



We need vitamin C for:

- Our bodies to heal quickly
- Fighting infection
- Healthy skin

How do we get enough vitamin C?

- Eat foods high in vitamin C daily.
- Eat a colorful variety of fruits and vegetables every day.

| Foods High in Vitamin C* | Serving Sizes | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Food | 1–3 Years | 4–5 Years | Women |
| Red bell peppers | 2–3 tablespoons | ⅓−½ cup | ½ cup |
| Chili peppers | 2–3 tablespoons | ⅓–½ cup | ½ cup |
| Strawberries | ½ cup | ³ ⁄ ₄ cup | 1 cup |
| Orange | 1/4 - 1/2 | ¹ / ₂ -1 | 1 |
| Kiwi | 1/2 | 1/2-1 | 1 |
| Cantaloupe | ½ cup | ¾ cup | 1 cup |
| Orange juice | ½ cup | ³ ⁄ ₄ cup | ³ ⁄ ₄ cup |
| Broccoli | 2–3 tablespoons | ⅓−½ cup | ½ cup |
| Grapefruit juice | ¹∕₂ cup | ¾ cup | ³ ⁄ ₄ cup |
| Green bell peppers | 2–3 tablespoons | ⅓−½ cup | ½ cup |
| Brussels sprouts | 2–3 tablespoons | ¹ ∕ ₃ − ¹ ⁄ ₂ cup | ½ cup |
| Grapefruit | 1/4 | $\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2}$ | 1/2 |
| Cauliflower | 2–3 tablespoons | ⅓−½ cup | ½ cup |
| Tomato juice | ¹∕₂ cup | ³ ⁄ ₄ cup | ³ ⁄ ₄ cup |
| Tomatoes | 2–3 tablespoons | ⅓−½ cup | ½ cup |
| Cilantro | 2–3 tablespoons | ¼3−¼ cup | ½ cup |
| Kale, bok choy, cabbage | 2–3 tablespoons | ¼−½ cup | ⅓ cup |

*Foods with the most vitamin C are at the top of the list.



Great Food Combos:

• Stir-fry vegetables with red peppers and broccoli



• Fruit salad with oranges, kiwi, and cantaloupe

Vitamin C Tips:

- Fruits and vegetables have more vitamin C when they are fresh and when you eat them raw.
- Keep fruits and vegetables in the refrigerator uncut and covered (or in a plastic bag) until you need them.

Try this recipe for Baked Cauliflower Tots (Makes 2 cups)

Ingredients:

- 2 cups grated **cauliflower** (about half a medium head)
- ¹/₄ cup grated **cheddar cheese**
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 3 tablespoons flour
- ¹/₄ teaspoon salt

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray a baking sheet or line with parchment paper or foil.
- 2. Grate cauliflower on large holes of a grater.
- 3. In a medium bowl, combine all ingredients; mix well.
- 4. Press mixture together to make about 15 small balls or logs. Place on the baking sheet with space between each ball or log.
- 5. Bake for 20 minutes or until cooked through. For extra crispy tots, broil for an extra 2 minutes. Watch closely to avoid burning.
- 6. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.

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