Suggested Serving Sizes for Children

These suggestions are not necessarily appropriate for all children (and may be inappropriate for some children with medical conditions that greatly affect nutrient needs). They are intended to serve as a general framework that can be individualized based on a child's condition and growth pattern.

	Suggested serving size for child 1-3 years of age	Suggested serving size for child 4-6 years of age	Suggested serving size for child 7-10 years of age	Suggested serving size for child 11-18 years of age
Grain	• Bread – ½ to 1 slice	Bread – 1 slice	Bread – 1 slice	Bread – 1 slice
Products	• Rice, pasta, potatoes – ½	• Rice, pasta, potatoes – ½	 Rice, pasta, potatoes − ½ 	 Rice, pasta, potatoes − ½
	to ½ cup	cup	cup	cup
	• Cooked cereal – ½ to ½	• Cooked cereal – ½ cup	• Cooked cereal – ½ cup	Cooked cereal − ½ cup
	cup	• Ready-to-eat cereal – ³ / ₄	• Ready-to-eat cereal – 1	• Ready-to-eat cereal – 1
	• Ready-to-eat cereal – ½	to 1 cup	cup	cup
	to ½ cup	• Tortilla – 1	• Tortilla – 1	• Tortilla – 1
	• Tortilla – ½ to 1			
Vegetables	Cooked or pureed – 2 to	• Cooked or pureed – 3 to	• Cooked or pureed – ½	 Cooked or pureed − ½
	4 Tablespoons	4 Tablespoons	cup	cup
	• Raw – few pieces, if	• Raw – few pieces	• Raw – ½ to 1 cup	• Raw − ½ to 1 cup
	child can chew well			
Fruit	• Raw (apple, banana, etc.)	• Raw (apple, banana, etc.)	• Raw (apple, banana, etc.)	• Raw (apple, banana, etc.)
	$-\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 small, if child	½ to 1 small, if child can	– 1 small	– 1
	can chew well	chew well	• Canned – ¾ cup	• Canned – ¾ cup
	• Canned – 2 to 4	• Canned – 4 to 8	• Juice – 5 ounces	• Juice – 6 ounces
	Tablespoons	Tablespoons		
	• Juice – 3 to 4 ounces	• Juice – 4 ounces		
Milk	Milk, yogurt, pudding –	Milk, yogurt, pudding –	Milk, yogurt, pudding –	Milk, yogurt, pudding –
	4 to 6 ounces	½ to ¾ cup	1 cup	1 cup
	• Cheese – ¾ ounce	• Cheese – 1 ounce	• Cheese – 1 ½ ounces	• Cheese – 1 ½ ounces
Meat,	• Meat, poultry, fish – 1 to	• Meat, poultry, fish − 1 to	● Meat, poultry, fish – 2	• Meat, poultry, fish − 2 to
Poultry,	2 ounces	2 ounces	ounces	3 ounces
Fish, Other	• Eggs $-\frac{1}{2}$ to 1	• Eggs – 1 to 2	• Eggs – 2	• Eggs − 2
Protein	• Peanut butter – 1	• Peanut butter – 2	• Peanut butter – 3	• Peanut butter – 4
	Tablespoon	Tablespoons	Tablespoons	Tablespoons
	 Cooked dried beans – 4 	• Cooked dried beans – 4	• Cooked dried beans – 1	• Cooked dried beans – 1
	to 5 Tablespoons	to 8 Tablespoons	cup	cup

