

# 2000 Calorie Meal Plan

## Easy Meal Planning

Trying to lose weight or trying to eat healthier, but don't know what to eat? This calorie meal plan provides several healthy suggestions for breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks. It was designed to be low carbohydrate and high protein which is what our body prefers for weight loss. Select one item from each food list to make a balanced meal or snack. Pay close attention to the serving size to help you stick to your calorie goal. Any questions or need more ideas? Send a secure message to your [Registered Dietitian](#) through the app or desktop!

## Healthy Day Example:

### Breakfast

- 2 eggs, scrambled cooked with 1 tsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 cup oatmeal, cooked with 2 tsp. natural peanut butter
- 1 banana, sliced (8-9" in length)

### Snack

- ¼ cup unsalted almonds
- 1 medium orange

### Lunch

- Salad: bed of spinach, ¼ cup tomatoes, ¼ cup chopped cucumbers, ¼ cup shredded carrots, ¼ cup mushrooms, ½ cup cooked quinoa, 4 oz. grilled chicken, 2 Tbsp. regular salad dressing
- ½ whole wheat pita (6" across)
- 1 cup strawberries

### Snack

- 1 string cheese
- 5-6 whole grain crackers

### Dinner

- 4 oz. baked chicken breast cooked with 2 tsp. extra olive oil
- 1 cup mashed sweet potatoes with 1 Tbsp. light butter spread
- 2 cups steamed broccoli
- 1 cup blueberries

### Snack

- ½ cup hummus
- 1 cup raw veggies (cucumbers, bell peppers)

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## Breakfast

### Choose 2 Servings of Protein: (e.g.: 2 large egg)

#### 1 serving equals:

- 1 whole egg, large
- ¼ cup egg beaters
- 2 egg whites
- 1 cup milk or unsweetened soymilk
- 1 cup yogurt, plain
- ⅓ cup Greek yogurt, plain
- ¼ cup cottage cheese, low sodium
- 1 oz. cheese
- 1 oz. turkey or chicken sausage
- ½ cup beans (kidney, black, pinto)
- 3 oz. tofu, firm
- 1 scoop protein powder (7g of protein per serving)

### Choose 2 Servings of Fat:

#### 1 serving equals:

- 1 tsp. extra virgin olive oil, avocado oil, safflower oil
- 1 tsp. butter
- 2 tsp. natural peanut butter
- 1 Tbsp. light butter spread
- 2 Tbsp. light cream cheese
- 2 Tbsp. unsalted nuts (almonds, walnuts, pecans)
- ⅓ of an avocado, sliced

### Choose 2 Servings of Grain: (e.g.: 1 cup of oatmeal, cooked)

#### 1 serving equals:

- 1 packet low sugar instant oatmeal
- ½ cup rolled or steel cut oats, cooked
- ¾ cup dry whole grain cereal (bran flakes, shredded wheat)
- 1 whole wheat waffle
- 1 slice whole grain bread
- 2 slices light whole wheat bread
- ½ whole wheat small bagel or English muffin

### Choose 1 Serving of Fruit:

#### 1 serving equals:

- ½ cup 100% juice (orange, apple)
- 1 medium fruit (orange, apple, peach, nectarine, pear)
- ½ grapefruit
- 1 cup berries or grapes (strawberries, blueberries, raspberries)
- 1 banana (8-9" in length)
- 2 Tbsp. of unsweetened dried fruit
- ½ cup canned fruit in natural juice (not syrup)
- 1 cup melon (cantaloupe, honeydew, watermelon)

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## Lunch

### Choose 4 Servings of Protein: (e.g.: 4 oz. chicken)

#### 1 serving equals:

- 1 oz. skinless chicken or turkey
- 1 oz. fish (cod, halibut, haddock, salmon)
- 1 oz. lean beef or pork (at least 93% lean)
- 1 oz. cheese
- ¼ cup cottage cheese, low sodium
- 1 whole egg, large
- ¼ cup egg beaters
- 2 egg whites
- 1 oz. tuna, canned in water
- ⅓ cup hummus
- ½ cup chick peas
- ½ cup beans (kidney, black, pinto)
- ½ cup lentils, cooked
- 1 cup milk or unsweetened soymilk
- 1 cup yogurt, plain
- ⅓ cup Greek yogurt, plain
- 1 oz. turkey or chicken sausage
- 3 oz. tofu, firm

### Choose 1 Serving of Fruit:

#### 1 serving equals:

- 1 medium fruit (orange, apple, peach, nectarine, pear)
- 1 cup berries, grapes, or melon (strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, cantaloupe, honeydew, watermelon)
- 1 banana (8-9" in length)
- 2 Tbsp. of unsweetened dried fruit

### Choose 2 Servings of Fat:

#### 1 serving equals:

- 1 tsp. extra virgin olive oil, avocado oil, safflower oil
- 1 tsp. butter
- 2 tsp. natural peanut butter
- 1 Tbsp. light butter spread
- 2 Tbsp. hummus
- 2 Tbsp. unsalted nuts (almonds, walnuts, pecans)
- ⅓ of an avocado, sliced

