

# Balance Your Plate On A Budget



Build balanced meals for a family of four that meet U.S. Dietary Guidelines for less than \$180 a week, about \$26 a day or less than \$2 per meal, per person. Balance Your Plate meal plans and shopping lists take the guesswork out of meal planning, so you can enjoy the foods you love while helping you meet U.S. Dietary Guidelines. Our weekly meal plans ensure you get a variety of foods from all food groups and make balanced nutrition easy.



With our new On a Budget meal plans, it's easy to shop smarter. Use our 14 daily meal plans to build balanced meals for a family of four using your favorite frozen meals each day combined with fruits, vegetables, whole grains and dairy. And all for less than \$180 a week!



Our On a Budget meal plans are developed with your family in mind. Each member in a family has unique caloric needs and portion sizes may differ because of this.

Our meal plans have been developed with the following calorie levels in mind\*:

- ^ 2,000 calories ("mom"),
- 📫 2,200 calories ("dad"),
- 👖 1,800 calories (child, age 9-11),
- 1,600 calories (child, age 6-8).



Use this meal plan as a reference to help you meet the U.S. Dietary Guidelines.

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Daily Nutrition Summary for 2,000 Calorie Meal Plan

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	Amount Per Day	% DV*
Total Fat:	71 g	109%
Saturated Fat:	18 g	90%
Trans Fat:	0 g	
Cholesterol:	265 mg	88%
Sodium:	2,020 mg	84%
Protein:	78 g	
Total Carb:	281 g	94%
Dietary Fiber:	39 g	156%
Vitamin A:	8,210 ĬU	160%
Vitamin C:	161 mg	270%
Calcium:	1,337 mg	130%
Iron:	11.1 mg	60%

<sup>\*</sup>Percent Daily Value (DV) are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.

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Daily Plan		2,200 Calorie Daily Plan	2,000 Calorie Daily Plan	1,800 Calorie Daily Plan	1,600 Calorie Daily Plan
Breakfast	Whole grain English muffin with:  Soft spread margarine Scrambled egg¹ 1% milk Orange	1 muffin 2 tsp. spread ½ cup egg 1 cup milk 1 medium orange	1 muffin 2 tsp. spread ½ cup egg 1 cup milk 1 medium orange	1 muffin 2 tsp. spread ½ cup egg 1 cup milk 1 medium orange	1 muffin 2 tsp. spread ½ cup egg 1 cup milk 1 medium orange
Lunch	White bean-vegetable soup <sup>2</sup> Topped with chopped avocado String cheese Reduced-sodium whole grain crackers 100% apple juice	1½ cups soup ¼ avocado  1 piece 6 crackers  1 cup juice	1½ cups soup ¼ avocado  1 piece 6 crackers  1 cup juice	1½ cups soup 0 1 piece 6 crackers 3⁄4 cup juice	1¼ cups soup 0 1 piece 6 crackers ¾ cup juice
Dinner	STOUFFER'S® Chicken & Vegetable Rice Bake Broccoli tossed with olive oil³ Applesauce 1% milk	1½ cups rice bake  1 cup broccoli 1 cup applesauce 1 cup milk	1 cup rice bake 1 cup broccoli 1 cup applesauce 1 cup milk	1 cup rice bake 1 cup broccoli 3⁄4 cup applesauce 1 cup milk	½ cup rice bake  1 cup broccoli ½ cup applesauce 1 cup milk
Snack	Pear Almonds, unsalted	1 medium pear 1 oz. almonds	1 medium pear 1 oz. almonds	1 medium pear ½ oz. almonds	1 medium pear ½ oz. almonds
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## 1. Scrambled eggs

- 4 eggs
- ¼ cup 1% milk
- 2 tsp. soft spread margarine Beat eggs and milk until well blended. Heat margarine in non-stick pan on medium heat until melted. Pour in egg mixture and stir eggs gently toward center of pan with a spatula until cooked through.

#### 2. White bean-vegetable soup

- 4 cups (2 15-oz. cans) reduced sodium minestrone soup with pasta
- 1¾ cups (1 15-oz. can) white beans, unsalted

Drain and rinse white beans. Cook soup and beans in medium saucepan on medium heat until heated through.

## 3. Broccoli tossed with olive

- 4 cups cooked broccoli (from frozen)
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil

Steam broccoli in microwave or on stovetop according to package directions. Drain excess water. Drizzle olive oil over cooked broccoli and stir gently.

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## **Daily Meal Plan**

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	Food Groups	Daily MyPlate Goals for 2000 calorie diet
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# Daily Nutrition Summary for 2,000 Calorie Meal Plan

	Amount Per Day	% DV*
Total Fat:	55 q	85%
Saturated Fat:	16 g	80%
Trans Fat:	1 g	
Cholesterol:	100 mg	33%
Sodium:	1,910 mg	80%
Protein:	80 g	
Total Carb:	311 g	104%
Dietary Fiber:	30 g	120%
Vitamin A:	15,115 IU	300%
Vitamin C:	162 mg	270%
Calcium:	1,202 mg	120%
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Daily Plan		2,200 Calorie Daily Plan	2,000 Calorie Daily Plan	1,800 Calorie Daily Plan	1,600 Calorie Daily Plan
Breakfast	Creamy oatmeal <sup>1</sup> Whole wheat toast 100% fruit spread 100% orange juice	1½ cups oatmeal 1 slice toast 1 Tbsp. fruit spread 1 cup juice	1 cup oatmeal 1 slice toast 1 Tbsp. fruit spread 1 cup juice	% cup oatmeal 1 slice toast 1 Tbsp. fruit spread 1 cup juice	% cup oatmeal 1 slice toast 1 Tbsp. fruit spread % cup juice
Lunch	Turkey & Swiss sandwich made with:  • Whole wheat bread  • Turkey breast  • Sliced Swiss cheese  • Mayonnaise  • Tomato slices / lettuce leaf Banana Water	2 slices bread 2 oz. turkey 1 oz. slice 1 Tbsp. mayonnaise 2 slices / 1 leaf 1 medium banana Water	2 slices bread 2 oz. turkey 1 oz. slice 1 Tbsp. mayonnaise 2 slices / 1 leaf 1 medium banana Water	2 slices bread 2 oz. turkey 1 oz. slice 1 Tbsp. mayonnaise 2 slices / 1 leaf 1 medium banana Water	2 slices bread 2 oz. turkey 1 oz. slice 1 Tbsp. mayonnaise 2 slices / 1 leaf 1 medium banana Water
Dinner	STOUFFER'S® Stuffed Green Peppers Roasted rosemary potatoes² Garden salad³ topped with: • Sliced almonds • Balsamic vinaigrette dressing⁴ Water or 1% milk	1½ peppers  1 cup potatoes 2 cups salad ½ oz. almonds 1 Tbsp. dressing  Water	1 pepper 1 cup potatoes 2 cups salad ½ oz. almonds 1 Tbsp. dressing Water	1 pepper  ½ cup potatoes 2 cups salad ½ oz. almonds 1 Tbsp. dressing  ¾ cup milk	½ pepper ½ cup potatoes ½ cups salad ½ oz. almonds 2 tsp. dressing ¾ cup milk
Snack	Low-fat fruit yogurt Granola	1 cup yogurt 1 oz. granola	1 cup yogurt 1 oz. granola	1 cup yogurt 1 oz. granola	1 cup yogurt 0
Daily Menu (	Cost: \$22.93				



## 1. Creamy oatmeal

- 2 cups old-fashioned oats
- 3½ cups 1% milk
- ¼ cup brown sugar

• ¼ cup raisins Heat milk in a large saucepan on medium heat until boiling. Add oats and stir gently. Reduce heat to low and simmer until thickened, about 5 minutes. Stir in brown sugar and raisins.

