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from Food, Beverages, and Dietary Supplements, by Pregnancy/Lactation Status

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Compared to Dietary Reference Intakes: *EAR*=Estimated Average Requirement; *AI*=Adequate Intake; *UL*=Tolerable Upper Intake Level; *CDRR*=Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Intake; *AMDR*=Acceptable Macronutrient Distribution Range

Table TI 1. Thiamin (mg): Mean and Percentiles of Total Usual Intake from Food, Beverages, and Dietary Supplements, by Pregnancy/Lactation Status, in the United States, 2015-2018

	Percent reporting [†]						– Percentiles –					<ear< th=""></ear<>
	% (SE)	Mean	(SE)	5th (SE)	10th (SE)	25th (SE)	50th (SE)	75th (SE)	90th (SE)	95th (SE)	EAR	% (SE)
Females 20 to	44 years:											
Not pregnan or lactating	20 (1.4)	2.97	(0.20)	0.84 (0.04)	0.95 (0.04)	1.16 (0.03)	1.45 (0.03)	1.90 (0.06)	3.05 (0.15)	6.49 (2.39)	0.9	8 (1.8)
Pregnant	54 (5.8)	2.55	(0.22)	1.07* (0.12)	1.22* (0.12)	1.55 (0.16)	2.46 (0.42)	3.24 (0.20)	3.81* (0.23)	4.49* (0.81)	1.2	9* (5.0)
Lactating	49 (5.7)	2.88	(0.32)	1.13* (0.10)	1.28* (0.10)	1.61* (0.11)	2.26 (0.35)	3.39* (0.21)	4.26* (0.29)	5.01* (6.09)	1.2	7* (3.4)

NOTES: † Percent reporting supplement containing thiamin. Sample size: Not pregnant or lactating (n=1832), Pregnant (n=105), Lactating (n=77). EAR=Estimated Average Requirement

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Table TI 2. Riboflavin (mg): Mean and Percentiles of Total Usual Intake from Food, Beverages, and Dietary Supplements, by Pregnancy/Lactation Status, in the United States, 2015-2018

	Percent reporting [†]						— Percentiles —					<ear< th=""></ear<>
	% (SE)	Mean	(SE)	5th (SE)	10th (SE)	25th (SE)	50th (SE)	75th (SE)	90th (SE)	95th (SE)	EAR	% (SE)
Females 20 to	44 years:											
Not pregnant or lactating	20 (1.5)	3.22	(0.24)	0.98 (0.04)	1.14 (0.04)	1.46 (0.03)	1.91 (0.04)	2.60 (0.08)	3.96 (0.23)	7.11 (3.19)	0.9	3 (0.7)
Pregnant	54 (5.8)	3.00	(0.25)	1.14* (0.12)	1.33* (0.14)	1.80 (0.20)	2.86 (0.37)	3.87 (0.25)	4.76* (0.36)	5.57* (0.63)	1.2	7* (3.5)
Lactating	49 (5.7)	4.15	(0.84)	1.30* (0.08)	1.51* (0.11)	2.00* (0.15)	2.88 (0.32)	4.15* (0.28)	6.74* (10.11)	16.61* (8.83)	1.3	5* (1.4)

NOTES: [†] Percent reporting supplement containing riboflavin. Sample size: Not pregnant or lactating (n=1832), Pregnant (n=105), Lactating (n=77). EAR=Estimated Average Requirement

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Table TI 3. Niacin (mg): Mean and Percentiles of Total Usual Intake from Food, Beverages, and Dietary Supplements, by Pregnancy/Lactation Status, in the United States, 2015-2018

	Percent reporting [†]						— Percentiles —					<ear< th=""></ear<>
	% (SE)	Mean	(SE)	5th (SE)	10th (SE)	25th (SE)	50th (SE)	75th (SE)	90th (SE)	95th (SE)	EAR	% (SE)
Females 20 to	44 years:											
Not pregnan or lactating	t 24 (1.5)	29.8	(1.3)	14.0 (0.7)	15.8 (0.7)	19.3 (0.5)	24.2 (0.4)	31.4 (0.7)	42.8 (1.2)	51.3 (2.3)	11	<3
Pregnant	62 (6.2)	35.3	(2.0)	16.4* (1.6)	18.9* (1.8)	24.6 (2.7)	36.2 (2.7)	44.2 (1.6)	50.4* (1.7)	54.5* (2.5)	14	<3
Lactating	62 (6.4)	38.9	(2.3)	20.2* (2.0)	23.2* (2.1)	29.3* (2.9)	39.0 (3.4)	47.8* (2.5)	54.3* (2.1)	58.7* (2.2)	13	<3

