

# Simple Strategies for Yogurt in the Revised WIC Package to Improve Participation and Health



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# Optimal Bone Health

The Foundation is  
in Childhood

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# The Power of WIC

- Bone is living tissue
- Bone health is a childhood issue
- Steady dairy intake is crucial
- Mother and baby are both at risk
- Build a strong dietary pattern life-long



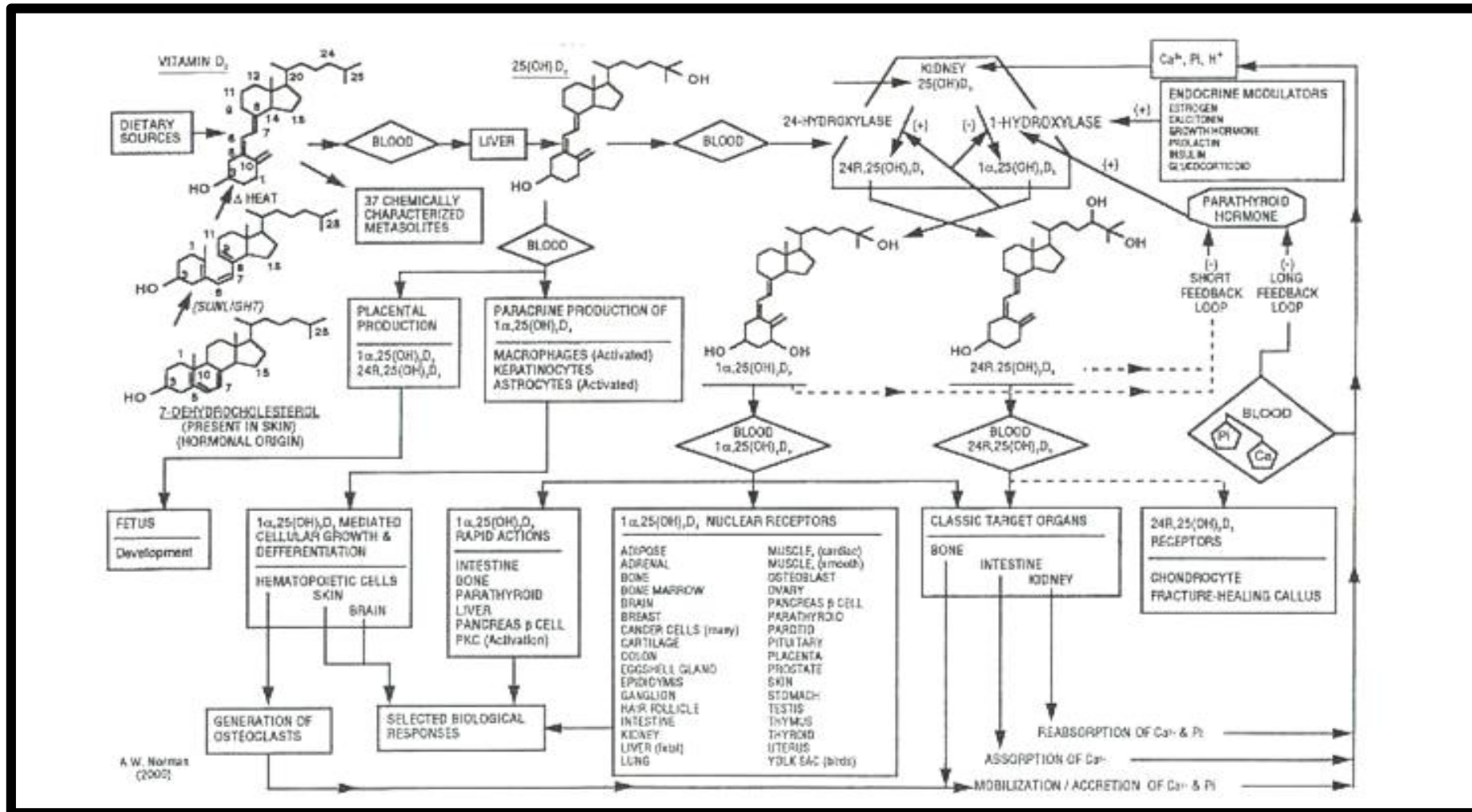
By 2020  
*one-half*  
of all Americans  
over 50 years  
will be at risk  
for  
osteoporotic fractures

