

**Table 17. Lunch<sup>1</sup>:** Percentages<sup>2</sup> of Selected Nutrients Contributed by Foods Eaten at Lunch, by Gender and Age, in the United States, 2007-2008

Gender and age (years)	Percent reporting <sup>3</sup> % (SE)	Food energy % (SE)	Protein % (SE)	Carbo-hydrate % (SE)	Total sugars % (SE)	Dietary fiber % (SE)	Total fat % (SE)	Saturated fat % (SE)	Mono-unsaturated fat % (SE)	Poly-unsaturated fat % (SE)
<b>Males:</b>										
2 - 5.....	91 (1.5)	24 (0.6)	27 (0.9)	22 (0.5)	19 (0.7)	28 (1.2)	25 (1.0)	23 (1.2)	26 (1.0)	27 (1.0)
6 - 11.....	90 (1.9)	27 (1.4)	32 (1.6)	24 (1.2)	21 (1.1)	30 (1.6)	30 (1.6)	31 (1.8)	30 (1.7)	28 (1.2)
12 - 19.....	81 (2.4)	26 (1.7)	29 (1.7)	24 (1.5)	21 (1.9)	27 (1.9)	29 (2.1)	29 (2.1)	30 (2.3)	28 (2.4)
20 - 29.....	82 (2.5)	26 (1.3)	29 (1.6)	26 (1.3)	22 (1.4)	28 (1.9)	29 (1.6)	27 (1.6)	30 (1.6)	32 (1.9)
30 - 39.....	77 (2.8)	25 (1.1)	29 (1.6)	23 (1.0)	19 (1.3)	27 (1.7)	27 (1.5)	27 (1.8)	28 (1.4)	27 (1.5)
40 - 49.....	79 (2.7)	24 (1.4)	28 (1.9)	22 (1.1)	19 (1.2)	24 (1.3)	27 (1.9)	26 (1.9)	28 (2.1)	28 (2.2)
50 - 59.....	80 (3.1)	25 (1.9)	28 (2.3)	22 (1.6)	19 (1.1)	26 (2.8)	27 (2.3)	26 (2.5)	27 (2.4)	29 (2.4)
60 - 69.....	74 (2.5)	21 (1.2)	24 (1.3)	20 (1.3)	17 (1.7)	20 (1.2)	24 (1.3)	23 (1.5)	24 (1.4)	26 (1.4)
70 and over....	70 (3.6)	19 (1.3)	23 (1.3)	18 (1.3)	16 (1.4)	18 (1.4)	20 (1.5)	19 (1.6)	20 (1.6)	22 (1.5)
20 and over...	78 (1.7)	24 (0.8)	28 (1.1)	23 (0.6)	19 (0.7)	25 (0.8)	27 (1.0)	26 (0.9)	27 (1.0)	28 (1.2)
<b>Females:</b>										
2 - 5.....	90 (2.2)	23 (1.0)	25 (1.1)	22 (0.9)	19 (0.9)	26 (0.9)	24 (1.3)	22 (1.5)	26 (1.3)	25 (1.2)
6 - 11.....	91 (1.9)	27 (0.9)	31 (2.0)	26 (1.0)	23 (1.4)	29 (1.0)	29 (1.1)	27 (1.3)	29 (1.2)	30 (1.1)
12 - 19.....	82 (2.5)	27 (1.9)	30 (2.0)	25 (2.0)	22 (1.7)	26 (2.3)	30 (2.1)	28 (2.1)	30 (2.3)	31 (1.8)
20 - 29.....	81 (3.3)	25 (1.0)	28 (1.3)	22 (1.2)	18 (1.4)	24 (1.4)	28 (1.2)	26 (1.2)	28 (1.5)	31 (1.7)
30 - 39.....	77 (2.9)	23 (0.9)	25 (1.2)	22 (0.9)	18 (1.3)	26 (1.6)	25 (1.2)	23 (0.9)	26 (1.3)	28 (2.2)
40 - 49.....	82 (2.1)	24 (1.3)	28 (1.2)	22 (1.4)	18 (1.6)	24 (1.1)	26 (1.6)	25 (1.7)	27 (1.6)	27 (1.8)
50 - 59.....	83 (2.7)	24 (1.1)	27 (1.6)	22 (1.0)	18 (1.6)	23 (1.0)	26 (1.4)	24 (1.9)	25 (1.1)	29 (1.6)
60 - 69.....	76 (2.1)	22 (1.2)	24 (1.2)	20 (1.2)	17 (1.2)	22 (1.8)	24 (1.5)	23 (1.4)	24 (1.7)	25 (2.1)
70 and over....	78 (1.8)	24 (0.8)	26 (0.7)	22 (1.1)	20 (1.7)	23 (0.7)	26 (0.8)	24 (1.1)	26 (0.7)	28 (1.5)
20 and over...	80 (1.3)	24 (0.3)	27 (0.4)	22 (0.5)	18 (0.9)	24 (0.4)	26 (0.4)	24 (0.5)	26 (0.3)	28 (0.7)
<b>Males and females:</b>										
2 and over...	81 (1.2)	25 (0.5)	28 (0.6)	23 (0.5)	19 (0.5)	25 (0.5)	27 (0.5)	26 (0.5)	27 (0.5)	28 (0.6)

