# **Recommended Dietary Guidelines: Carbohydrates**

◆ RDA recommends a <i>minimum</i> ofg of carbohydrates per day for adults.			
► This RDA is based on the estimated minimum amour	nt of needed for adequate brain function.		
► This RDA does cover amount needed for o	daily activities; active people require much more.		
◆ Carbohydrates have a <i>false</i> reputation for being "fattening" – a <i>calorie surplus</i> from any food causes weight gain.			
◆ Most carbs you eat should be nutrient-dense,	rich, whole grain, & unprocessed (low added sugar).		

Nutrient	AMDR	RDA	Kcal/g
Carbohydrates% of total calories  Fat 20–35% of total calories  Protein 10–35% of total calories		g/day (minimum for brain function)	
		Not established (emphasis on essential fatty acids)	
		0.8 g/kg body weight per day (adults)	4

## **EXAMPLE**

Carbohydrates provide 4 Kcal of energy per gram. Therefore, according to RDA guidelines, what is the minimum number of Kcal that you should be getting from carbohydrates each day?

- a) 130 Kcal.
- b) 260 Kcal.
- c) 520 Kcal.
- d) 65 Kcal.

#### Recommended Dietary Guidelines: Fiber

- ◆ Most Americans only eat ~½ fiber they need; recent AI recommends 25g of fiber for women & 38g fiber for men.
  - Or \_\_\_\_\_g of fiber for every 1000 Kcal a person consumes.
  - Fiber consumption has many health benefits, but \_\_\_\_\_-consumption (>50g/day) can cause health issues.
- ◆ Because fiber binds H<sub>2</sub>O, you should drink at least \_\_\_\_\_ 8-oz glasses of H<sub>2</sub>O with a fiber-rich diet.
- ◆ Excellent sources of fiber include whole grains, vegetables, fruits, legumes, nuts, & seeds.







#### PRACTICE

Jackie is training for a powerlifting competition and has increased her Calorie intake to 3,000 Kcal per day. Based on Al recommendations, how many grams of fiber should she consume per day?

a) 25 grams.

c) 38 grams.

b) 30 grams.

d) 42 grams.

#### **PRACTICE**

It's recommended that carbohydrates make up around \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_% of your total energy intake. The primary function of carbohydrates is to provide your body with \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a) 70-80; nutrients.

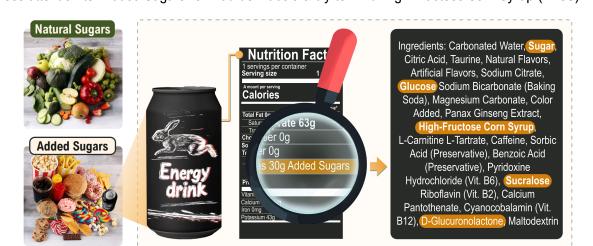
c) 25-45; energy.

b) 45-65; disease resistance.

d) 45-65; energy.

#### **Added Sugars**

•	Added sugars should be	_ in our diet, accountinç	g for than 10% of our total energy.
•	Added Sugars: any sugar, syrup, or sv	veetener	_ to foods during processing/preparation.
	• Contribute calories &	nutrients than i	natural sugars.
	• Added sugars risk of	obesity, diabetes, heart	disease & tooth decay.
	► Pay close attention to "Added Sugars"	on nutrition labels & try	to limit High Fructose Corn Syrup (HFCS)!



## **EXAMPLE**

José is in middle school and his parents are worried about his added sugar intake. He drinks at least one can of soda per day and he snacks on candy bars between meals. He currently consumes 2,000 Calories per day, 500 of which are from added sugars. How many grams of added sugar is he currently consuming per day? Also, in order to reduce his added sugar intake to 10% of his total caloric intake, how many grams of added sugar should he limit himself to per day? \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### PRACTICE

What percentage of your daily caloric intake should come from added sugars?

a) 45-65%.

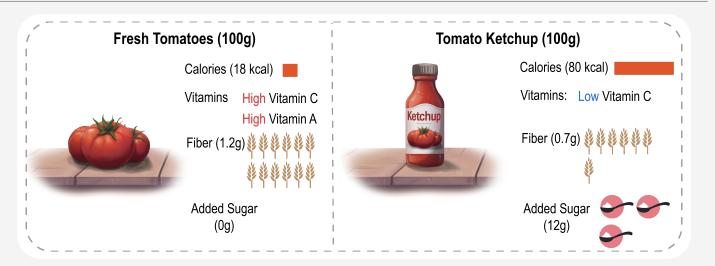
c) At least 10%.

b) 14%.

d) 10% or less.

#### **PRACTICE**

Consider the provided information and indicate which of the following statements is true.



- a) The natural, fresh tomatoes are more nutrient dense than tomato ketchup.
- b) While they both contain sugar, only the tomato ketchup contains added sugar.
- c) You should probably aim to limit the amount of tomato ketchup you consume as part of a healthful diet.
- d) All of the above are true.