NOTES: † Percent reporting supplement containing niacin. Sample size: Not pregnant or lactating (n=1832), Pregnant (n=105), Lactating (n=77). EAR=Estimated Average Requirement

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Table TI 4. Vitamin B6 (mg): Mean and Percentiles of Total Usual Intake from Food, Beverages, and Dietary Supplements, by Pregnancy/Lactation Status, in the United States, 2015-2018

	Percent reporting [†]					Percentiles —					<ear< th=""><th></th><th>>UL</th></ear<>		>UL
	% (SE)	Mean (SE)	5th (SE)	10th (SE)	25th (SE)	50th (SE)	75th (SE)	90th (SE)	95th (SE)	EAR	% (SE)	UL	% (SE)
Females 20 to	44 years:												
Not pregnant or lactating	28 (1.5)	4.12 (0.32)	1.00 (0.06)	1.17 (0.06)	1.52 (0.06)	2.06 (0.07)	3.02 (0.13)	4.94 (0.32)	8.80 (2.51)	1.1	8 (1.8)	100	<3
Pregnant	63 (6.1)	13.72* (9.63)	1.15* (0.11)	1.38* (0.13)	2.00 (0.35)	3.81 (0.27)	4.97 (0.59)	11.63* (5.06)	27.06* (241.99)	1.6	16* (4.1)	100	3* (3.3)
Lactating	65 (5.7)	4.93 (0.81)	1.48* (0.16)	1.77* (0.20)	2.50* (0.42)	4.07 (0.46)	5.33* (0.48)	11.99* (5.43)	13.52* (5.22)	1.7	9* (3.4)	100	<3

NOTES: †Percent reporting supplement containing vitamin B6. Sample size: Not pregnant or lactating (n=1832), Pregnant (n=105), Lactating (n=77). EAR=Estimated Average Requirement; UL=Tolerable Upper Intake Level

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Table TI 5. Folate (μg DFE): Mean and Percentiles of Total Usual Intake from Food, Beverages, and Dietary Supplements, by Pregnancy/Lactation Status, in the United States, 2015-2018

	Percent reporting [†]						— Percentiles —					<ear< th=""></ear<>
	% (SE)	Mean	(SE)	5th (SE)	10th (SE)	25th (SE)	50th (SE)	75th (SE)	90th (SE)	95th (SE)	EAR	% (SE)
Females 20 to	44 years:											
Not pregnan or lactating	t 27 (1.5)	628	(19)	233 (14)	274 (14)	360 (12)	493 (12)	727 (31)	1137 (47)	1440 (103)	320	17 (2.3)
Pregnant	63 (6.1)	1321	(141)	315* (68)	380* (77)	561 (144)	1492 (305)	1874 (96)	2123* (107)	2303* (136)	520	22 (7.9)
Lactating	62 (6.4)	1262	(162)	357* (51)	435* (66)	615* (140)	1191 (357)	1863* (203)	2119* (125)	2288* (141)	450	11* (5.3)

NOTES: † Percent reporting supplement containing folate. Sample size: Not pregnant or lactating (n=1832), Pregnant (n=105), Lactating (n=77). DFE=dietary folate equivalents; EAR=Estimated Average Requirement

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Table TI 6. Folic acid (μg): Mean and Percentiles of Total Usual Intake from Food, Beverages, and Dietary Supplements, by Pregnancy/Lactation Status, in the United States, 2015-2018

	Percent reporting [†]						— Percentiles —					>UL
	% (SE)	Mean	(SE)	5th (SE)	10th (SE)	25th (SE)	50th (SE)	75th (SE)	90th (SE)	95th (SE)	UL	% (SE)
Females 20 to	44 years:											
Not pregnan or lactating	t 27 (1.5)	253	(9)	53 (8)	69 (8)	107 (7)	171 (6)	298 (17)	529 (23)	696 (57)	1000	<3
Pregnant	63 (6.1)	664	(77)	97* (35)	129* (39)	228 (76)	756 (180)	977 (46)	1116* (59)	1220* (80)	1000	21 (6.2)
Lactating	62 (6.4)	595	(90)	99* (18)	134* (26)	223* (69)	545 (195)	940* (115)	1069* (65)	1167* (80)	1000	18* (7.1)