**Optimizing Bone Health in Children and Adolescents**

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# The Endocrinologist's Perspective on Bone Formation



# Bob's Perspective



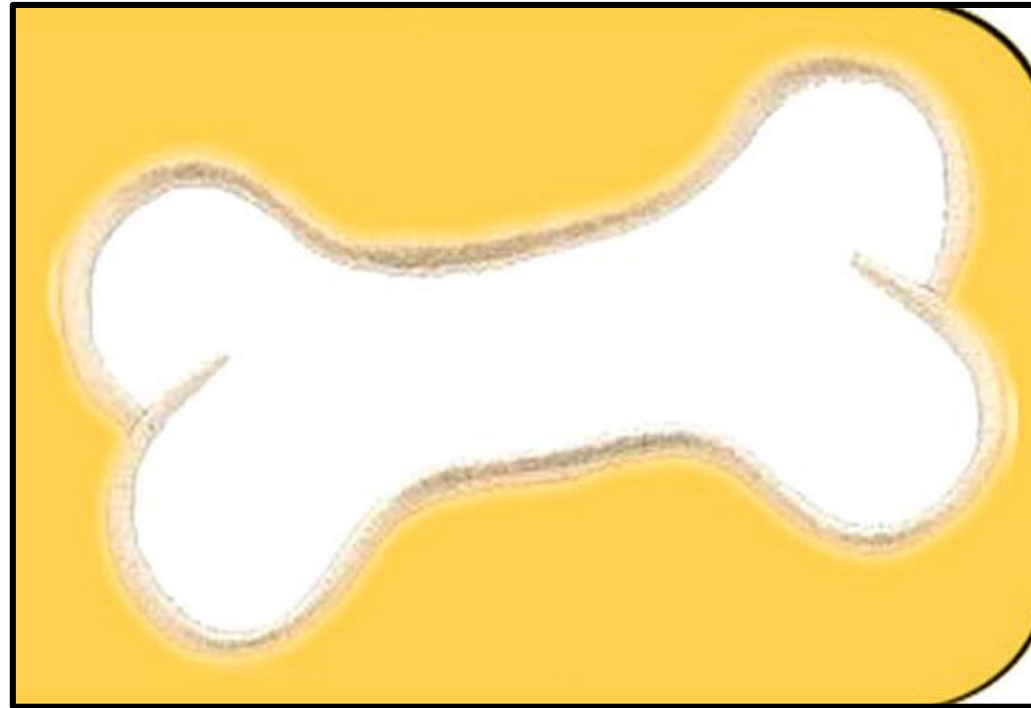
***Parathyroid Hormone***

*GI Tract*

Calcium +  
Vit D

Calcium →

Phosphorus



*Skeleton*

→ Calcium

*Renal proximal tubule*



# ***Bone Remodeling is Constant***

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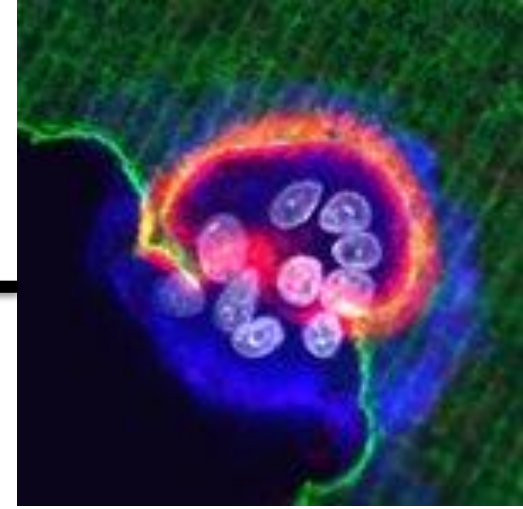
- Remodels & then replaces tiny bits of bone
- Bone mineralization process
  - Calcium and phosphorus: blood → bone
- *Any decrease* in circulating calcium
- PTH (parathyroid hormone) will re-establish levels

