

## Vegan sources of calcium

Calcium is the most abundant mineral in the body and has many vital roles. It is required to strengthen bones and teeth and it regulates muscle contractions, blood clotting, normal heart rhythms and nerve functions.

## Recommended Daily Intake (RDI) for calcium







19+ female 1000 mg/day



Pregnancy 1000 mg/day



Lactation 1000 mg/day



Food (serving size)	Calcium (mg)
Tofu, firm, as purchased (100g)	320
Seaweed, nori, dried (100g, 1/8 cup)	310
Soymilk, calcium fortified (1 cup)	299
Almonds, raw with skin, unsalted (100g, 3/4 cup)	265
<b>Kelp,</b> raw (100g, 1/8 cup)	168
Chinese cabbage, bok choy/pak choi, cooked (110g, 1 cup)	158
<b>Wakame,</b> raw (100g, 1/8 cup)	150
Soybeans, cooked (95g, ½ cup)	131
Spinach, boiled, drained (112g, ½ cup)	123
<b>Brazil nut,</b> raw (80g, ½ cup)	120
<b>Turnip greens,</b> fresh, boiled (72g, ½ cup)	99
<b>Kale,</b> cooked (118g, 1 cup)	94
<b>Tempeh,</b> raw (100g)	93
Hazelnut, raw (100g, ¾ cup)	86
Chia seeds (10g, 1 tablespoon)	76
Blackberries (110g, 1 cup)	65
Broccoli, cooked (91g, 1 cup)	62
Figs, dried (40g, ¼ cup)	61
Amaranth, cooked (123g, ½ cup)	58
Cannellini beans, cooked (85g, ½ cup)	56
<b>Tahini, s</b> esame seed pulp (15g, 1 tablespoon)	50
Chickpeas, boiled (85g, ½ cup)	49
Pinto beans, canned, drained (86g, ½ cup)	39
Linseed or flaxseed (10g, 1 tablespoon)	26
Psyllium, uncooked (9g, 1 tablespoon)	17

Note: Oxalates, and to a lesser extent phytic acid, present in vegetables inhibit the absorption of calcium. Low- and moderate-oxalate vegetables like turnip greens, broccoli, and kale are considered better sources than higher-oxalate vegetables, such as spinach, beet greens, and Swiss chard.