NOTES: [†] Percent reporting supplement containing folic acid. Sample size: Not pregnant or lactating (n=1832), Pregnant (n=105), Lactating (n=77). UL=Tolerable Upper Intake Level

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Table TI 7. Choline (mg): Mean and Percentiles of Total Usual Intake from Food, Beverages, and Dietary Supplements, by Pregnancy/Lactation Status, in the United States, 2015-2018

	Percent reporting [†]						— Percentiles —			 		>AI		>UL
	% (SE)	Mean	(SE)	5th (SE)	10th (SE)	25th (SE)	50th (SE)	75th (SE)	90th (SE)	95th (SE)	AI	% (SE)	UL	% (SE)
Females 20 to	44 years:													
Not pregnant or lactating	9 (0.9)	295	(6)	158 (7)	181 (6)	226 (6)	282 (6)	347 (7)	414 (10)	460 (12)	425	9 (1.3)	3500	<3
Pregnant	9* (2.6)	277	(16)	148* (10)	173* (11)	214 (13)	268 (16)	332 (19)	391* (23)	434* (27)	450	4* (1.8)	3500	<3
Lactating	27 (6.3)	354	(16)	198* (13)	225* (14)	279* (15)	344 (16)	416* (19)	497* (27)	546* (26)	550	5* (1.8)	3500	<3

NOTES: † Percent reporting supplement containing choline. Sample size: Not pregnant or lactating (n=1832), Pregnant (n=105), Lactating (n=77). AI=Adequate Intake; UL=Tolerable Upper Intake Level

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Table TI 8. Vitamin B12 (µg): Mean and Percentiles of Total Usual Intake from Food, Beverages, and Dietary Supplements, by Pregnancy/Lactation Status, in the United States, 2015-2018

:	Percent reporting [†]					Percentiles —					<ear< th=""></ear<>
	% (SE)	Mean (SE)	5th (SE)	10th (SE)	25th (SE)	50th (SE)	75th (SE)	90th (SE)	95th (SE)	EAR	% (SE)
Females 20 to 4	14 years:										
Not pregnant or lactating	31 (1.6)	49.13 (6.54)	1.81 (0.12)	2.22 (0.11)	3.11 (0.11)	4.61 (0.14)	8.01 (0.42)	21.76 (5.44)	107.88 (29.55)	2	7 (1.4)
Pregnant	62 (5.9)	27.24* (19.63)	2.38* (0.37)	2.98* (0.45)	4.60 (0.93)	9.03 (1.35)	12.01 (0.71)	14.74* (1.10)	17.62* (69.46)	2.2	4* (2.6)
Lactating	62 (6.4)	15.38* (4.63)	3.10* (0.49)	3.89* (0.58)	5.74* (1.02)	9.50 (1.71)	13.73* (1.39)	22.77* (59.76)	79.99* (60.25)	2.4	<3

NOTES: † Percent reporting supplement containing vitamin B12. Sample size: Not pregnant or lactating (n=1832), Pregnant (n=105), Lactating (n=77).

EAR=Estimated Average Requirement

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It is advised that individuals over 50 meet their B12 requirement with fortified foods or supplements

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Table TI 9. Vitamin C (mg): Mean and Percentiles of Total Usual Intake from Food, Beverages, and Dietary Supplements, by Pregnancy/Lactation Status, in the United States, 2015-2018

	Percent reporting [†]					— Percentiles –				<ear< th=""><th>>UL</th></ear<>			>UL
	% (SE)	Mean (SE)	5th (SE)	10th (SE)	25th (SE)	50th (SE)	75th (SE)	90th (SE)	95th (SE)	EAR	% (SE)	UL	% (SE)
Females 20 to	44 years:												
Not pregnant or lactating	t 32 (1.5)	141.9 (17.7)	23.3 (2.0)	30.5 (2.1)	47.2 (2.2)	76.0 (2.7)	125.6 (5.5)	216.0 (16.9)	342.2 (76.8)	60	37 (2.1)	2000	<3
Pregnant	65 (5.2)	134.5 (12.8)	32.4* (5.6)	43.6* (6.6)	74.6 (9.2)	120.4 (9.8)	170.1 (12.2)	223.1* (17.1)	266.1* (38.2)	70	23 (4.4)	2000	<3
Lactating	66 (5.6)	170.6 (19.2)	29.3* (4.2)	40.2* (5.1)	65.7* (6.2)	118.5 (13.5)	189.3* (17.0)	338.4* (83.4)	469.9* (341.0)	100	43 (5.0)	2000	<3