***Calcium regulation is extremely precise***



# Bone Mineralization & Resorption

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***Bone growth***

***Or injury (with repair)***

***Or daily calcium intake triggers bone mineralization***

- Calcium and phosphorus goes into bone
- Calcium in blood then falls
- PTH is released
- Resorption from bone restores calcium
- Leaves behind tiny pits in bone

# *When the Balance Tips*



- Blood calcium is tightly controlled
- Dietary calcium & vitamin D promotes denser bone
- ***But if*** dietary intake is chronically low:

*more calcium is removed  
from from bone pits  
to keep blood calcium constant*

*without new bone replacing it*





# *The 4 Bone Factors*

Activity<sup>★</sup>

Vitamin D

Calcium

Protein



# A Quality Dietary Pattern

- 5 food groups – meals & snacks
  - Fruits
  - Vegetables
  - Whole grains
  - Low-fat milk and dairy
  - Quality protein sources

## Promote

- Nutrient Rich Foods
- Nutrients of Concern:
  - Calcium, Vit D, potassium, fiber

## Limit:

- Saturated fats
- Added sugars
- Sodium
- Excess calories



# A Quality Dietary Pattern & Regular Activity = *Health*



- Heart Disease
- Stroke
- Diabetes
- Obesity
- Hypertension
- Metabolic syndrome
- Osteoporosis
- Cancers
- Alzheimer's

# Science Seeks Mechanisms & Causes

## OBSERVATION

High-Risk  
Dietary Patterns



## RESEARCH

Search for  
Risk Factors

- Cholesterol
- Fat
- Saturated fat
- Trans fat
- Sodium
- Sugars

High-Benefit  
Dietary Patterns



Search for  
Benefit Factors

- Plant sterols
- Flavonoids
- Anti-oxidants
- Omega 3 FA
- MUFA, PUFA
- Vitamin D
- Homocysteine

*But...Factors are not Food*

## Nutrient Rich *Eating Pattern* ★

- USDA Food Pattern
- DASH Eating Plan
- Vegetarian Pattern



***The Mediterranean Dietary Pattern***



# Dairy Protects Health



- Osteoporosis
- Hypertension
- Cardiovascular disease
- Stroke
- Type II diabetes
- Cancers – breast, colon, prostate
- Obesity
- Metabolic syndrome

- **Calcium (30% DV\*)**
- **Potassium (11% DV)**
- **Phosphorus (20% DV)**
- **Protein (16% DV)**
- **Vitamin A (10% DV)**
- **Vitamin D (25% DV)**
- **Vitamin B12 (13% DV)**
- **Riboflavin (24% DV)**
- **Niacin (10% DV)**
- **90-150 kcal/ 8 oz**