#### 2. Roasted rosemary potatoes

- 2 large russet potatoes w/skin, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 tsp. dried rosemary Preheat oven to 375 F. Place potato pieces in 13 x 9 inch pan. Drizzle olive oil over potatoes and sprinkle rosemary; toss gently. Bake 15-20 minutes or until tender and lightly browned.

#### 3. Garden salad

- 6 cups chopped romaine
- ¾ cup chopped cucumber
- ¾ cup chopped tomatoes Combine salad ingredients in large bowl. Toss gently with dressing.

#### 4. Balsamic vinaigrette

- 3 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar
- ¼ tsp mustard
- Combine ingredients in a covered container and shake well.

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# Daily Nutrition Summary for 2,000 Calorie Meal Plan

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	Amount Per Day	% <b>DV</b> ³
Total Fat:	74 g	1149
Saturated Fat:	27 g	135%
Trans Fat:	1.5 g	
Cholesterol:	165 mg	55%
Sodium:	2,270 mg	95%
Protein:	87 g	
Total Carb:	265 g	85%
Dietary Fiber:	27 g	1089
Vitamin A:	17,323 ľU	350%
Vitamin C:	104 mg	170%
Calcium:	1,850 mg	190%

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Daily Plan		2,200 Calorie Daily Plan	2,000 Calorie Daily Plan	1,800 Calorie Daily Plan	1,600 Calorie Daily Plan
Breakfast	LEAN POCKETS® Ham, Egg & Cheese Low-fat vanilla yogurt Sliced strawberries 100% apple juice	1 sandwich 1 cup yogurt ½ cup strawberries 1 cup juice	1 sandwich  1 cup yogurt ½ cup strawberries 1 cup juice	1 sandwich ½ cup yogurt ½ cup strawberries ½ cup juice	1 sandwich ½ cup yogurt ½ cup strawberries ½ cup juice
Lunch	Tomato-spinach soup¹ Grilled cheese sandwich, made with:  • Whole wheat bread  • Muenster cheese  • Soft-spread margarine Apple Water	1½ cups soup  2 slices bread 2 slices cheese 2 tsp. spread 1 medium apple Water	1 cup soup  2 slices bread 2 slices cheese 2 tsp. spread 1 medium apple Water	34 cup soup  2 slices bread 2 slices cheese 2 tsp. spread 1 medium apple Water	34 cup soup  1 slice bread 2 slices cheese 1 tsp. spread 1 medium apple Water
Dinner	Sloppy Joe sandwich:  Sloppy Joe filling² Hamburger bun Garden salad³ Balsamic vinaigrette dressing⁴ Water or 1% milk	½ cup filling 1 bun 2 cups salad 1 Tbsp. dressing Water	½ cup filling 1 bun 2 cups salad 1 Tbsp. dressing Water	½ cup filling 1 bun 2 cups salad 1 Tbsp. dressing ¾ cup milk	½ cup filling 1 bun 1 cup salad 2 tsp. dressing ¾ cup milk
Snack	Cereal bar with fruit filling Unsalted peanuts	1 bar ½ oz. peanuts	1 bar ½ oz. peanuts	1 bar ½ oz. peanuts	1 bar ½ oz. peanuts
Daily Menu (	Cost: \$27.52				



- 1. Tomato spinach soup
   2 10-oz. cans condensed tomato soup, reduced sodium
- 2 cups 1% milk
- 2 cups chopped fresh spinach Combine condensed soup and milk in a medium saucepan. Heat over medium-high heat until steaming hot. Stir in chopped spinach and serve.

## 2. Sloppy Joe filling

- 1 15-oz. can Sloppy Joe sauce
- 1 lb 80% lean ground beef
- 1 tsp. dried rosemary

Cook ground beef in a non-stick skillet over medium-high heat, breaking up into small crumbles, until evenly browned. Drain drippings from the pan and stir in Sloppy Joe sauce and rosemary. Cook until heated through, about 5 minutes.

#### 3. Garden salad

- 6 cups chopped romaine
- ¾ cup chopped cucumber
- ¾ cup chopped tomatoes

Combine salad ingredients in large bowl. Toss gently with dressing.

#### 4. Balsamic vinaigrette

- 3 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar
- ¼ tsp. mustard

Combine ingredients in a covered container and shake well.

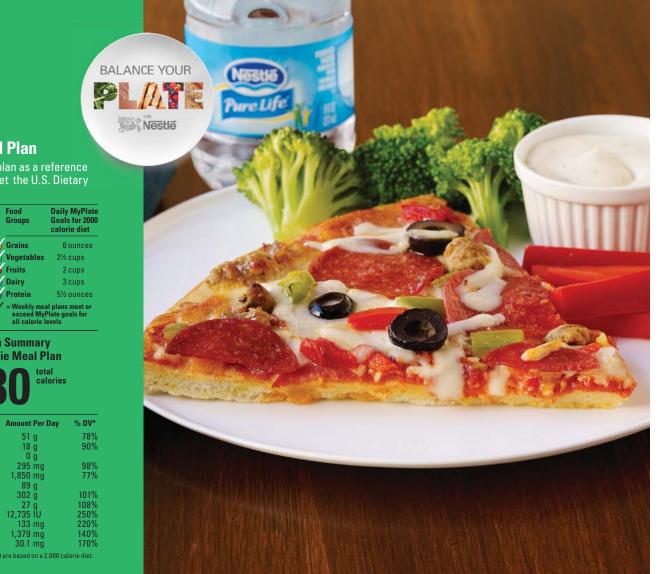
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	<b>⊘</b> Protein	5½ ounces
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# Daily Nutrition Summary for 2,000 Calorie Meal Plan

	Amount Per Day	% DV*
Total Fat:	51 g	78%
Saturated Fat:	18 g	90%
Trans Fat:	0 g	
Cholesterol:	295 mg	98%
Sodium:	1,850 mg	77%
Protein:	89 g	
Total Carb:	302 g	101%
Dietary Fiber:	27 g	108%
Vitamin A:	12,735 ľU	250%
Vitamin C:	133 mg	220%
Calcium:	1,379 mg	140%
Iron:	30.1 mg	170%

