

Portion Sizes for Meals

Meal	Component	Minimum Serving		
	Age of Child	1 & 2 years	3-5 years	6-12 years
Breakfast	Meat or Meat Alternative (optional)	½ oz.	½ oz.	1 oz.
	Fluid Milk	½ cup	¾ cup	1 cup
	Juice/Fruit or Vegetable	¼ cup	½ cup	½ cup
	Grains/Breads/Dry Cereal	½ slice ¼ cup or ⅓ oz.	½ slice ⅓ cup or ½ oz.	½ slice ¾ cup or 1 oz.
Meal	Meat or Meat Alternative	1 oz	1 ½ oz.	2 oz.
	Fruit Or Vegetable	¼ cup	½ cup	¾ cup
	Grains/Breads/Pasta/Noodles (cooked)	½ slice ¼ cup	½ slice ¼ cup	1 slice ½ cup
	Fluid Milk	½ cup	¾ cup	1 cup
Snack	Meat or Meat Alternative	½ oz.	½ oz.	1 oz.
	Fruit Or Vegetable	½ cup	½ cup	¾ cup
	Grains/Breads/Pasta/Noodles (cooked)	½ slice ¼ cup or ⅓ oz.	½ slice ¼ cup or ⅓ oz.	½ slice ¼ cup or ⅓ oz.
	Fluid Milk	½ cup	½ cup	1 cup

Additional information on meal preparation and nutrition may be found at:
http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/care/ProgramBasics/Meals/Meal_Patterns.htm