Rice et al. Adv Nutr 2011; 2: 396-407

Kratz et al. Eur J Nutr 2013; 52:1-24

# Two Different Paths to Health

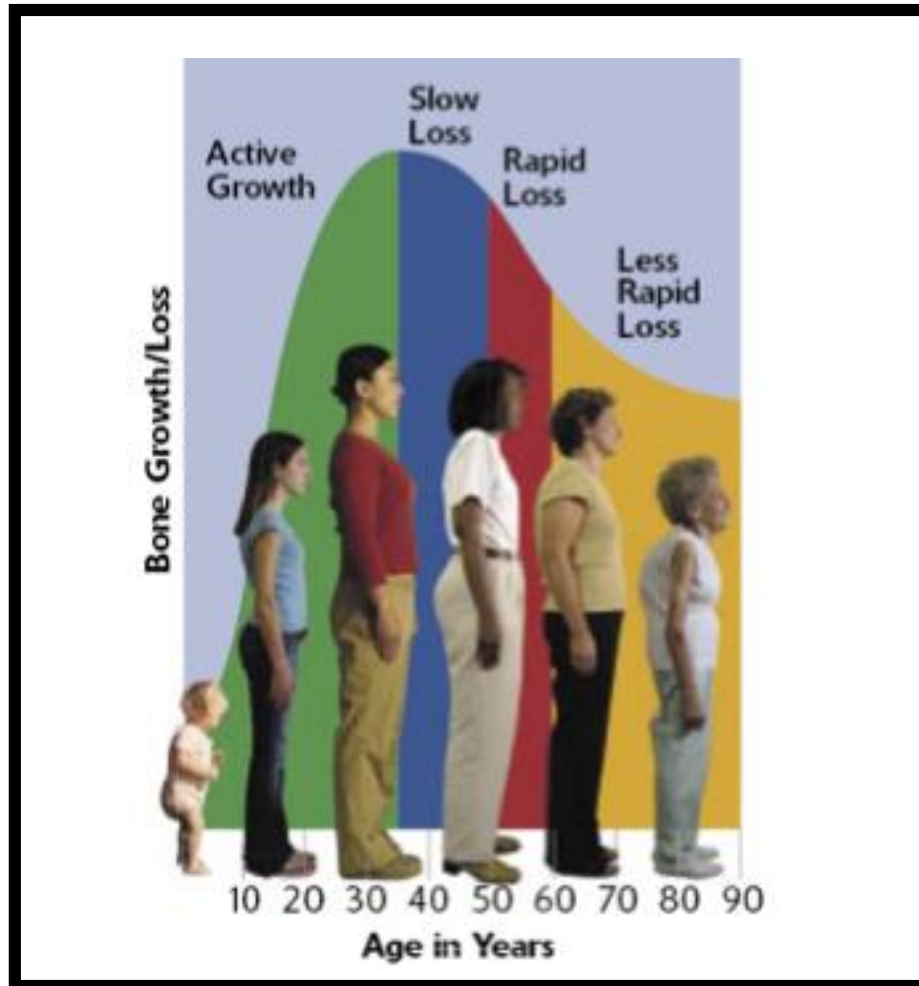
**Avoidance of...**

**Dietary Pattern rich in...**

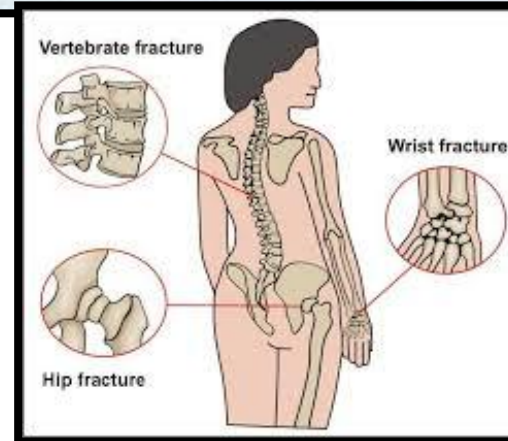
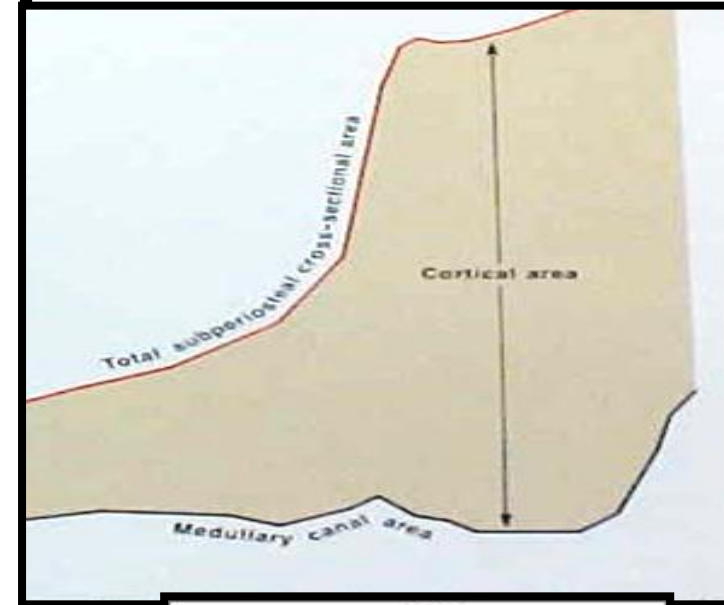
*Junk Food V's Healthy Food*



