Do you know your daily sugar allowance?





4-6 year olds should not have more than five teaspoons* of sugar per day

Do you know...

- The NHS Food Scanner app helps you check the amount of sugar in your food and drink. Scan the barcode to find out exactly how much sugar there is before you buy. Download for free from the App Store.
- Tooth decay is the most common reason children aged 5-9 are admitted to hospital.



7-10 year olds should not 11 year olds+ should not have more than six teaspoons* of sugar per day

Better Health Let's

have more than seven teaspoons* of sugar per day * 1 level teaspoon = 4 grams

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Be Sugar Smart

Limit sugary food and drinks to mealtimes. Choose sugar free snacks and drinks such as:

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- Fresh fruit
- Raw vegetables
- Bread, toast or crumpets
- Cheese
- Plain water
- Plain lower fat milk

Avoid sugary drinks.

Avoid giving sweets as rewards, give treats like stickers, books, comics or swap cards instead.

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A guide to sugars in food and drinks

All amounts listed are approximate and current at time of print. 1 level teaspoon of sugar is approximately 4 grams.

Confectionery	Quantity	Feaspoons of Sugar
Boiled sweets & jelly sweets (Haribo, Starmix, Jelly Babies)	100g	21
Chocolate bar (e.g. Bounty, Lion Bars,	l standard	10
Mars Bar, Double Decker, Galaxy)	bar	
Bubble gum	1 packet	10
Dolly Mixtures, Liquorice Allsorts	1 small box	25.5
Kitkat (4 finger bar)	1 bar	5.5
Polo mints	1 tube	9
Toffees	4oz	25
Biscuits/Cakes/Dessert	Quantity	Teaspoons of Sugar
Plain biscuits (Ginger Nut, Shortcake, Rich Tea)	1 biscuit	2.5
Chocolate digestive	1 biscuit	3
Jaffa cakes	1 biscuit	2
Low calorie chocolate mini roll	1 roll	4
Jam tart	1 tart	5
Doughnut (jam)	1	9.5
Flapjack	1	5.5
Scone (fruit)	1	2
Angel Delight	1 packet	10
Custard (tin)	1 tin	10.5
Fruit (in syrup)	1 small tin	12.5
Vanilla ice cream	1 scoop	1
Jelly	1 packet	24
Rice pudding (tin)	1 tin	9
Yoghurt (fruit)	1 pot	6
Fruit flakes	1 packet (18g)	3

Drinks	Quantity	Teaspoons of Sugar
Squash (orange or blackcurrant etc)	1 glass	8-10
Fizzy pop (Cola, Cherry, Lemon etc)	1 can	9
Lucozade 1 bottle	(300ml)	14
Fresh orange juice (sweetened)	1 bottle (250 m	nl) 6
Milkshakes (powdered)	3 – 4 teaspoon	s 5
Fruit shoots	1 bottle	5-6
Energy drinks	1 bottle (500m	l) 20
Flavoured water	1 bottle (250m	l) 5
Smoothie	1 bottle (250m	l) 9
Flavoured coffee	Large cup	19
Spreads and Sauces	Quantity	Teaspoons of Sugar
Chocolate spread/honey/jam/ Lemon Curd/Marmalade	2 teaspoons	2.5
Salad cream	15g	1
Tomato ketchup	3 teaspoons	3
Tinned savoury goods	Quantity	Teaspoons of Sugar
Baked Beans	1 medium tin	5
Spaghetti	1 medium tin	4
Soup	1 medium tin	7.5
Noodle mug shot	Per sachet	2.5
Cereals	Quantity	Teacheons of Sugar
Wheat based biscuits	Quantity 2 biscuits	Teaspoons of Sugar
	2 biscuits	6
Puffed Rice	30g	6
Sugar coated cereals	30g	6

30g

1 bar

Plain porridge

Breakfast bars

5.6

4-6



Hidden Sugars!

Check your food label as the following are all forms of sugar:

- Sucrose
- Glucose
- Honey
- Maltodextrin

- Fructose
- Dextrose
- Maltose
- Treacle/Syrup

Sugar Facts

Sugary food and drinks cause bacteria on teeth to produce harmful acid that rots them. This can lead to painful toothache
Sugar provides no useful nutrients only calories
Sugar is not required for energy, starchy foods such as bread, pasta and cereals are a better source of energy
Excess sugar, means excess energy, which can lead to weight gain

Be sugar smart

Swap sweets and chocolates for healthier options like fruit