## Key Nutrients as You Age and Their Food Sources

Nutrient	How much per day:	Food sources include:
Vitamin B12	Adults: 2.4 mcg (micrograms)	<ul> <li>Animal foods such as meat, poultry, eggs, and dairy products</li> <li>Fortified foods, including some breakfast cereals and non-dairy "milks"</li> </ul>
Folate/Folic Acid	Adults: 400 mcg	<ul> <li>Fortified breakfast cereals</li> <li>Enriched bread, flour (including corn masa flour), pasta</li> <li>Beef liver</li> <li>Vegetables including asparagus, brussels sprouts, spinach, and mustard greens</li> <li>Peanuts</li> <li>Black-eyed peas, kidney beans</li> </ul>
Calcium	Adults 50 & younger: 1,000 mg (milligrams)  Adult men 51-70: 1,000 mg  Adult women 51-70: 1,200 mg  Adults 71 & older: 1,200 mg	<ul> <li>Dairy products</li> <li>Fortified beverages including some juices and non-dairy "milks"</li> <li>Fortified products such as tofu and breakfast cereals</li> <li>Canned sardines and salmon with bones</li> <li>Some vegetables including kale, broccoli, and bok choy</li> </ul>
Vitamin D	Adults up to age 70: 15 mcg (600 IU (International Units)) Adults 71 and older: 20 mcg (800 IU)	<ul> <li>Fortified foods, including milk, many plant-based "milks", and breakfast cereals</li> <li>Fatty fish such as salmon and tuna</li> </ul>
Magnesium	Men: 400-420 mg Women: 310-320 mg	<ul> <li>Green leafy vegetables</li> <li>Whole grains</li> <li>Nuts and seeds</li> <li>Milk, yogurt</li> <li>Legumes</li> <li>Fortified foods</li> </ul>

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Fiber	Adult men over 50: 28 grams  Adult women over 50: 22 grams	<ul> <li>Beans and peas</li> <li>Nuts</li> <li>Whole grains</li> <li>Fruits</li> <li>Vegetables</li> </ul>
Potassium	Adult men: 3,400 mg Adult women: 2,600 mg	<ul> <li>Fruits</li> <li>Beans and legumes</li> <li>Milk and yogurt</li> <li>Fish, meat, and poultry</li> </ul>
Omega-3 Fats	There are not official recommended amounts for most of the omega-3 fatty acids	<ul> <li>Flaxseed</li> <li>Walnuts</li> <li>Some plant-based oils: flaxseed oil, soybean oil, canola oil</li> <li>Chia seeds</li> <li>Fortified foods</li> <li>Fish such as salmon, tuna, and sardines</li> </ul>

Vitamin B12 - Vitamin B12 is important for the health of the nervous system and red blood cell formation.

Folate - Folate (vitamin B-9) is important in red blood cell formation and healthy cell growth and function.

Calcium - Calcium is a mineral involved in bone and muscle health.

**Vitamin D** is a fat-soluble vitamin that regulates the absorption of calcium and phosphorus and facilitates normal immune system function.

**Magnesium** - Magnesium is a mineral that helps with muscle and nerve function, regulates blood pressure, and supports the immune system.

**Fiber**—Dietary fiber is a carbohydrate that helps the body with digestion, makes you feel full, and prevents constipation.

Potassium - This mineral helps the body regulate fluid, send nerve signals, and regulate muscle contractions.

Omega-3 Fats - Omega-3 fatty acids are "healthy fats" that may support your heart health.

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