# ***Bone Grows Most in Teen Years***



## **Bone Thickness**



# Peak Bone Mass = Teens

- 40-60% of bone mass built in adolescence
- 25% within 2 years of peak height
- Peak:
  - Boys: 14 yrs
  - Girls: 12.5 yrs

After peak,  
a slow steady decline  
for life



# Dietary Reference Intakes

## CALCIUM

	<b>RDA</b>	<b>Upper Limit (UL)</b>
0-6 mos	<b>200 mg/d</b>	1000 IU/d
6-12 mos	<b>260</b>	1500
1-3 yrs	<b>700</b>	2500
4-8 yrs	<b>1000</b>	2500
9-13 yrs	<b>1300</b>	3000
14-18 yrs	<b>1300</b>	3000

## VITAMIN D

	<b>RDA</b>	<b>Upper Limit (UL)</b>
0-6 mos	<b>400 mg/d</b>	1000 IU/d
6-12 mos	<b>400</b>	1500
1-3 yrs	<b>600</b>	2500
4-8 yrs	<b>600</b>	3000
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# Problem Nutrients

## *High School Students*

- **Males**

- Vit A, Vit C, Vit E
- Magnesium, potassium
- Fiber
- Calcium

- **Females**

- Vit A, Vit C, Vit E, Vit D\*
- Magnesium, potassium \*
- Vit B-6
- Folate \*
- Thiamin
- Iron \*
- Phosphorous
- Zinc
- Fiber \*
- Calcium \*

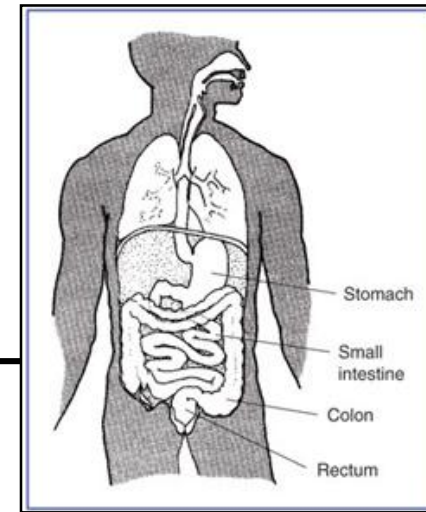
# Women in Child-bearing Years

- Intake high:
  - saturated fat and sodium
- Deficiency common:
  - iron, vitamin D
- Intake low:
  - fiber, vitamin E, calcium, magnesium and potassium
- Intake moderately low:
  - vitamins A, C, B-6 and Folate



**14-50 years of age**

# What is the Importance of *Vitamin D?*



## **Major function: increase calcium absorption**

– Promotes bone mineralization

## **But also...**

Maintains muscles, prevents gingivitis,  
helps control diabetes, arthritis, and inflammation,  
lowers cancer risk, and lowers risk of cardiovascular disease