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Gender and age (years)	Choles- terol % (SE)	Vitamin A (RAE) % (SE)	Beta- carotene % (SE)	Lycopene % (SE)	Thiamin % (SE)	Ribo- flavin % (SE)	Niacin % (SE)	Vitamin B6 % (SE)	Folate (DFE) % (SE)
<b>Males:</b>									
2 - 5.....	20 (1.5)	19 (1.4)	38 (3.3)	37 (5.8)	21 (0.8)	19 (0.7)	26 (0.8)	22 (0.6)	18 (0.7)
6 - 11.....	27 (1.5)	26 (2.5)	43 (5.6)	36 (5.3)	26 (2.0)	25 (1.3)	26 (1.1)	21 (0.7)	22 (1.7)
12 - 19.....	26 (2.4)	17 (1.5)	20 (2.7)	34 (2.2)	23 (1.2)	22 (1.3)	25 (1.1)	21 (1.2)	22 (1.5)
20 - 29.....	25 (1.7)	21 (1.9)	28 (3.2)	34 (6.1)	24 (2.1)	21 (1.4)	28 (2.0)	24 (2.1)	25 (1.7)
30 - 39.....	24 (2.2)	23 (2.3)	38 (5.0)	37 (7.7)	27 (1.1)	21 (1.1)	27 (1.7)	24 (1.7)	24 (1.1)
40 - 49.....	26 (2.9)	20 (1.4)	26 (3.1)	29 (4.8)	25 (1.7)	20 (1.4)	25 (1.7)	23 (1.5)	21 (1.8)
50 - 59.....	24 (3.4)	19 (2.2)	25 (5.1)	27 (7.1)	24 (1.7)	19 (1.6)	26 (2.0)	24 (2.0)	22 (1.7)
60 - 69.....	23 (2.2)	19 (1.9)	23 (2.1)	23 (4.0)	21 (1.2)	18 (1.0)	22 (1.3)	19 (0.9)	18 (1.3)
70 and over....	18 (1.4)	17 (1.4)	25 (3.8)	27 (4.0)	18 (1.0)	16 (1.1)	20 (1.2)	17 (1.2)	16 (1.2)
20 and over...	24 (1.3)	20 (1.1)	28 (2.2)	31 (2.6)	24 (0.6)	19 (0.7)	26 (1.0)	23 (1.0)	22 (0.8)
<b>Females:</b>									
2 - 5.....	20 (1.3)	18 (2.1)	30 (8.7)	29 (5.7)	23 (1.8)	19 (1.0)	25 (1.3)	21 (0.7)	20 (1.6)
6 - 11.....	24 (2.2)	21 (1.3)	30 (3.2)	35 (4.3)	26 (1.1)	24 (1.6)	27 (1.6)	22 (1.6)	24 (2.2)
12 - 19.....	26 (2.3)	21 (1.6)	29 (3.2)	29 (4.6)	28 (2.7)	24 (1.6)	29 (1.9)	23 (1.6)	24 (2.7)
20 - 29.....	28 (2.1)	20 (1.9)	29 (4.9)	24 (3.7)	25 (1.5)	21 (1.1)	26 (1.9)	22 (2.0)	24 (1.7)
30 - 39.....	20 (1.4)	19 (1.9)	27 (5.2)	31 (5.4)	22 (1.0)	19 (1.3)	25 (1.1)	23 (1.4)	22 (1.3)
40 - 49.....	29 (2.8)	22 (1.9)	35 (4.4)	28 (4.5)	23 (1.1)	20 (1.0)	25 (1.1)	24 (1.1)	23 (1.0)
50 - 59.....	24 (2.0)	22 (1.7)	28 (4.3)	22 (3.9)	24 (2.0)	19 (1.1)	24 (1.2)	21 (1.1)	25 (1.7)
60 - 69.....	25 (2.2)	20 (2.5)	21 (1.9)	23 (5.4)	20 (1.3)	17 (0.9)	22 (1.4)	20 (1.3)	19 (1.4)
70 and over....	24 (1.7)	23 (3.1)	33 (2.7)	32 (3.0)	22 (0.9)	19 (1.4)	24 (0.9)	20 (0.9)	20 (1.4)
20 and over...	25 (0.7)	21 (0.7)	29 (1.3)	27 (2.5)	23 (0.5)	19 (0.5)	25 (0.5)	22 (0.6)	22 (0.6)
<b>Males and females:</b>									
2 and over...	25 (0.8)	21 (0.5)	29 (1.0)	30 (1.7)	24 (0.4)	20 (0.4)	25 (0.6)	22 (0.6)	22 (0.5)