NOTES: † Percent reporting supplement containing vitamin C. Sample size: Not pregnant or lactating (n=1832), Pregnant (n=105), Lactating (n=77). EAR=Estimated Average Requirement; UL=Tolerable Upper Intake Level

EAR used is for non-smokers regardless of smoking status

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Table TI 10. Vitamin D (μg): Mean and Percentiles of Total Usual Intake from Food, Beverages, and Dietary Supplements, by Pregnancy/Lactation Status, in the United States, 2015-2018

	ercent oorting [†]						— Percentiles —					<ear< th=""><th></th><th>>UL</th></ear<>		>UL
%	(SE)	Mean	(SE)	5th (SE)	10th (SE)	25th (SE)	50th (SE)	75th (SE)	90th (SE)	95th (SE)	EAR	% (SE)	UL	% (SE)
Females 20 to 44	years:													
Not pregnant or lactating 3	1 (1.6)	13.4	(1.5)	1.2 (0.1)	1.6 (0.1)	2.6 (0.2)	4.5 (0.2)	10.7 (1.1)	28.4 (1.2)	42.6 (6.7)	10	74 (1.6)	100	<3
Pregnant 6-	4 (6.0)	14.7	(1.6)	2.2* (0.4)	2.9* (0.4)	5.4 (1.0)	12.7 (1.0)	18.3 (3.6)	28.7* (3.4)	34.7* (4.9)	10	41 (5.4)	100	<3
Lactating 6.	2 (6.4)	22.0*	(9.1)	2.5* (0.6)	3.4* (0.8)	5.9* (1.7)	12.6 (2.2)	17.6* (2.5)	31.9* (101.5)	152.5* (124.2)	10	41 (9.1)	100	7* (6.6)

NOTES: † Percent reporting supplement containing vitamin D. Sample size: Not pregnant or lactating (n=1832), Pregnant (n=105), Lactating (n=77). EAR=Estimated Average Requirement; UL=Tolerable Upper Intake Level

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Table TI 11. Vitamin K (μg): Mean and Percentiles of Total Usual Intake from Food, Beverages, and Dietary Supplements, by Pregnancy/Lactation Status, in the United States, 2015-2018

	Percent reporting [†]						— Percentiles —			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		>AI
	% (SE)	Mean	(SE)	5th (SE)	10th (SE)	25th (SE)	50th (SE)	75th (SE)	90th (SE)	95th (SE)	AI	% (SE)
Females 20 to	44 years:											
Not pregnan or lactating	t 13 (1.0)	130.1	(8.2)	44.6 (6.4)	54.9 (7.0)	77.7 (7.7)	112.7 (7.9)	164.1 (9.8)	226.8 (13.1)	272.8 (16.8)	90	66 (5.7)
Pregnant	16* (5.3)	136.7	(18.7)	45.1* (11.9)	57.3* (12.5)	80.0 (14.8)	118.9 (19.6)	173.6 (23.9)	236.4* (31.1)	283.8* (35.0)	90	68 (9.8)
Lactating	18* (6.1)	170.4	(40.2)	45.7* (8.9)	57.0* (10.1)	82.5* (11.6)	122.7 (16.2)	186.5* (27.7)	292.8* (341.5)	664.6* (404.5)	90	70 (8.8)

NOTES: † Percent reporting supplement containing vitamin K. Sample size: Not pregnant or lactating (n=1832), Pregnant (n=105), Lactating (n=77). AI=Adequate Intake

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Table TI 12. Calcium (mg): Mean and Percentiles of Total Usual Intake from Food, Beverages, and Dietary Supplements, by Pregnancy/Lactation Status, in the United States, 2015-2018