## **Other Sources**

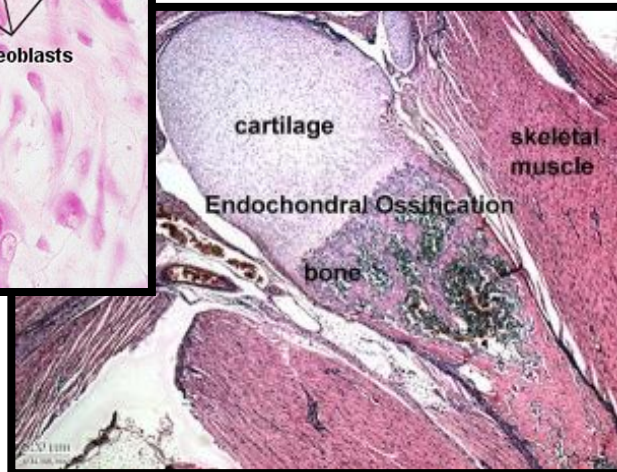
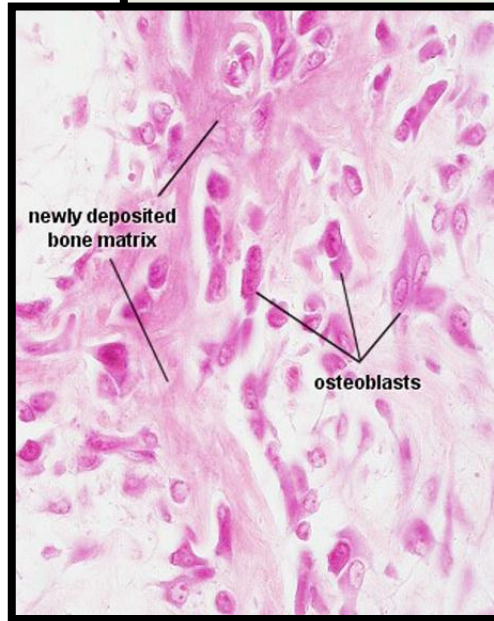
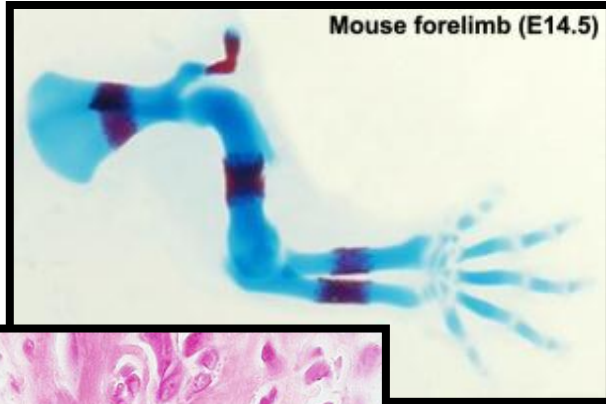
Sun, fish, cereals (fortified), juices, egg, liver, supplements



**Vitamin D deficiency is Common**  
***in ¾ Teens and Adults***  
***in pregnant women***  
***in African Americans & Hispanics***

- Breastfed infants
  - 25 IU/d
- Low exposure to sun
- Dark skin (melanin)
- Seniors
- Lactose intolerance
- Vegans
- Poor dietary intake
- Fat loss from disease
  - Crohns
  - Pancreatic insufficiency
  - Cystic Fibrosis
  - Liver disease
  - Biliary disease
  - Surgery
- Under age 50 - 400-800 IU daily\*\*
- Over age 50 - 800-1,000 IU daily\*\*

# Fetal Skeletal Growth Timeline



- Starts: end of week 2
- Cartilage, muscle, bone
- Ossification of bone matrix  
2<sup>nd</sup> trimester
- Skeletal growth: 3<sup>rd</sup>  
trimester
- Continues postnatally
- Fully mature: 20s

# Pregnancy & Bone Health

- Higher rate of calcium absorption
- Estrogen protects bone
- Bone mass falls during pregnancy & lactation
- Usually repletes rapidly
- Weight-bearing exercise is critical
- *Risk*: teen mothers



## *Dietary Patterns Matter*

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Very High Sodium and Protein  
*increase urinary calcium loss*