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Daily Plan		2,200 Calorie Daily Plan	2,000 Calorie Daily Plan	1,800 Calorie Daily Plan	1,600 Calorie Daily Plan
Breakfast	Frosted shredded wheat cereal 1% milk Hard-cooked egg Banana 100% apple juice	1½ cups cereal  1 cup milk 1 egg 1 medium banana 1 cup juice	1½ cups cereal  1 cup milk 1 egg 1 medium banana 1 cup juice	1 cups cereal 1 cup milk 1 egg 1 medium banana ¾ cup juice	1 cups cereal 1 cup milk 1 egg 1 medium banana ¾ cup juice
Lunch	Tuna Salad Sandwich made with:  • Whole wheat bread • Tuna Salad¹ • Tomato slices / lettuce leaf Carrot/celery sticks Pears, canned in juice Water	2 slices bread ½ cup tuna 2 slices / 1 leaf 1 cup veggies 1 cup pears Water	2 slices bread ½ cup tuna 2 slices / 1 leaf 1 cup veggies 1 cup pears Water	2 slices bread ½ cup tuna 2 slices / 1 leaf 1 cup veggies ½ cup pears Water	2 slices bread ½ cup tuna 2 slices / 1 leaf 1 cup veggies ½ cup pears Water
Dinner	TOMBSTONE® Supreme Pizza Broccoli florets Red bell pepper strips Ranch dip 1% milk	2 slices pizza  ½ cup broccoli ½ cup pepper 2 Tbsp. dip 1 cup milk	1 slice pizza  ½ cup broccoli ½ cup pepper 2 Tbsp. dip 1 cup milk	1 slice pizza ½ cup broccoli ½ cup pepper 2 Tbsp. dip 1 cup milk	1 slice pizza ½ cup broccoli ½ cup pepper 2 Tbsp. dip 1 cup milk
Snack	Low-fat fruit yogurt Nestle® Tollhouse cookie	1 cup yogurt 1 cookie	1 cup yogurt 1 cookie	% cup yogurt 1 cookie	% cup yogurt 1 cookie
Daily Menu (	Cost: \$21.65				



- Tuna salad
   12-oz. can light tuna, drained
   3 Tbsp. mayonnaise
   Stir together drained tuna and mayonnaise.

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Daily Nutrition Summary for 2,000 Calorie Meal Plan

Food Daily MyPlate

	Amount Per Day	% <b>DV</b> ³
Total Fat:	66 g	1029
Saturated Fat:	22 g	1109
Trans Fat:	1 g	
Cholesterol:	115 mg	389
Sodium:	2,080 mg	879
Protein:	78 g	
Total Carb:	282 g	949
Dietary Fiber:	30 g	120%
Vitamin A:	20,183 ĬU	400%
Vitamin C:	209 mg	350%
Calcium:	1,617 mg	160%
Iron:	9.8 mg	50%

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Daily Plan		2,200 Calorie Daily Plan	2,000 Calorie Daily Plan	1,800 Calorie Daily Plan	1,600 Calorie Daily Plan
Breakfast	Frosted shredded wheat cereal 1% milk Low-fat fruit yogurt Sliced strawberries	1 cup cereal 1 cup milk 1 cup yogurt 1 cup strawberries	1 cup cereal 1 cup milk 1 cup yogurt 1 cup strawberries	1 cup cereal 1 cup milk 1 cup yogurt 34 cup strawberries	1 cup cereal 1 cup milk 1 cup yogurt ½ cup strawberries
Lunch	1 Turkey hotdog + 1 bun, with:  Chopped tomatoes & onions  Mustard Baby carrots Ranch dip Orange 100% apple juice	1 hotdog / 1 bun ½ cup veggies 2 tsp. mustard 1 cup carrots 2 Tbsp. dip 1 medium orange 1½ cups juice	1 hotdog / 1 bun ½ cup veggies 2 tsp. mustard 1 cup carrots 2 Tbsp. dip 1 medium orange 1 cup juice	1 hotdog / 1 bun ½ cup veggies 2 tsp. mustard 1 cup carrots 2 Tbsp. dip 1 medium orange 1 cup juice	1 hotdog / 1 bun ½ cup veggies 2 tsp. mustard ½ cup carrots 1 Tbsp. dip 0 1 cup juice
Dinner	<b>STOUFFER'S®</b> Rigatoni with Chicken & Pesto Green beans almondine¹ 1% milk	1½ cups rigatoni 1 cup beans 1 cup milk	1 cup rigatoni 1 cup beans 1 cup milk	1 cup rigatoni 1 cup beans 1 cup milk	1 cup rigatoni 1 cup beans 1 cup milk
Snack	Whole grain crackers String cheese Grapes	6 crackers 1 piece ½ cup grapes	6 crackers 1 piece ½ cup grapes	3 crackers 1 piece ½ cup grapes	0 1 piece ½ cup grapes
Daily Menu (	Cost: \$27.33				



## 1. Green beans almondine

- 4 cups green beans, frozen
- 2 tsp. olive oil
- ¼ cup sliced almonds

Steam or microwave green beans according to package directions until tender. Toss with olive oil. Top with sliced almonds and serve.

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# Daily Nutrition Summary for 2,000 Calorie Meal Plan

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18 g	90%
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2,260 mg	949
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317 g	1069
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197 mg	330%
1,285 mg	130%
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Daily Plan		2,200 Calorie Daily Plan	2,000 Calorie Daily Plan	1,800 Calorie Daily Plan	1,600 Calorie Daily Plan
Breakfast	Whole grain English muffin 100% fruit spread Peanut butter Low-fat fruit yogurt Granola 100% orange juice	1 muffin 1 Tbsp. spread 1 Tbsp. peanut butter 1 cup yogurt 1 oz. granola 1 cup juice	1 muffin 1 Tbsp. spread 0 1 cup yogurt 1 oz. granola 1 cup juice	1 muffin 1 Tbsp. spread 0 1 cup yogurt 0 1 cup juice	½ muffin 1 Tbsp. spread 0 1 cup yogurt 0 ½ cup juice
Lunch	Turkey & Swiss Sandwich, made with:  • Whole wheat bread  • Turkey breast  • Swiss cheese  • Mayonnaise  • Tomato slices / lettuce leaf Banana Water	2 slices 2 oz. turkey 1 oz. slice 1 Tbsp. mayonnaise 2 slices / 2 leaves 1 medium banana Water	2 slices 2 oz. turkey 1 oz. slice 1 Tbsp. mayonnaise 2 slices / 2 leaves 1 medium banana Water	2 slices 2 oz. turkey 1 oz. slice 1 Tbsp. mayonnaise 2 slices / 2 leaves 1 medium banana Water	2 slices 2 oz. turkey 1 oz. slice 1 Tbsp. mayonnaise 2 slices / 2 leaves 1 medium banana Water
Dinner	STOUFFER'S® Meat Loaf with Gravy Baked potato Soft spread margarine Sour cream Broccoli tossed with olive oil¹ Whole wheat dinner roll 1% milk	1 serving  1 medium potato 2 tsp. spread 1 Tbsp. sour cream 1½ cups broccoli 1 oz. roll 1 cup milk	1 serving  1 medium potato 2 tsp. spread 1 Tbsp. sour cream 1 cup broccoli 1 oz. roll 1 cup milk	1 serving 1 small potato 2 tsp. spread 1 Tbsp. sour cream 1 cup broccoli 1 oz. roll 1 cup milk	1 serving 1 small potato 1 tsp. spread 1 Tbsp. sour cream ½ cup broccoli 1 oz. roll 1 cup milk
Snack	Air-popped popcorn Grapes	3 cups popcorn 1 cup grapes	3 cups popcorn 1 cup grapes	3 cups popcorn 1 cup grapes	3 cups popcorn ⅓ cup grapes
Daily Menu (	Cost: \$23.25				



## 1. Broccoli tossed with olive oil

- 4 cups cooked broccoli (from frozen)1 Tbsp. olive oil

Steam broccoli in microwave or on stovetop according to package directions. Drain excess water. Drizzle olive oil over cooked broccoli and stir gently.