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Gender and age (years)	Vitamin E (alpha- tocopherol)									
	Choline % (SE)	Vitamin B12 % (SE)	Vitamin C % (SE)	Vitamin D % (SE)		Vitamin K % (SE)	Calcium % (SE)	Phosphorus % (SE)	Magnesium % (SE)	
<b>Males:</b>										
2 - 5.....	23 (1.0)	18 (1.2)	22 (1.9)	15 (1.4)	26 (1.3)	23 (1.8)	20 (1.0)	23 (0.8)	24 (0.9)	
6 - 11.....	28 (1.2)	24 (1.1)	22 (1.9)	25 (1.2)	27 (1.9)	29 (2.6)	29 (2.4)	30 (1.8)	27 (1.2)	
12 - 19.....	25 (1.9)	23 (1.7)	17 (2.1)	17 (1.9)	23 (2.3)	23 (3.0)	24 (1.7)	27 (1.8)	24 (1.4)	
20 - 29.....	23 (1.5)	23 (2.0)	20 (2.4)	16 (2.7)	29 (1.7)	32 (3.2)	23 (1.6)	27 (1.6)	24 (1.3)	
30 - 39.....	25 (1.7)	26 (2.4)	19 (2.5)	18 (3.1)	24 (1.3)	35 (5.0)	21 (1.3)	25 (1.3)	23 (1.1)	
40 - 49.....	24 (1.9)	24 (2.6)	20 (1.3)	22 (4.4)	24 (1.6)	24 (2.4)	23 (1.7)	25 (1.8)	21 (1.3)	
50 - 59.....	23 (2.3)	28 (3.4)	24 (2.9)	18 (2.5)	26 (2.4)	29 (4.0)	24 (2.0)	25 (2.0)	22 (1.8)	
60 - 69.....	21 (1.4)	25 (3.5)	16 (1.3)	19 (2.2)	19 (1.3)	24 (1.9)	18 (1.8)	21 (1.3)	18 (1.1)	
70 and over....	19 (1.2)	17 (1.5)	15 (1.7)	16 (1.5)	18 (1.5)	23 (2.3)	19 (1.5)	20 (1.4)	18 (1.2)	
20 and over...	23 (1.0)	24 (1.2)	20 (0.9)	18 (1.2)	24 (0.9)	29 (1.7)	22 (0.6)	25 (0.9)	22 (0.7)	
<b>Females:</b>										
2 - 5.....	21 (0.6)	18 (1.5)	21 (1.9)	14 (1.3)	25 (1.1)	29 (2.0)	18 (1.3)	22 (0.9)	23 (0.9)	
6 - 11.....	27 (1.8)	24 (2.2)	22 (1.8)	25 (2.7)	29 (2.3)	28 (1.7)	27 (1.6)	29 (1.6)	28 (1.4)	
12 - 19.....	26 (1.6)	21 (1.0)	24 (3.7)	19 (2.3)	30 (3.0)	33 (2.9)	25 (2.1)	28 (2.1)	25 (1.6)	
20 - 29.....	26 (1.5)	22 (1.6)	18 (2.5)	14 (1.7)	24 (1.7)	26 (5.6)	22 (1.2)	26 (1.0)	22 (1.0)	
30 - 39.....	21 (1.2)	22 (1.7)	18 (1.4)	15 (2.1)	26 (2.9)	29 (2.3)	20 (1.1)	23 (1.2)	22 (1.4)	
40 - 49.....	26 (1.4)	21 (1.3)	22 (2.0)	16 (1.2)	24 (1.9)	30 (4.1)	21 (1.1)	24 (1.0)	21 (0.8)	
50 - 59.....	24 (1.3)	24 (2.3)	20 (2.1)	21 (4.4)	21 (0.9)	34 (5.1)	21 (1.7)	24 (1.4)	20 (0.9)	
60 - 69.....	23 (1.3)	23 (2.9)	20 (1.7)	17 (1.9)	20 (1.3)	25 (3.1)	19 (0.9)	22 (1.0)	18 (1.1)	
70 and over....	23 (1.0)	24 (3.7)	20 (1.2)	16 (1.7)	23 (1.3)	38 (2.3)	21 (1.2)	24 (0.8)	21 (0.8)	
20 and over...	24 (0.5)	22 (0.8)	19 (1.0)	17 (1.1)	23 (0.5)	30 (1.8)	21 (0.4)	24 (0.4)	21 (0.4)	
<b>Males and females:</b>										
2 and over...	24 (0.6)	23 (0.5)	20 (0.6)	18 (0.7)	24 (0.5)	29 (1.3)	22 (0.4)	25 (0.5)	22 (0.4)	