	Percent eporting [†]					— Percentiles –			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		<ear< th=""><th></th><th>>UL</th></ear<>		>UL
9/	% (SE)	Mean (SE)	5th (SE)	10th (SE)	25th (SE)	50th (SE)	75th (SE)	90th (SE)	95th (SE)	EAR	% (SE)	UL	% (SE)
Females 20 to 44	4 years:												
Not pregnant or lactating	34 (2.0)	962 (24)	493 (22)	566 (21)	707 (20)	897 (19)	1135 (21)	1410 (33)	1617 (49)	800	37 (2.6)	2500	<3
Pregnant	56 (6.5)	1230 (88)	645* (65)	731* (67)	906 (71)	1145 (79)	1444 (110)	1832* (188)	2133* (238)	800	15* (5.3)	2500	<3
Lactating	56 (7.3)	1182 (81)	633* (63)	730* (66)	907* (67)	1133 (68)	1388* (86)	1680* (133)	1914* (212)	800	15* (5.3)	2500	<3

NOTES: †Percent reporting supplement containing calcium. Sample size: Not pregnant or lactating (n=1832), Pregnant (n=105), Lactating (n=77). EAR=Estimated Average Requirement; UL=Tolerable Upper Intake Level

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Table TI 13. Phosphorus (mg): Mean and Percentiles of Total Usual Intake from Food, Beverages, and Dietary Supplements, by Pregnancy/Lactation Status, in the United States, 2015-2018

	Percent reporting [†]					— Percentiles –					<eaf< th=""><th>₹</th><th>>UL</th></eaf<>	₹	>UL
	% (SE)	Mean (SE)	5th (SE)	10th (SE)	25th (SE)	50th (SE)	75th (SE)	90th (SE)	95th (SE)	EAR	% (SE	UL	% (SE)
Females 20 to 4	4 years:												
Not pregnant or lactating	7 (0.8)	1228 (17)	755 (26)	845 (24)	1009 (21)	1208 (18)	1424 (19)	1635 (25)	1768 (30)	580	<3	4000	<3
Pregnant	<3	1290 (55)	806* (51)	906* (49)	1070 (52)	1271 (54)	1495 (63)	1694* (74)	1830* (78)	580	<3	3500	<3
Lactating	<3	1496 (54)	964* (51)	1071* (51)	1266* (49)	1481 (54)	1705* (59)	1938* (67)	2101* (71)	580	<3	4000	<3

NOTES: †Percent reporting supplement containing phosphorus. Sample size: Not pregnant or lactating (n=1832), Pregnant (n=105), Lactating (n=77). EAR=Estimated Average Requirement; UL=Tolerable Upper Intake Level

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Table TI 14. Magnesium (mg): Mean and Percentiles of Total Usual Intake from Food, Beverages, and Dietary Supplements, by Pregnancy/Lactation Status, in the United States, 2015-2018

	Percent reporting [†]						— Percentiles —					<ear< th=""></ear<>
	% (SE)	Mean	(SE)	5th (SE)	10th (SE)	25th (SE)	50th (SE)	75th (SE)	90th (SE)	95th (SE)	EAR	% (SE)
Females 20 to	o 44 years:											
Not pregnar or lactating		293	(7)	157 (6)	178 (6)	220 (6)	274 (6)	340 (8)	416 (11)	477 (18)		44 (2.8)
Pregnant	27 (5.4)	299	(14)	170* (11)	193* (11)	233 (13)	291 (14)	352 (16)	417* (19)	461* (19)		52 (6.4)
Lactating	23* (5.5)	348	(23)	193* (18)	219* (19)	271* (20)	333 (24)	408* (28)	493* (33)	549* (37)		21* (6.6)

NOTES: [†] Percent reporting supplement containing magnesium. Sample size: Not pregnant or lactating (n=1832), Pregnant (n=105), Lactating (n=77). EAR=Estimated Average Requirement

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Table TI 15. Iron (mg): Mean and Percentiles of Total Usual Intake from Food, Beverages, and Dietary Supplements, by Pregnancy/Lactation Status, in the United States, 2015-2018