### Choose 2 Servings of Grain: (e.g.: 1 cup of pasta, cooked)

#### 1 serving equals:

- ½ cup potatoes or ½ small potato (sweet or white potato)
- ½ cup brown rice, barley, quinoa or other whole grain, cooked
- ½ cup whole wheat pasta or noodles, cooked
- 1 slice whole grain bread
- 2 slices light whole wheat bread
- 1 low carb whole wheat sandwich thin
- 1 whole wheat tortilla (6" across)
- ½ whole wheat pita (6" across)

### Choose 2 or More Servings of Vegetables: (e.g.: 2 cups salad)

#### 1 serving equals:

- 1 cup mixed greens salad
- ½ cup cooked or raw vegetables (spinach, kale, asparagus, broccoli, peppers, cauliflower, carrots, cabbage, summer squash, tomatoes, onions, leeks, beets)

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## Dinner

### Choose 4 Servings of Protein: (e.g.: 4 oz. chicken)

#### 1 serving equals:

- 1 oz. skinless chicken or turkey
- 1 oz. fish (cod, halibut, haddock, salmon)
- 1 oz. lean beef or pork (at least 93% lean)
- 1 oz. cheese
- ¼ cup cottage cheese, low sodium
- 1 whole egg, large
- ¼ cup egg beaters
- 2 egg whites
- 1 oz. tuna, canned in water
- ⅓ cup hummus
- ½ cup chick peas
- ½ cup beans (kidney, black, pinto)
- ½ cup lentils, cooked
- 1 cup milk or unsweetened soymilk
- 1 cup yogurt, plain
- ⅓ cup Greek yogurt, plain
- 1 oz. turkey or chicken sausage
- 3 oz. tofu, firm

### Choose 1 Serving of Fruit:

#### 1 serving equals:

- 1 medium fruit (orange, apple, peach, nectarine, pear)
- 1 cup berries, grapes, or melon (strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, cantaloupe, honeydew, watermelon)
- 1 banana (8-9" in length)
- 2 Tbsp. of unsweetened dried fruit

### Choose 3 Servings of Fat:

#### 1 serving equals:

- 1 tsp. extra virgin olive oil, avocado oil, safflower oil
- 1 tsp. butter
- 2 tsp. natural peanut butter
- 1 Tbsp. light butter spread
- 2 Tbsp. hummus
- 2 Tbsp. unsalted nuts (almonds, walnuts, pecans)
- ⅓ of an avocado, sliced

### Choose 2 Servings of Grain: (e.g.: 1 cup of pasta, cooked)

#### 1 serving equals:

- ½ cup potatoes or ½ small potato (sweet or white potato)
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- ½ cup whole wheat pasta or noodles, cooked
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- 2 slices light whole wheat bread
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## Snacks

Choose up to **3** snacks per day. Include 1 protein and 1 carbohydrate to keep you feeling fuller, longer

### Choose 1 Serving of Protein:

#### 1 serving equals:

- 1 oz. cheese
- 1 cup milk or unsweetened soymilk
- 1 string cheese
- 1 cup yogurt, plain
- ½ cup Greek yogurt, plain
- 1 large hard boiled egg
- ½ cup hummus
- ¼ cup unsalted nuts (almonds, walnuts, pecans)
- 47 unsalted pistachios (1 oz.)
- 2 Tbsp. natural nut butter (peanut, cashew, almond)

### Choose 1 Serving of Carbohydrate:

#### 1 serving equals:

- Fruit (see serving sizes above) – **Aim for no more than 3 to 4 servings of fruit per day**
- Whole wheat crackers (refer to serving size on package – aim for 15g of carbohydrates per serving)
- ½ whole wheat English muffin
- 1 slice of whole wheat bread or 2 slices of light whole wheat bread
- Whole grain tortilla chips (refer to serving size on package – aim for 15g of carbohydrates per serving)
- 3 cups of air popped popcorn

### Other Great Snack Ideas!:

- 2 Tbsp. guacamole and 1 cup raw veggies (carrots, cucumbers)
- 3 oz. cooked shrimp with 1 Tbsp. cocktail sauce
- 1 sliced tomato, 1 oz. mozzarella and balsamic vinegar
- ½ cup sliced peaches and 1 oz. prosciutto
- ½ cup edamame lightly salted with sea salt
- 100 calorie whole grain snack pack
- Whole grain granola bar (look for > 3g of fiber and < 8g of added sugar per bar)
- 1 oz. 70% dark chocolate squares
- ½ peanut butter sandwich on whole grain bread
- Homemade smoothie (½ cup plain yogurt, 1 cup milk, and 1 cup frozen fruit blended together)
- 1 cup plain yogurt with ½ cup fruit and 1 tsp. of chopped nuts