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Gender and age (years)	Iron % (SE)	Zinc % (SE)	Copper % (SE)	Selenium % (SE)	Potassium % (SE)	Sodium <sup>†</sup> (adjusted) % (SE)	Caffeine % (SE)	Alcohol <sup>‡</sup> % (SE)
<b>Males:</b>								
2 - 5.....	19 (0.5)	22 (0.9)	28 (0.9)	27 (1.2)	25 (0.9)	32 (1.3)	26 (6.0)	-- --
6 - 11.....	23 (1.5)	27 (1.4)	30 (1.4)	32 (1.8)	29 (1.1)	32 (1.4)	21 (3.3)	-- --
12 - 19.....	23 (1.3)	27 (2.1)	25 (1.5)	29 (1.7)	26 (1.8)	31 (1.6)	26 (3.3)	-- --
20 - 29.....	27 (1.3)	28 (1.8)	25 (1.7)	31 (1.6)	25 (1.3)	31 (1.8)	16 (1.4)	-- --
30 - 39.....	26 (1.2)	28 (1.8)	25 (1.2)	30 (1.6)	24 (1.5)	31 (1.4)	13 (2.1)	-- --
40 - 49.....	24 (1.7)	27 (2.1)	25 (1.4)	28 (1.9)	23 (1.3)	29 (1.9)	8 (1.0)	-- --
50 - 59.....	23 (1.8)	32 (4.9)	27 (3.0)	30 (2.1)	23 (2.0)	30 (2.6)	9 (1.7)	-- --
60 - 69.....	20 (1.1)	23 (1.5)	22 (1.4)	24 (1.7)	20 (0.9)	27 (1.2)	11 (1.8)	-- --
70 and over....	17 (1.2)	18 (1.6)	19 (1.4)	23 (1.2)	19 (1.2)	26 (1.7)	8 (1.1)	-- --
20 and over...	24 (0.8)	27 (1.1)	24 (0.8)	29 (1.1)	23 (0.9)	30 (1.1)	11 (1.1)	7 (1.3)
<b>Females:</b>								
2 - 5.....	21 (1.3)	21 (1.2)	26 (1.1)	26 (1.5)	23 (0.7)	28 (1.2)	16 (3.9)	-- --
6 - 11.....	24 (1.4)	27 (1.8)	30 (1.1)	31 (1.4)	28 (1.3)	32 (1.0)	27 (4.0)	-- --
12 - 19.....	23 (1.7)	26 (1.7)	27 (1.7)	32 (2.2)	26 (1.6)	32 (2.2)	17 (2.5)	-- --
20 - 29.....	24 (1.1)	26 (1.4)	24 (1.2)	28 (1.4)	24 (1.3)	30 (1.8)	14 (1.7)	-- --
30 - 39.....	23 (0.9)	24 (1.6)	24 (1.4)	25 (1.2)	23 (1.4)	28 (1.0)	13 (1.4)	-- --
40 - 49.....	24 (1.5)	25 (1.3)	23 (1.0)	28 (1.2)	24 (1.1)	30 (1.7)	11 (1.6)	-- --
50 - 59.....	23 (1.1)	23 (1.4)	22 (1.5)	28 (2.0)	22 (1.0)	29 (1.8)	10 (1.7)	-- --
60 - 69.....	19 (1.6)	21 (1.6)	20 (1.3)	25 (1.3)	20 (1.0)	26 (1.3)	8 (1.1)	-- --
70 and over....	20 (1.1)	22 (0.9)	25 (2.6)	26 (0.9)	22 (0.8)	29 (0.6)	13 (1.6)	-- --
20 and over...	23 (0.3)	24 (0.3)	23 (0.5)	27 (0.5)	23 (0.3)	29 (0.4)	11 (0.8)	6 (1.4)
<b>Males and females:</b>								
2 and over...	23 (0.4)	26 (0.6)	24 (0.4)	28 (0.6)	23 (0.5)	30 (0.6)	12 (0.7)	-- --