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Daily MyPlate

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Daily Nutrition Summary for 2,000 Calorie Meal Plan

	Amount Per Day	% DV*
Total Fat:	74 g	114%
Saturated Fat:	27 g	135%
Trans Fat:	1.5 g	
Cholesterol:	165 mg	55%
Sodium:	2,270 mg	95%
Protein:	87 g	
Total Carb:	265 g	85%
Dietary Fiber:	27 g	108%
Vitamin A:	17,323 ĬU	350%
Vitamin C:	104 mg	170%
Calcium:	1,850 mg	190%
Iron:	15.3 mg	80%

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Daily Plan		2,200 Calorie Daily Plan	2,000 Calorie Daily Plan	1,800 Calorie Daily Plan	1,600 Calorie Daily Plan
Breakfast	Creamy oatmeal <sup>1</sup> Banana Hard-cooked egg 100% orange juice	1½ cups oatmeal 1 medium banana 1 egg ¾ cup juice	1 cup oatmeal 1 medium banana 1 egg 34 cup juice	% cup oatmeal 1 medium banana 1 egg ½ cup juice	34 cup oatmeal 1 medium banana 1 egg ½ cup juice
Lunch	LEAN POCKETS® Chicken, Broccoli & Cheddar Tortilla chips Salsa Bell pepper strips Pineapple, canned in juice Water	1 sandwich  1 oz. chips ¼ cup salsa ½ cup peppers ½ cup pineapple Water	1 sandwich 1 oz. chips ¼ cup salsa ½ cup peppers ½ cup pineapple Water	1 sandwich 1 oz. chips ¼ cup salsa ½ cup peppers ½ cup pineapple Water	1 sandwich ½ oz. chips ¼ cup salsa ½ cup peppers ½ cup pineapple Water
Dinner	STOUFFER'S® Lasagna with Meat Sauce Garden salad² Balsamic vinaigrette³ Whole wheat dinner roll Soft spread margarine 1% milk	1½ servings  2 cups salad 1 Tbsp. vinaigrette 1 oz. roll 1 tsp. spread 1 cup milk	1 serving 2 cups salad 1 Tbsp. vinaigrette 1 oz. roll 1 tsp. spread 1 cup milk	1 serving 2 cups salad 1 Tbsp. vinaigrette 1 oz. roll 1 tsp. spread 1 cup milk	1 serving 1 cup salad 2 tsp. vinaigrette 1 oz. roll 1 tsp. spread 1 cup milk
Snack	Apple, sliced Peanut butter	1 medium apple 1 Tbsp. peanut butter	1 medium apple 1 Tbsp. peanut butter	1 medium apple 1 Tbsp. peanut butter	1 medium apple 1 Tbsp. peanut butter
Daily Menu (	Cost: \$27.26				

## Recipes

## 1. Creamy oatmeal • 2 cups old-fashioned oats

- 3½ cups 1% milk
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- ¼ cup raisins

Heat milk in a large saucepan on medium heat until boiling. Add oats and stir gently. Reduce heat to low and simmer until thickened, about 5 minutes. Stir in brown sugar and raisins.

#### 2. Garden salad

- 6 cups chopped romaine
- ¾ cup chopped cucumber
- ¾ cup chopped tomatoes Combine salad ingredients in large bowl. Toss gently with dressing.

## 3. Balsamic vinaigrette

- 3 Tbsp. olive oil 1 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar
- ¼ tsp. mustard

Combine ingredients in a covered container and shake well.

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	ď	Protein	5½ ounces
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Daily Nutrition Summary for 2,000 Calorie Meal Plan

	Amount Per Day	% DV*
Total Fat:	67 g	103%
Saturated Fat:	25 g	125%
Trans Fat:	0.5 g	
Cholesterol:	350 mg	117%
Sodium:	2,320 mg	97%
Protein:	101 g	
Total Carb:	257 g	86%
Dietary Fiber:	26 g	104%
Vitamin A:	16,034 ĬU	320%
Vitamin C:	70 mg	120%
Calcium:	1,547 mg	150%
Iron:	24.3 mg	140%

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Daily Plan		2,200 Calorie Daily Plan	2,000 Calorie Daily Plan	1,800 Calorie Daily Plan	1,600 Calorie Daily Plan
Breakfast	Frosted shredded wheat cereal 1% milk Whole wheat toast Peanut butter Grapefruit	1½ cups cereal  1 cup milk 1 slice toast 1 Tbsp. peanut butter ½ grapefruit	1 cup cereal 1 cup milk 1 slice toast 1 Tbsp. peanut butter ½ grapefruit	34 cup cereal  1 cup milk 1 slice toast 1 Tbsp. peanut butter ½ grapefruit	34 cup cereal  1 cup milk 1 slice toast 1 Tbsp. peanut butter ½ grapefruit
Lunch	Chef's Salad1 Nestle® Tollhouse cookie 100% apple juice	3 cups salad 1 cookie 1 cup juice	3 cups salad 1 cookie 1 cup juice	2 cups salad 1 cookie 3⁄4 cup juice	2 cups salad 1 cookie ¾ cup juice
Dinner	STOUFFER'S® Macaroni & Cheese Grilled chicken breast² Mixed vegetables (cooked from frozen) Whole grain dinner roll Soft-spread margarine 1% milk	1 cup macaroni 3 oz. chicken 1 cup veggies 1 oz. roll 1 tsp. spread 1 cup milk	1 cup macaroni 3 oz. chicken 1 cup veggies 1 oz. roll 1 tsp. spread 1 cup milk	1 cup macaroni 3 oz. chicken ½ cup veggies 1 oz. roll 1 tsp. spread 1 cup milk	½ cup macaroni 2 oz. chicken ½ cup veggies 1 oz. roll 1 tsp. spread 1 cup milk
Snack	Low-fat fruit yogurt Banana	1 cup yogurt 1 medium banana	1 cup yogurt 1 medium banana	½ cup yogurt 1 medium banana	½ cup yogurt 1 medium banana
Daily Menu (	Cost: \$25.05				



## 1. Chef's salad

- 9 cups chopped romaine lettuce
- 4 slices Swiss cheese, cut into strips
- 4 oz. turkey breast, cut into strips

- 4 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
  1 cup chopped tomatoes
  1 cup Ranch dressing
  Layer lettuce, cheese, turkey, eggs, and tomatoes in large bowl. Pour dressing over and toss gently.

#### 2. Grilled chicken breast

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 2 tsp. olive oil

 Salt-free seasoning
 Drizzle olive oil on chicken breasts and sprinkle with salt-free seasoning of choice. Grill or bake chicken breasts in a 350 degree oven until no longer pink in center and thermometer registers 165 degrees, about 20-30 minutes.

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		Food Groups	Goals for 20 calorie diet
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# Daily Nutrition Summary for 2,000 Calorie Meal Plan

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292 g	97%
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1,384 mg	140%
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<sup>\*</sup>Percent Daily Value (DV) are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.

