect us from developing osteoporosis later in life
- This list provides the calcium content of some common foods

How much calcium do we need every day?

<i>Children and teenagers</i>	Amount (mg)	<i>Adults</i>	Amount (mg)
1-3 years	500	Most adults	1000
4-6 years	700	Women over 50 years	1300
7-11 years	1000	Men over 70 years	1300
12-18 years	1300		

Common foods – calcium content

<i>Food</i>	<i>Calcium (mg) - value per 100g or per 100ml</i>
<i>Milk</i>	
Regular	107
Reduced fat	109
Skim	121
Regular, powdered	875
Skim, powdered	1250
Evaporated, regular	274



<i>Breads and cereals</i>	
Bread, mixed grain	101
Bread, white	62
Bread, wholemeal	92
Muesli, untoasted	74
Muesli, with dried fruit and nuts	52
Pasta, wholemeal, uncooked	63
Pasta, white, uncooked	27
Rice, brown	11
<i>Cheese</i>	
Blue vein	510
Brie	464
Cheddar	763
Creamed cottage	89
Edam	839
Feta	340
Mozzarella	606
Parmesan	970
Pecorino	743
Ricotta, reduced fat	230
Swiss	885
<i>Fruits</i>	
Apple, assorted varieties, raw	4-6
Banana, assorted varieties, raw	5-10
Dried apricots	67
Dried figs	200
Grapes, assorted varieties, raw	5-14
Grapefruit	24
Mandarin, assorted varieties, raw	22-31
Orange, assorted varieties, raw	23-35
Prunes, raw	52
Strawberries, raw	18

Vegetables	
Bok choy, raw	86
Broccoli, raw	33
Brussel sprouts, raw	15
Carrot, raw	33
Celery, raw	30
Cucumber, assorted varieties, raw	13-57
Green beans, raw	49
Silverbeet, raw	78
Spinach, raw	58
Yoghurt	
Fruit yoghurt, low fat, assorted flavours	145-177
Natural yoghurt, regular	193
Natural yoghurt, low fat	244
Nuts	
Almonds	250
Brazil	150
Hazelnuts	86
Peanuts	54
Pistachio	90
Walnuts	89
Legumes	
Baked beans in tomato sauce	40
Cannellini, canned, drained	46
Chickpeas, canned, drained	45
Soya beans, canned, drained	53
Seeds	
Sesame	62
Sunflower	100
Soy products	
Soy milk, low fat, fortified	141
Soy milk, reduced fat, fortified	191
Soy milk, regular, fortified	119
Soy milk, unfortified	13
Tofu, firm	320
Tofu, soft or silkened	24

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