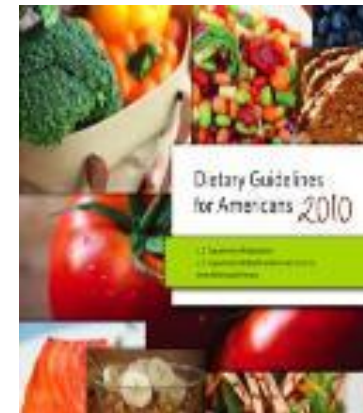
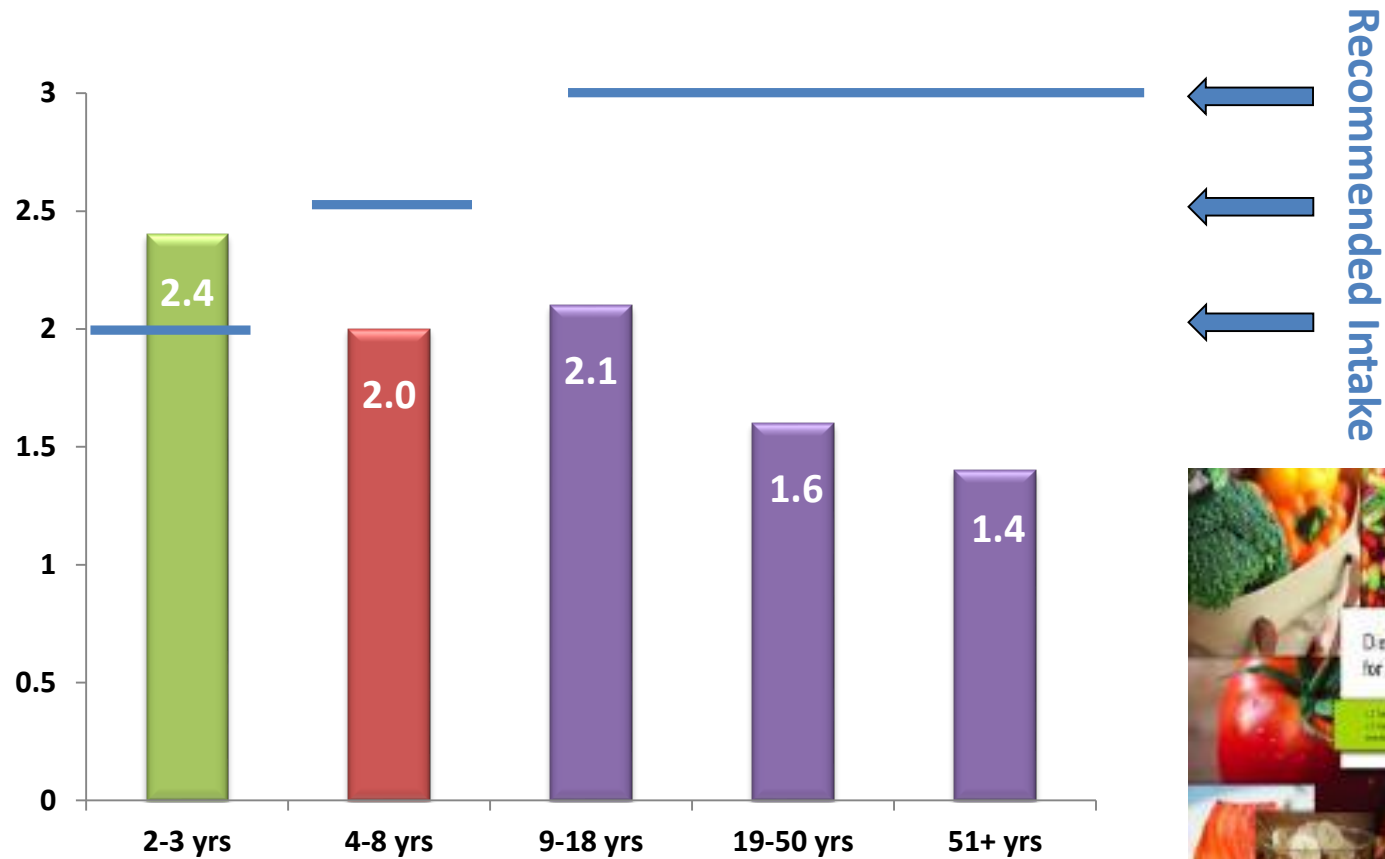
# Chronic Conditions can Reduced Bone Mass

- Genetic disorders
- Chronic diseases
- Inflammatory Diseases
- Eating Disorders
- Endocrine disorders
- Certain medications



# Dairy intake falls below recommended intake by 4 years old

Average daily consumption of milk and milk products in the U.S.



# The Power of WIC

- Pregnant women
- Babies
- Children
- Bone health foundation
- Reach daily dairy goals throughout life
- Establish a strong dietary pattern early





thanks!



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# The Revised WIC Food Package: Can Yogurt Be Utilized to Increase Fruit and Vegetable Consumption?