	Percent reporting [†]						— Percentiles —					>UL
	% (SE)	Mean	(SE)	5th (SE)	10th (SE)	25th (SE)	50th (SE)	75th (SE)	90th (SE)	95th (SE)	UL	% (SE)
Females 20 to	44 years:											
Not pregnan or lactating	t 19 (1.3)	16.5	(0.6)	7.2 (0.3)	8.1 (0.3)	10.1 (0.2)	12.7 (0.2)	16.6 (0.5)	27.0 (1.7)	35.1 (2.2)	45	3 (0.6)
Pregnant	57 (5.9)	29.1	(2.8)	9.3* (1.1)	10.7* (1.1)	13.9 (1.5)	27.9 (6.4)	40.7 (2.1)	46.3* (2.1)	52.1* (15.9)	45	13* (4.1)
Lactating	54 (7.2)	32.5	(4.0)	10.6* (1.2)	12.1* (1.3)	15.5* (1.8)	24.9 (9.9)	44.3* (3.0)	55.2* (20.6)	80.0* (17.6)	45	23* (6.6)

[†]Percent reporting supplement containing iron. Sample size: Not pregnant or lactating (n=1832), Pregnant (n=105), Lactating (n=77). UL=Tolerable Upper Intake Level; EAR comparisons by probabilty method not available

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NOTES:

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Table TI 16. Zinc (mg): Mean and Percentiles of Total Usual Intake from Food, Beverages, and Dietary Supplements, by Pregnancy/Lactation Status, in the United States, 2015-2018

	Percent eporting [†]						— Percentiles —					<ear< th=""><th></th><th>>UL</th></ear<>		>UL
9	% (SE)	Mean	(SE)	5th (SE)	10th (SE)	25th (SE)	50th (SE)	75th (SE)	90th (SE)	95th (SE)	EAR	% (SE)	UL	% (SE)
Females 20 to 44	4 years:													
Not pregnant or lactating	23 (1.5)	11.8	(0.3)	5.8 (0.2)	6.5 (0.2)	8.0 (0.2)	9.9 (0.2)	12.8 (0.4)	19.7 (1.0)	25.0 (0.8)	6.8	12 (1.7)	40	<3
Pregnant	61 (6.0)	19.0	(1.4)	6.9* (0.7)	7.9* (0.8)	10.3 (1.2)	16.9 (2.9)	25.7 (1.9)	34.6* (3.0)	37.5* (1.6)	9.5	20 (5.7)	40	<3
Lactating	59 (7.4)	19.4	(2.0)	7.9* (0.8)	9.1* (0.9)	11.4* (1.3)	15.8 (2.6)	26.4* (4.5)	35.7* (3.3)	38.3* (1.6)	10.4	18* (7.4)	40	<3

NOTES: †Percent reporting supplement containing zinc. Sample size: Not pregnant or lactating (n=1832), Pregnant (n=105), Lactating (n=77). EAR=Estimated Average Requirement; UL=Tolerable Upper Intake Level

^{*} Estimate may be less reliable due to small sample size and/or large relative standard error

Table TI 17. Copper (mg): Mean and Percentiles of Total Usual Intake from Food, Beverages, and Dietary Supplements, by Pregnancy/Lactation Status, in the United States, 2015-2018

	Percent reporting [†]					– Percentiles –				<ear< th=""><th></th><th>>UL</th></ear<>		>UL
	% (SE)	Mean (SE)	5th (SE)	10th (SE)	25th (SE)	50th (SE)	75th (SE)	90th (SE)	95th (SE)	EAR % (SE)	UL	% (SE)
Females 20 to	44 years:											
Not pregnant or lactating	t 15 (1.1)	1.3 (0.03)	0.6 (0.02)	0.7 (0.02)	0.9 (0.02)	1.1 (0.03)	1.5 (0.04)	2.0 (0.10)	2.8 (0.16)	0.7 10 (1.1) 10	<3
Pregnant	30 (5.8)	1.7 (0.13)	0.7* (0.04)	0.8* (0.05)	1.0 (0.06)	1.3 (0.10)	2.4 (0.52)	3.3* (0.13)	3.6* (0.16)	0.8 13* (3.6) 10	<3
Lactating	18* (5.9)	1.6 (0.15)	0.8* (0.07)	0.9* (0.09)	1.1* (0.10)	1.4 (0.13)	1.8* (0.23)	2.8* (0.45)	3.4* (0.40)	1 18* (6.6	10	<3

