PROTEINS CHEAT SHEET



NOTE: Individual Recommended Daily Protein Intake will vary dependent on various factors, including age, weight activity levels, etc. Reach out to me if you would like some help determining your best protein needs.

The RDA for Protein is unfortunately not a good guide for how much protein we should eat. It is the amount you need to meet your basic nutritional requirements. Basically, just enough to keep you from being malnurished or sick

CATEGORY	FOOD EXAMPLES	SERVING SIZE	PROTEIN PER SERVING	CALORIES (APPROX.)	
MEAT AND POULTRY	Chicken breast	3 ounces	26 grams	165 calories	
	Lean beef	3 ounces	22 grams	180 calories	
	Turkey breast	3 ounces	26 grams	125 calories	
	Pork tenderloin	3 ounces	22 grams	120 calories	
	Lamb chops	3 ounces	23 grams	235 calories	
FISH AND SEAFOOD	Salmon	3 ounces	22 grams	155 calories	
	Tuna	3 ounces	20 grams	100 calories	
	Shrimp	3 ounces	18 grams	85 calories	
	Cod	3 ounces	15 grams	90 calories	
	Sardines	3 ounces	21 grams	180 calories	
DAIRY PRODUCTS	Greek yogurt	1 cup	23 grams	130 calories	
	Cottage cheese	1/2 cup	14 grams	100 calories	
	Milk	1 cup	8 grams	100 calories	
	Cheddar cheese	1 ounce	7 grams	110 calories	
LEGUMES	Lentils	1/2 cup	9 grams	120 calories	
	Chickpeas	1/2 cup	7 grams	110 calories	
	Black beans	1/2 cup	7 grams	110 calories	
	Kidney beans	1/2 cup	8 grams	100 calories	
	Soybeans	1/2 cup	14 grams	150 calories	
	Split peas	1/2 cup	8 grams	120 calories	
NUTS AND SEEDS	Almonds	1/4 cup	8 grams	160 calories	
	Chia seeds	2 tablespoons	4 grams	60 calories	
	Pumpkin seeds	1/4 cup	8 grams	180 calories	
	Peanut butter	2 tablespoons	8 grams	190 calories	
	Cashews	1/4 cup	5 grams	160 calories	
	Flaxseeds	2 tablespoons	4 grams	80 calories	
EGGS AND EGG PRODUCTS	Whole eggs	1 large egg	6 grams	80 calories	
	Egg whites	1/4 cup	7 grams	30 calories	
	Hard-boiled eggs	1 large egg	6 grams	80 calories	
	Egg protein powder	2 tablespoons	20-25 grams	90 calories	
GRAINS AND CEREALS	Quinoa	1/2 cup	4 grams	110 calories	
	Oats (cooked)	1 cup	5 grams	170 calories	
	Brown rice	1/2 cup	2.5 grams	110 calories	
	Whole wheat	1 slice	3-4 grams	90 calories	
	bread				
	Bulgur	1/2 cup	3.5 grams	80 calories	
	Barley	1/2 cup	3 grams	100 calories	
PLANT-BASED PROTEINS	Tofu	1/2 cup	10 grams	90 calories	
	Tempeh	1/2 cup	15 grams	160 calories	
	Edamame	1/2 cup	11 grams	95 calories	
	Seitan	1/2 cup	34 grams	120 calories	