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inch	Bean, cheese, and vegetable burrito <sup>2</sup> Tortilla chips Salsa Avocado (sliced) Water	1 burrito 1 oz. chips ¼ cup salsa ¼ avocado Water	1 burrito 1 oz. chips ¼ cup salsa ½ avocado Water	1 burrito 1 oz. chips ½ cup salsa ½ avocado Water	1 burrito  ½ oz. chips 2 Tbsp. salsa ½ avocado Water
nner	STOUFFER'S® Salisbury Steak Mashed potatoes³ Carrots (cooked from frozen) Whole grain dinner roll Soft-spread margarine 1% milk Low-fat frozen yogurt Sliced strawberries	1 serving  1 cup potatoes 1 cup carrots 1 oz. roll 1 tsp. spread 1 cup milk 1 cup yogurt ½ cup strawberries	1 serving  3/4 cup potatoes 1 cup carrots 1 oz. roll 1 tsp. spread 1 cup milk 1/2 cup yogurt 1/2 cup strawberries	1 serving  3/4 cup potatoes 3/4 cup carrots 1 oz. roll 1 tsp. spread 1 cup milk 1/2 cup yogurt 1/2 cup strawberries	1 serving  ½ cup potatoes ½ cup carrots 1 oz. roll 1 tsp. spread 1 cup milk ½ cup yogurt ½ cup strawberries
nack	Cereal bar	1 bar	1 bar	1 bar	1 bar
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## 1. French toast

- 6 slices whole wheat bread
- 3 eggs
- ½ cup 1% milk
- ½ tsp. cinnamon

Vegetable spray

Beat eggs in a shallow bowl; add milk and cinnamon. Dip each slice of bread in egg mixture, allowing bread to soak up some of the mixture. Place in a hot skillet coated with vegetable spray. Cook over medium heat until lightly browned, about 1 minute, then flip to cook other side.

#### 2. Bean, cheese, and vegetable burritos

- 48-inch flour tortillas
- 1 can black beans, unsalted, drained and rinsed
- 2 cups sliced bell peppers (approx 2 medium)
- 1 cup sliced onion (approx 1 medium)
- 1 tsp. vegetable oil
- 4 oz. shredded cheddar cheese

Heat vegetable oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add peppers and onions and sauté until softened, about 3 minutes. Place 1/4 of the cooked vegetables, about 1/3 cup of black beans, and about 2 Tbsp. cheddar cheese on each tortilla. Roll tortilla tightly around filling. Heat the burrito in the microwave on high for about 30 seconds, or wrapped in foil in the oven, until heated through and cheese is melted.

#### 3. Mashed potatoes

- 3 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 3 Tbsp. soft-spread margarine
- ½ cup 1% milk

Cover potatoes with water in medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low and simmer uncovered 15 minutes or until potatoes are very tender; drain. Return cooked potatoes to saucepan and mash. Stir in milk and margarine.

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# Daily Nutrition Summary for 2,000 Calorie Meal Plan

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Saturated Fat:	21 g	105%
Frans Fat:	0.5 g	
Cholesterol:	105 mg	35%
Sodium:	2,200 mg	92%
Protein:	94 g	
Fotal Carb:	270 g	90%
Dietary Fiber:	32 g	128%
/itamin A:	12,203 ľU	240%
/itamin C:	162 mg	300%
Calcium:	1,287 mg	130%
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Daily Plan		2,200 Calorie Daily Plan	2,000 Calorie Daily Plan	1,800 Calorie Daily Plan	1,600 Calorie Daily Plan
Breakfast	Creamy oatmeal <sup>1</sup> Topped with almonds Banana 100% orange juice	1½ cups oatmeal ½ oz. almonds 1 medium banana ¾ cup juice	1 cup oatmeal ½ oz. almonds 1 medium banana ¾ cup juice	34 cup oatmeal 14 oz. almonds 1 medium banana 1/2 cup juice	% cup oatmeal % oz. almonds 1 medium banana ½ cup juice
Lunch	Tuna Salad Sandwich, made with:  • Whole-wheat bread  • Tuna Salad²  Tomato & Cucumber Salad³ String cheese Orange Water or 1% milk	2 slices bread ½ cup tuna 1 cup salad 1 piece 1 orange Water	2 slices bread ½ cup tuna 1 cup salad 1 piece 1 orange Water	2 slices bread ½ cup tuna ½ cup salad 1 piece 1 orange ¾ cup milk	2 slices bread ¼ cup tuna ½ cup salad 1 piece 1 orange ¾ cup milk
Dinner	DIGIORNO® Rising Crust Pepperoni Pizza Baby carrots Hummus Canned peaches, in juice 1% milk	1 slice pizza ½ cup carrots 2 Tbsp. hummus 1 cup peaches 1 cup milk	1 slice pizza ½ cup carrots 2 Tbsp. hummus 1 cup peaches 1 cup milk	1 slice pizza ½ cup carrots 2 Tbsp. hummus 1 cup peaches 1 cup milk	1 slice pizza ½ cup carrots 2 Tbsp. hummus ½ cup peaches 1 cup milk
Snack	Celery sticks Whole grain crackers Peanut butter	½ cup celery 6 crackers 2 Tbsp. peanut butter	½ cup celery 3 crackers 2 Tbsp. peanut butter	½ cup celery 3 crackers 2 Tbsp. peanut butter	½ cup celery 3 crackers 1 Tbsp. peanut butter
Daily Menu (	Cost: \$24.70				



## 1. Creamy oatmeal

- 2 cups old-fashioned oats
- 3½ cups 1% milk
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- ¼ cup raisins Heat milk in a large saucepan over medium heat until boiling. Add oats and stir gently. Reduce heat to low and simmer until thickened, about 5 minutes. Stir in brown sugar and

#### 2. Tuna salad

raisins.

- 12-oz. can light tuna, canned in water, drained
- 3 Tbsp. mayonnaise Stir together drained tuna and mayonnaise.

#### 3. Tomato & cucumber salad

- ½ cups chopped tomatoes
- ½ cups chopped cucumber
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 2 tsp. balsamic vinegar Combine chopped tomatoes and cucumber. Mix together olive oil and balsamic vinegar. Pour over tomatoes and cucumbers and stir gently.

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	C	Protein	5½ ounces
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# Daily Nutrition Summary for 2,000 Calorie Meal Plan

	Amount Per Day	% DV
Total Fat:	60 g	920
Saturated Fat:	19 g	95°
Trans Fat:	0 g	
Cholesterol:	115 mg	380
Sodium:	1,960 mg	82°
Protein:	88 g	
Total Carb:	279 g	939
Dietary Fiber:	23 g	920
Vitamin A:	11,209 ľU	220°
Vitamin C:	195 mg	330
Calcium:	1,469 mg	150°
Iron:	11.5 mg	60