NOTES: † Percent reporting supplement containing copper. Sample size: Not pregnant or lactating (n=1832), Pregnant (n=105), Lactating (n=77). EAR=Estimated Average Requirement; UL=Tolerable Upper Intake Level

^{*} Estimate may be less reliable due to small sample size and/or large relative standard error

Table TI 18. Selenium (μg): Mean and Percentiles of Total Usual Intake from Food, Beverages, and Dietary Supplements, by Pregnancy/Lactation Status, in the United States, 2015-2018

Percent reportin						— Percentiles –					<ear< th=""><th></th><th>>UL</th></ear<>		>UL
% (SE)	Mean	(SE)	5th (SE)	10th (SE)	25th (SE)	50th (SE)	75th (SE)	90th (SE)	95th (SE)	EAR	% (SE)	UL	% (SE)
Females 20 to 44 years	:												
Not pregnant or lactating 15 (1.2)	108	3 (2)	63 (3)	70 (3)	84 (2)	101 (2)	122 (2)	146 (4)	167 (6)	45	<3	400	<3
Pregnant 11* (4.8	109	(7)	65* (5)	73* (5)	87 (5)	104 (6)	126 (8)	152* (14)	171* (18)	49	<3	400	<3
Lactating 14* (5.7	138	3 (8)	83* (7)	92* (7)	109* (6)	129 (6)	156* (8)	197* (26)	230* (31)	59	<3	400	<3

NOTES: † Percent reporting supplement containing selenium. Sample size: Not pregnant or lactating (n=1832), Pregnant (n=105), Lactating (n=77). EAR=Estimated Average Requirement; UL=Tolerable Upper Intake Level

^{*} Estimate may be less reliable due to small sample size and/or large relative standard error

Table TI 19. Sodium (mg): Mean and Percentiles of Total Usual Intake from Food, Beverages, and Dietary Supplements, by Pregnancy/Lactation Status, in the United States, 2015-2018

	Percent reporting [†]					— Percentiles –					>AI		>CDRR
	% (SE)	Mean (SE)	5th (SE)	10th (SE)	25th (SE)	50th (SE)	75th (SE)	90th (SE)	95th (SE)	AI	% (SE)	CDRR	% (SE)
Females 20 to	44 years:												
Not pregnant or lactating	11 (1.4)	3178 (48)	1906 (79)	2142 (75)	2575 (64)	3110 (52)	3710 (55)	4300 (71)	4681 (86)	1500	>97	2300	85 (2.3)
Pregnant	21 (5.1)	3251 (158)	1965* (148)	2205* (151)	2652 (160)	3182 (165)	3793 (165)	4377* (174)	4743* (177)	1500	>97	2300	87* (4.8)
Lactating	5* (2.4)	3620 (210)	2211* (190)	2490* (195)	2986* (201)	3558 (212)	4170* (230)	4820* (246)	5280* (236)	1500	>97	2300	94* (3.7)

NOTES: † Percent reporting supplement containing sodium. Sample size: Not pregnant or lactating (n=1832), Pregnant (n=105), Lactating (n=77). AI=Adequate Intake; CDRR=Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Intake

^{*} Estimate may be less reliable due to small sample size and/or large relative standard error

Table TI 20. Potassium (mg): Mean and Percentiles of Total Usual Intake from Food, Beverages, and Dietary Supplements, by Pregnancy/Lactation Status, in the United States, 2015-2018

	Percent reporting [†]						— Percentiles —					>AI
	% (SE)	Mean	(SE)	5th (SE)	10th (SE)	25th (SE)	50th (SE)	75th (SE)	90th (SE)	95th (SE)	AI	% (SE)
Females 20 to	44 years:											
Not pregnan or lactating		2306	(49)	1399 (39)	1573 (39)	1883 (41)	2264 (48)	2681 (61)	3090 (79)	3348 (91)	2600	29 (3.1)
Pregnant	3* (1.4)	2354	(115)	1435* (102)	1622* (101)	1933 (107)	2309 (114)	2737 (127)	3128* (142)	3391* (160)	2900	17* (5.3)
Lactating	10* (5.5)	2525	(123)	1562* (100)	1747* (110)	2096* (113)	2491 (124)	2912* (135)	3330* (147)	3641* (155)	2800	30 (7.4)

NOTES: † Percent reporting supplement containing potassium. Sample size: Not pregnant or lactating (n=1832), Pregnant (n=105), Lactating (n=77). AI=Adequate Intake