## Symbol Legend

† Sodium estimate adjusted for salt used in food preparation. Details available at: [www.ars.usda.gov/ba/bhnrc/fsrg](http://www.ars.usda.gov/ba/bhnrc/fsrg).

## Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> Lunch includes eating occasions designated by the respondent as "brunch", "lunch" or the Spanish equivalent "comida." Please note these eating occasions include consumption of beverages including water.

<sup>2</sup> Percentages are estimated as a ratio of total nutrients from lunch for all individuals to total daily nutrient intakes for all individuals. Sample weights designed for dietary analysis were used to allow estimates representative of the U. S. population for the years of collection. Total daily nutrient intakes are available from: [www.ars.usda.gov/ba/bhnrc/fsrg](http://www.ars.usda.gov/ba/bhnrc/fsrg). See Table 1. Nutrient Intakes from Food: Mean Amounts Consumed per Individual, by Gender and Age, in the United States, 2007-2008.

<sup>3</sup> The percentage of respondents in the gender/age group who reported consuming at least one item at an eating occasion designated as lunch.

<sup>4</sup> Alcohol estimates are shown only for 20 years and over age groups. Although the data are collected for all individuals, estimates are not presented due to extreme variability and/or inadequate sample size.

## Abbreviations

SE = standard error; RAE = retinol activity equivalents; DFE = dietary folate equivalents.

## Notes Applicable to All Tables in Series: *What We Eat in America, NHANES 2007-2008*

The statistics in this table are estimated from Day 1 dietary recall interviews conducted in the *What We Eat in America*, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) 2007-2008. The 24-hour dietary recalls were conducted in-person, by trained interviewers, using the USDA 5-step Automated Multiple-Pass Method. Food intakes were coded and nutrient values were determined using the USDA Food and Nutrient Database for Dietary Studies 4.0 [www.ars.usda.gov/ba/bhnrc/fsrg](http://www.ars.usda.gov/ba/bhnrc/fsrg) which is based on nutrient values in the USDA National Nutrient Database for Standard Reference, Release 22, Errata of several fatty acids in 2% reduced fat milk (Agricultural Research Service, Nutrient Data Laboratory, August 10, 2010).

Intakes of nutrients and other dietary components are based on the consumption of food and beverages, including water, and do not include intake from supplements or medications.

The table includes data from individuals 2 years and over. Breast-fed children were excluded because breast milk was not quantified in dietary recall interviews.

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