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Daily Plan		2,200 Calorie Daily Plan	2,000 Calorie Daily Plan	1,800 Calorie Daily Plan	1,600 Calorie Daily Plan
Breakfast	Whole grain English muffin Peanut butter Low-fat fruit yogurt 100% orange juice	1 muffin 2 Tbsp. peanut butter 1 cup yogurt 1 cup juice	1 muffin 2 Tbsp. peanut butter 1 cup yogurt 1 cup juice	1 muffin 2 Tbsp. peanut butter 1 cup yogurt 34 cup juice	½ muffin 1 Tbsp. peanut butter 1 cup yogurt ¾ cup juice
Lunch	LEAN POCKETS® Ham & Cheese (with whole grain crust) Hummus Baby carrots Broccoli florets 1% milk	1 sandwich  14 cup hummus 1/2 cup carrots 1/2 cup broccoli 1 cup milk	1 sandwich  1/4 cup hummus 1/2 cup carrots 1/2 cup broccoli 1 cup milk	1 sandwich  14 cup hummus 12 cup carrots 13 cup broccoli 1 cup milk	1 sandwich 2 Tbsp. hummus ¼ cup carrots ¼ cup broccoli 1 cup milk
Dinner	Beef fajitas¹ Spanish rice² Avocado Water	2 fajitas 1 cup rice ¼ avocado Water	1 fajita 1 cup rice ¼ avocado Water	1 fajita ¾ cup rice ¼ avocado Water	1 fajita ½ cup rice ¼ avocado Water
Snack	String cheese Grapes	1 piece 1 cup grapes	1 piece 1 cup grapes	1 piece 1 cup grapes	1 piece 1 cup grapes
Daily Menu (	Cost: \$25.77				



## 1. Beef fajitas

- ¾ Ib sirloin steak, cut into ½ inch strips
  • 5 6-inch flour tortillas
- 2 cups bell pepper strips
- 1 cup sliced onion
- 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil

• 2 oz. (1/3 cup) shredded cheddar cheese

Heat 1 tsp. oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add peppers and onions and sauté until softened, about 3 minutes. Remove from pan and set aside. Add 2 tsp. of oil to the hot skillet and add beef strips. Sauté until no longer pink, about 4 minutes. Divide cooked beef strips and vegetables between the 5 tortillas and sprinkle each with 1 Tbsp. of shredded cheddar cheese. Serve with avocado slices.

#### 2. Spanish rice

- 1 cup brown rice, dry
- ¾ cup salsa

Heat 2 cups of water in a large saucepan until boiling. Add brown rice and stir. Reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer until water is absorbed, about 30-40 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in salsa.

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## **Daily Nutrition Summary** for 2,000 Calorie Meal Plan

Vitamin C:

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	Amount Per Day	% DV*
Total Fat:	60 g	92%
Saturated Fat:	19 g	95%
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Cholesterol:	115 mg	38%
Sodium:	1,960 mg	82%
Protein:	88 g	
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Daily Plan		2,200 Calorie Daily Plan	2,000 Calorie Daily Plan	1,800 Calorie Daily Plan	1,600 Calorie Daily Plan
Breakfast	Frosted shredded wheat cereal 1% milk Melon cubes Hard-cooked egg	1½ cups cereal  1 cup milk 1 cup melon 1 egg	1 cup cereal 1 cup milk 1 cup melon 1 egg	1 cup cereal 1 cup milk 1 cup melon 1 egg	34 cup cereal  1 cup milk 12 cup melon 1 egg
Lunch	Turkey, Swiss & avocado wrap <sup>1</sup> Baked potato chips Grapes 100% apple juice	1 wrap ½ oz. chips 1 cup grapes 1 cup juice	1 wrap ½ oz. chips 1 cup grapes 1 cup juice	1 wrap ½ oz. chips ½ cup grapes ¾ cup juice	1 wrap ½ oz. chips ½ cup grapes ¾ cup juice
Dinner	STOUFFER'S® Baked Ziti Garden salad² topped with: Sliced almonds Balsamic vinaigrette³ Italian bread Soft-spread margarine 1% milk	1 serving ziti 2 cups salad ½ oz. almonds 1 Tbsp. vinaigrette 1 slice 1 tsp. spread 1 cup milk	1 serving ziti 2 cups salad ½ oz. almonds 1 Tbsp. vinaigrette 1 slice 1 tsp. spread 1 cup milk	1 serving ziti 2 cups salad 0 1 Tbsp. vinaigrette 1 slice 1 tsp. spread 1 cup milk	1 serving ziti 1½ cups salad 0 2 tsp. vinaigrette 1 slice 1 tsp. spread 1 cup milk
Snack	Strawberry-banana smoothie <sup>4</sup>	1 cup smoothie	1 cup smoothie	1 cup smoothie	¾ cup smoothie
Daily Menu (	Cost: \$24.93				



## 1. Turkey, Swiss & Avocado Wrap

- 48-inch flour tortillas
- 4 oz. turkey breast
- 4 slices Swiss cheese
- 1 avocado, sliced
- 1 cup chopped tomatoes
- 2 cups shredded lettuce
- For each wrap, place 1 oz. of turkey, 1 slice of cheese, ¼ of the avocado, 1/4 cup of tomatoes, and 1/2 cup of shredded lettuce on a tortilla. Roll tortilla tightly, folding in ends to keep ingredients wrapped.

#### 2. Garden salad

- 6 cups chopped romaine
- ¾ cup chopped cucumber
- ¾ cup chopped tomatoes Combine salad ingredients in large bowl. Toss gently with dressing.

#### 3. Balsamic vinaigrette

- 3 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar
- ¼ tsp. mustard

Combine ingredients in a covered container and shake well.

#### 4. Strawberry-banana smoothie

- 3 cups low-fat vanilla yogurt • 2 medium bananas
- 1 cup sliced strawberries
- ½ cup 100% orange juice
- Ice

Place ingredients in a blender with a cup of ice. Blend well until smooth.

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## **Daily Meal Plan**

Use this meal plan as a reference to help you meet the U.S. Dietary Guidelines.

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## Daily Nutrition Summary for 2,000 Calorie Meal Plan

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	Amount Per Day	% DV*
Total Fat:	65 g	101%
Saturated Fat:	19 g	95%
Trans Fat:	0.5 g	
Cholesterol:	360 mg	120%
Sodium:	2,060 mg	86%
Protein:	106 g	
Total Carb:	251 g	84%
Dietary Fiber:	25 g	100%
Vitamin A:	16,584 ľU	330%
Vitamin C:	217 mg	360%
Calcium:	1,726 mg	170%
Iron:	9.7 mg	50%

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Daily Plan		2,200 Calorie Daily Plan	2,000 Calorie Daily Plan	1,800 Calorie Daily Plan	1,600 Calorie Daily Plan
Breakfast	Scrambled eggs¹ Whole-wheat toast Peanut butter  Banana 1% milk	1/2 cup eggs 1 slice toast 1 Tbsp. peanut butter 1 medium banana 1 cup milk	½ cup eggs 1 slice toast 1 Tbsp. peanut butter 1 medium banana 1 cup milk	½ cup eggs 1 slice toast 1 Tbsp. peanut butter 1 medium banana 1 cup milk	½ cup eggs 1 slice toast 1 Tbsp. peanut butter 1 medium banana 1 cup milk
Lunch	DIGIORNO® Thin Crust Cheese Pizza Garden salad² Ranch dressing Orange Water	2 slices pizza 2 cups salad 1 Tbsp. dressing 1 medium orange Water	1 slice pizza 2 cups salad 1 Tbsp. dressing 1 medium orange Water	1 slice pizza 2 cups salad 1 Tbsp. dressing 1 medium orange Water	1 slice pizza 1½ cups salad 2 tsp. dressing 1 medium orange Water
Dinner	Teriyaki chicken stir-fry³ Brown rice Pineapple, canned in juice Water	1½ cups stir-fry 1 cup rice ½ cup pineapple Water	1½ cups stir-fry 1 cup rice ½ cup pineapple Water	1 cup stir-fry ½ cup rice ½ cup pineapple Water	34 cup stir-fry 1/2 cup rice 1/2 cup pineapple Water
Snack	Low-fat fruit yogurt Sliced almonds	1 cup yogurt ½ oz. almonds	1 cup yogurt ½ oz. almonds	1 cup yogurt ½ oz. almonds	34 cup yogurt 1/2 oz. almonds
Daily Menu (	Cost: \$24.32				



## 1. Scrambled eggs

- 4 eggs
- ¼ cup 1% milk
- 2 tsp. soft spread margarine
  Beat eggs and milk until well blended.
  Heat margarine in non-stick pan on
  medium heat until melted. Pour in egg
  mixture and stir eggs gently toward
  center of pan with a spatula until
  cooked through.