^{*} Estimate may be less reliable due to small sample size and/or large relative standard error

TABLE NOTES

The statistics in this table were estimated from day 1 and day 2 dietary recall interviews conducted in What We Eat in America (WWEIA), National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) 2015-2018 and 30-day dietary supplement interviews also conducted in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) 2015-2018. Trained interviewers, using the USDA 5-step Automated Multiple-Pass Method, conducted the 24-hour dietary recalls. The day 1 recalls were conducted in-person; the day 2 recalls were conducted by telephone 3-10 days after the day 1 recall. Food intakes were coded and nutrient values determined using the USDA Food and Nutrient Database for Dietary Studies 2015-2016 and 2017-2018.

The table includes data from females 20 to 44 years old. Individuals with missing or incomplete 30-day dietary supplement data are excluded.

Sample weights designed for dietary analysis were used to allow estimates representative of the U.S. population for the years of collection.

The assessments presented in this table cover nutrient intakes from food, beverages (including water) and, dietary supplements. They do not contain intakes from medications.

Usual Nutrient Intakes

Usual intakes (expressed on a per day basis) are an estimate of the usual or habitual intake over the long term, as opposed to what was reported on the days surveyed. The National Cancer Institute (NCI) Method https://epi.grants.cancer.gov/diet/usualintakes/method.html was used to produce group usual intake distributions from food and beverages. Daily intake from dietary supplements derived from the 30-day questionnaire and the NCHS Dietary Supplement Database was added to the estimates of usual intake from food and beverages to produce the distributions of total usual nutrient intake presented in this table set. Information on this distribution is presented as mean and percentiles of usual nutrient intake with standard errors for a specific gender/age/lifestyle group.

When applicable, the estimated total usual nutrient intakes are compared to age/gender specific Dietary Reference Intakes (DRIs)

http://nationalacademies.org/HMD/Activities/Nutrition/SummaryDRIs/DRI-Tables.aspx. The DRIs, nutrient reference values developed by the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies, are used to assess and plan the diets of healthy people. Estimates of percentages less than, within range of, or greater than the DRI, plus the standard error are presented for each age/gender/lifestyle group.

DRI Definitions

Estimated Average Requirement (EAR): The average daily nutrient intake level that is estimated to meet the requirements of half of the healthy individuals in a particular life stage and gender group. The EAR is used to estimate the prevalence of inadequate intakes in a population group.

Adequate Intake (AI): The recommended average daily intake level based on observed or experimentally determined approximations or estimates of nutrient intake by a group (or groups) of apparently healthy people that are assumed to be adequate.

Tolerable Upper Intake Level (UL): The highest average daily nutrient intake level that is likely to pose no risk of adverse health effects to almost all individuals in the general population. As intake increases above the UL, the potential risk of adverse effects may increase.

Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Intake (CDRR): Reductions in intake that exceed the CDRR are expected to reduce chronic disease risk within the apparently healthy population. Established for sodium using evidence of the beneficial effect of reducing sodium intake on cardiovascular disease risk, hypertension risk, systolic blood pressure, and diastolic blood pressure.

Symbol Legend

* Indicates an estimate that may be less statistically reliable than estimates that are not flagged. The rules for flagging estimates are as follows:

Mean: An estimated mean is flagged when based on a sample size of less than 30 times the variance inflation factor (VIF), where the VIF represents a broadly calculated average design effect, or when the relative standard error is greater than 30 percent. The VIF used in this report is 2.52.

Percentiles: Estimated 50^{th} percentile values are flagged when n is less than 30 times the VIF, where n is the sample size. Estimated values at the other percentiles are flagged when np is less than 8 times the VIF, where n is the sample size and p is 0.25 at the 25^{th} and 75^{th} percentile, 0.10 at the 10^{th} and 90^{th} percentile, and 0.05 at the 5^{th} and 95^{th} percentile.

Percentage above or below a DRI value: An estimated percentage between 25 and 75 percent is flagged when based on a sample size of less than 30 times the VIF, or when the relative standard error is greater than 30 percent. An estimated percentage less than or equal to 25 or greater than or equal to 75 is flagged when the smaller of np and n(1-p) is less than 8 times the VIF, where n is the sample size and p is the percentage expressed as a fraction.

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