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Breads*	Amount	
Bagel, large (4 ounces)	one-fourth	
Biscuit (2 ¹ / ₂ -inch diameter)	1	
Bread: reduced-calorie (1.5 ounces)	2 slices	
Bread: white, whole wheat, pumpernickel, rye (1 ounce)	1 slice	
Bread sticks, soft (4 inches)	1	
Cornbread (2-inch square)	1	
Crackers: large (saltine, Triscuit® size)	6	
Crackers: small (Cheez-It® size)	12	
English muffin	one-half	
Dinner roll (1 ounce)	1	
Hot dog or hamburger bun	one-half	
Pancake (4 inches)	1	
Pita (6 inches)	one-half	
Pretzels	15	
Taco, corn shell (6 inches)	1	
Tortilla, flour (6 inches)	1	
Waffle (4-inch square)	1	
Cereals* and Grains*	Amount	
Cereal: bran (no fruit)	¹/2 cup	
Cereal: cooked and unsweetened	¹ / ₂ cup	
Cereal: dry and unsweetened flake	³ / ₄ cup	
Cereal: puffed	1 ¹ / ₂ cup	
Cereal: sugar frosted	¹/2 cup	
Couscous or polenta (cooked)	¹ / ₂ cup	
Flour	3 tablespoons	
Pasta: cooked (macaroni, noodles, spaghetti)	¹/3 cup	
Rice: brown or white, cooked	¹/3 cup	
Rice: wild, cooked	¹/2 cup	

^{*}Look for "whole grain" flour as the first ingredient on the label of breads, crackers and cereals.

Whole grains contain fiber, which can help keep your blood glucose stable.



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Starchy Vegetables	Amount	
Baked beans	¹/₃ cup	
Beans: white, black, kidney, garbanzo (cooked or canned)	¹ / ₂ cup	
Chips: corn or potato	10 to 15	
Corn	¹ / ₂ cup	
Corn on the cob, 5 to 6 inches	1	
Mixed vegetables	³ / ₄ cup	
Green peas or lentils	¹/2 cup	
Potatoes: mashed or hash browns	¹ / ₂ cup	
Potatoes: baked (3 oz.)	1 small	
Potatoes: french fries (frozen)	10 to 15	
Squash: acorn or butternut	1 cup	
Yam, sweet potato, plantain (without sweeting)	¹ / ₂ cup	
Fruits	Amount	
Apple or orange, small	1	
Banana, large	one-half	
Blueberries	1 cup	
Canned fruit (in own juice or lite syrup)	¹ / ₂ cup	
Cantaloupe, small	¹ / ₃ melon or 1 cup cubes	
Cherries or grapes	15	
Fruit juices, unsweetened	¹ / ₃ to ¹ / ₂ cup	
Grapefruit, medium	one-half	
Peach or pear, medium	1	
Plums: small or Clementine oranges	2	
Raisins	2 tablespoons	
Strawberries	1 cup whole berries	
Watermelon	1 cup of cubes	



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Milk	Amount
Milk: whole, 2 percent, 1 percent, skim, buttermilk	1 cup (8 ounces)
Milk: soy, plain or flavored	¹ / ₂ to 1 cup
Milk: rice	³ / ₄ to 1 cup
Yogurt: plain or artificially sweetened (6 ounces)	1 cup
Yogurt: sweetened with fruit (6 ounces)	¹ / ₂ carton
Convenience and Combination Foods (some listed are more than 1 carbohydrate choice)	Amount
Casserole or hot dish	1 cup 2 carbohydrate choices
Chili	1 cup 1 to 2 carbohydrate choices
Lasagna	3-inch by 4-inch piece 2 to 2 ¹ / ₂ carbohydrate choices
Potato or pasta salad	1/2 cup 1 to 1 1/2 carbohydrate choices
Pizza: thick crust	¹ / ₈ medium 1 ¹ / ₂ to 2 carbohydrate choices
Pizza: thin crust	¹ / ₈ medium 1 carbohydrate choices
Soup: broth type	1 cup 1 carbohydrate choice
Soup: cream type, wild rice or cheese	1/2 cup 1 carbohydrate choice
Spaghetti or pasta sauce	1/2 cup 1 carbohydrate choice
Sub sandwich	6 inches 3 carbohydrate choices
Taco: 6-inch corn or flour	1 1 carbohydrate choice