#### 2. Garden salad

- 6 cups chopped romaine
- ¾ cup chopped cucumber
- ¾ cup chopped tomatoes Combine salad ingredients in large bowl. Toss gently with dressing.

## 3. Teriyaki chicken stir-fry

- 1 lb boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into ½ inch strips
- 2 cups broccoli florets
- 1 cup bell pepper strips
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1 cup sliced onions
- 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- ¼ cup teriyaki sauce, reduced sodium

Heat 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Stir-fry chicken strips until no longer pink, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat; keep warm. Add remaining 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil to pan and stir-fry vegetables until softened. Add chicken back to pan and toss together with vegetables and teriyaki sauce.

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## **Daily Meal Plan**

Use this meal plan as a reference to help you meet the U.S. Dietary Guidelines.

	Food Groups	Daily MyPlate Goals for 2000 calorie diet
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	Protein	5½ ounces

✓ = Weekly meal plans meet or exceed MyPlate goals for all calorie levels

Daily Nutrition Summary for 2,000 Calorie Meal Plan

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	Amount Per Day	% DV*
Total Fat:	65 g	100%
Saturated Fat:	20 g	100%
Frans Fat:	0 g	
Cholesterol:	85 mg	28%
Sodium:	2,110 mg	85%
Protein:	94 g	
Fotal Carb:	303 g	101%
Dietary Fiber:	31 g	124%
/itamin A:	3,933 IU	80%
/itamin C:	103 mg	170%
Calcium:	1,542 mg	150%
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Daily Plan		2,200 Calorie Daily Plan	2,000 Calorie Daily Plan	1,800 Calorie Daily Plan	1,600 Calorie Daily Plan
Breakfast	Yogurt parfait, made with:  Vanilla yogurt  Granola Sliced strawberries Whole-wheat toast with: 100% fruit spread 100% apple juice	1 cup yogurt ½ cup granola ½ cup strawberries 1 slice toast 1 Tbsp. spread 1 cup juice	1 cup yogurt ¼ cup granola ½ cup strawberries 1 slice toast 1 Tbsp. spread 1 cup juice	1 cup yogurt 1/4 cup granola 1/2 cup strawberries 1 slice toast 1 Tbsp. spread 1/2 cup juice	1 cup yogurt ¼ cup granola ½ cup strawberries 0 0 ½ cup juice
Lunch	HOT POCKETS® Pepperoni Pizza Apple Peanut butter  1% milk	1 sandwich 1 medium apple 1 Tbsp. peanut butter 1 cup milk	1 sandwich 1 medium apple 0 1 cup milk	1 sandwich 1 medium apple 0 1 cup milk	1 sandwich 1 medium apple 0 1 cup milk
Dinner	STOUFFER'S® Chicken Enchiladas with Rice Chunky "refried" beans¹ Spinach salad² Orange dressing³ Water	1 serving enchilada ½ cup beans 3 cups salad 2 Tbsp. dressing Water	1 serving enchilada ½ cup beans 3 cups salad 2 Tbsp. dressing Water	1 serving enchilada 1/4 cup beans 2 cups salad 1/2 Tbsp. dressing Water	1 serving enchilada 1/4 cup beans 2 cups salad 1/2 Tbsp. dressing Water
Snack	Banana Almonds, unsalted Chocolate low-fat milk	1 medium banana 1 oz. almonds ½ cup milk	1 medium banana 1 oz. almonds ½ cup milk	½ medium banana ½ oz. almonds ½ cup milk	½ medium banana ½ oz. almonds ½ cup milk
Daily Menu (	Cost: \$28.91				



## 1. Chunky "refried" beans

- 1¾ cups (15-oz. can) pinto beans, unsalted, drained and rinsed
- ¼ cup shredded cheddar cheese Pour drained and rinsed beans into a microwave-safe bowl. Mash bean with a fork until chunky. Top with shredded cheese. Cook in microwave for 1-2 minutes on high, or until cheese is melted and beans are heated through.

#### 2. Spinach salad

- 8 cups baby spinach
- 1 15-oz. can mandarin oranges, drained
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- $\frac{1}{3}$  cup unsalted sunflower seeds Layer ingredients in a large bowl. Pour dressing over and toss gently.

## 3. Orange dressing

- 3 Tbsp. olive oil
- 3 Tbsp. orange juice
  Combine oil and juice in a covered container and shake well.

# **NUTRITIOUS EATING ON A BUDGET**

## 8 TIPS TO SHOP SMARTER WITHOUT STRETCHING YOUR WALLET

## **PLAN AHEAD**

Planning your meals in advance helps streamline your purchases and ensures that the food and beverages you buy don't go to waste.

## BUY IN SEASON STOCK UP

When balancing your plate with fresh produce, choose what's in season. Seasonal produce is fresher and usually less expensive.

## WRITE IT DOWN!

Translate your weekly meal plan into a shopping list and don't stray from it. This will help you stay on budget.

## STOCK UP on frozen produce

Frozen fruits and vegetables are picked at the peak of freshness to lock in flavor and nutrients. New research shows that some frozen fruits and vegetables may have higher levels of certain vitamins and antioxidants compared to their fresh counterparts.

## REUSE ingredients through the week

Select recipes that make use of similar ingredients to help reduce the size of your shopping list and eliminate waste from half-used ingredients.

## Be SMART LEFTOVERS

Take leftovers for lunch. It's easiest to pack lunches after dinner for the next day, so you're ready to go in the morning.

## BUY IN BULK when it makes sense

Purchasing bulk quantities of foods you buy often and choosing family-sized servings of favorite frozen prepared meals can save you valuable dollars.

## SAVE YOUR DOUGH Chop yourself!

Every dollar counts when you're on a budget, so grab your chef's knife and cutting board and avoid the upcharges you can spend for pre-cut produce.

#### **Add Nutrition & Flavor with Pumpkin!**

Canned pumpkin is a good source of fiber and an excellent source of Vitamin A per serving, and can be added to a variety of recipes to contribute extra flavor, while cutting down on fat and sodium. All for minimal cost!

A few simple ways you can power up on pumpkin below:

- Pasta sauce + pumpkin
- Mashed potatoes + pumpkin
- Hummus + pumpkin
- Brown rice + pumpkin

Get more ideas at verybestbaking.com/Libbys



# TIPS JAVOID WASTE ENSURE SMART EATING

If you are purchasing larger quantities than are called for in the weekly meal plan, follow these tips to ensure proper storage and prevent food spoilage.

## **FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

Vegetables require the proper care to prevent spoilage. Tomatoes and potatoes are best stored at room temperature, while vegetables like lettuce, cucumbers and carrots should be placed in refrigerator crisper drawers.

To prevent premature ripening, keep avocados, pears, bananas and tomatoes apart from apples, broccoli, lettuce and potatoes.

Keep frozen and canned produce on hand so they're ready to use when you need them. For best taste and quality, use frozen and canned produce before the "use by" date.

To prevent premature spoilage, fresh berries should get a good rinse, just before usage.

Rinse and dry leaf lettuce and store in plastic bags for up to one week.

## **BREADS & CEREALS**

Store extra breads and rolls in an airtight container or storage bag; place in the freezer and defrost as needed.

Keep cereal fresh by storing in airtight containers instead of rolling down the bag.

## **SNACKS**

Keep crackers in storage bags or airtight containers to prevent them from becoming stale.

Store nuts in the feezer to prolong shelf life.

## **BEVERAGES**

If shopping for one, purchase single-serve juice containers to avoid waste and ensure variety. If purchasing for a family, consider bulk sizes of shelf-stable juices to save refrigerator space.

## FROZEN PREPARED FOODS

Frozen prepared foods offer flexibility whether prepping for one or a whole family. If cooking for a family, look for multi-serve varieties that accommodate your family's size.



## On a Budget Grocery List Week 1 (for days 1-7); Week 2 (for days 8-14)

This shopping list meets the needs of a family of four. Non-perishable staples used in both meal plans have been included in our Week 1 grocery list.

Dairy & Eggs	Week 1	Week 2
Eggs	1 dozen	1½ dozen
1% milk	3 gallons	3 gallons
Swiss cheese, sliced	8 ounces	4 ounces
Part-skim Mozzarella	8 pieces	8 pieces
string cheese		
Muenster cheese, sliced	8 slices	
Low-fat fruit flavored	16 cups	12 cups
yogurt	'	
Low-fat vanilla yogurt	3 cups	7 cups
Shredded cheddar		6 ounces
cheese		
Low-fat frozen yogurt		2½ cups

Meat & Poultry	Week 1	Week 2
Turkey breast, lunch meat, sliced	1 pound	1/4 pound
Ground beef (90% lean)	1 pound	
Turkey hot dogs (light)	4 hotdogs	
Sirloin steak Boneless skinless chicken breasts	ŭ	34 pound 4 breasts (1 pound)

Fresh Fruit	Week 1	Week 2
Bananas Apples Oranges Grapes Strawberries Pears Melon, cubed Grapefruit	16 medium 8 medium 7 medium 5½ cups 4 cups, sliced (about 2 pints) 4 medium	18 medium 4 medium 4 medium 4 cups 5 cups, sliced (about 2.5 pints) 6½ cups 2 grapefruit

Fresh Vegetables	Week 1	Week 2
Baby carrots Celery Broccoli florets Bell pepper Cucumber Idaho potatoes  Sweet onion Tomatoes Romaine lettuce Baby spinach Avocado Mushrooms	5½ cups 4 stalks 4 cups 4 medium 2 large 2 large, 2 medium, 2 small 1 medium 7 medium 3 heads 2 cups ½ avocado	4 cups 4 stalks 2 cups 5 medium 2 large 3 medium 5 medium 3 heads 8 cups 3 avocados 8 oz. (about 2 cups, sliced)
Breads/Cereals	Week 1	Week 2
Whole-wheat English	8 muffins	4 muffins
muffin Whole-wheat bread Italian bread Whole wheat dinner roll (1oz. each)	1½ loaves 8 rolls	4 muffins 1 loaf ½ loaf 8 rolls
muffin Whole-wheat bread Italian bread Whole wheat dinner	1½ loaves	1 loaf ½ loaf 8 rolls
muffin Whole-wheat bread Italian bread Whole wheat dinner roll (1oz. each) Hot Dog Buns Burger bun Rolled oats	1½ loaves 8 rolls 4 buns 4 buns	1 loaf ½ loaf 8 rolls

<b>Dressings/Spreads</b>	Week 1	Week 2
Soft spread	1 (15 oz.) tub	
margarine Ranch dressing/dip	1 (16 oz.)	
Olive oil	bottle 1 (25.4 oz.) bottle	
Mayonnaise Reduced-fat sour cream	1 (15 oz.) jar 8 oz. tub	
Mustard 100% fruit spread Brown sugar	1 small jar 1 (15 oz.) jar 1 (32 oz.)	
Peanut butter	bag 1 (16 oz.) jar	41/
Hummus Balsamic vinegar	1 (16 oz.) bottle	1½ cups
Salsa Reduced-sodium	1 (24 oz.) jar 1 (10 oz.)	
Teriyaki sauce Maple Syrup	bottle 1 small	
Chocolate syrup	bottle 1 small bottle	
Sloppy Joe sauce	1 (15 oz.) can	
Shelf Stable Items	Week 1	Week 2
Tomato soup,	2 (10 oz.)	
reduced sodium Minestrone soup,	cans 2 (15 oz.)	
reduced sodium Canned tuna, in water	cans 1 (12 oz.) can	1 (12 oz.) can
Canned white beans	1 (15 oz.) can	

Week 1	Week 2
1 small bag 2 cups 3½ cups ½ cup 1 small bag 1 small bottle 1 small bottle 6 ounces 2 ounces 4 bars 1 small box 1 package (16.5 oz.) ½ cup kernels	½ cup  3½ cups 1 (15 oz.) can 2 cups  ¼ cup 2 ounces  6.5 ounces 4 bars
Week 1	Week 2
116 ounces 80 ounces	80 ounces 72 ounces
Week 1	Week 2
8 cups 4 cups	3½ cups 3 cups
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Frozen Prepared Foods	Week 1	Week 2
STOUFFER'S® Rigatoni Chicken Pesto LEAN POCKETS® Chicken, Broccoli Cheddar LEAN POCKETS® Ham, Egg & Cheese STOUFFER'S® Stuffed Green Peppers	1 (25 oz.) pkg 2 pkgs (2/pack) 2 pkgs (2/pack) 1 (32 oz.) pkg, includes 4 peppers	
STOUFFER'S® Chicken & Vegetable Rice Bake STOUFFER'S® Lasagna with Meat & Sauce STOUFFER'S® Meat Loaf in Gravy TOMBSTONE® Supreme Pizza	1 (36 oz.) pkg 1 (38 oz.) pkg 1 (33 oz.) pkg 1 pizza	
STOUFFER'S® Salisbury Steak STOUFFER'S® Chicken Enchiladas STOUFFER'S® Macaroni & Cheese STOUFFER'S® Baked Ziti LEAN POCKETS® Ham & Cheese, with whole	,,	1 (28 oz.) pkg 1 (30 oz.) pkg 1 (40 oz.) pkg 1 (57 oz.) pkg 2 pkgs (2/pack)
grain crust HOT POCKETS® Pepperoni Pizza DIGIORNO® Thin Crust Cheese Pizza DIGIORNO® Rising Crust Pepperoni Pizza		2 pkgs (2/pack) 1 pizza 1 pizza
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