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NATIONAL WIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

MAY 18TH, 2015



# Learning Objectives

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- ❖ Understand the current research on utilization of new foods offered as part of the revised food packages
- ❖ Enhance current educational activities to increase fruit and vegetable intake
- ❖ Identify food combination methods to improve intake of dairy products for vulnerable populations

# What does WIC Food Package Research Tell Us?

## Fruits and Vegetables



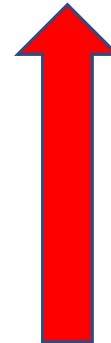
Fresh

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Fresh

17.5%

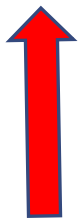


Frozen

27.8%

# Who is Eating More Fruits and Vegetables?

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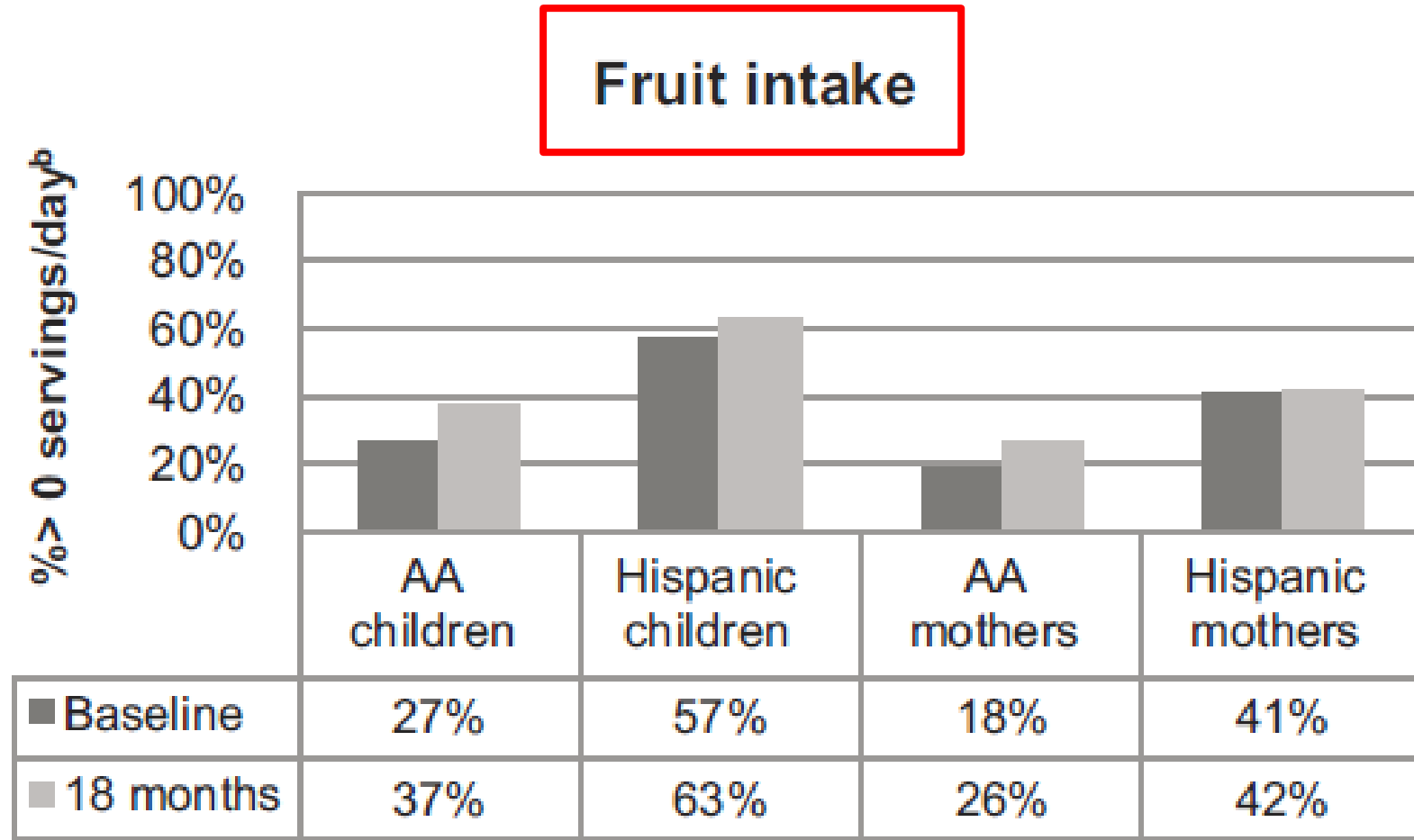


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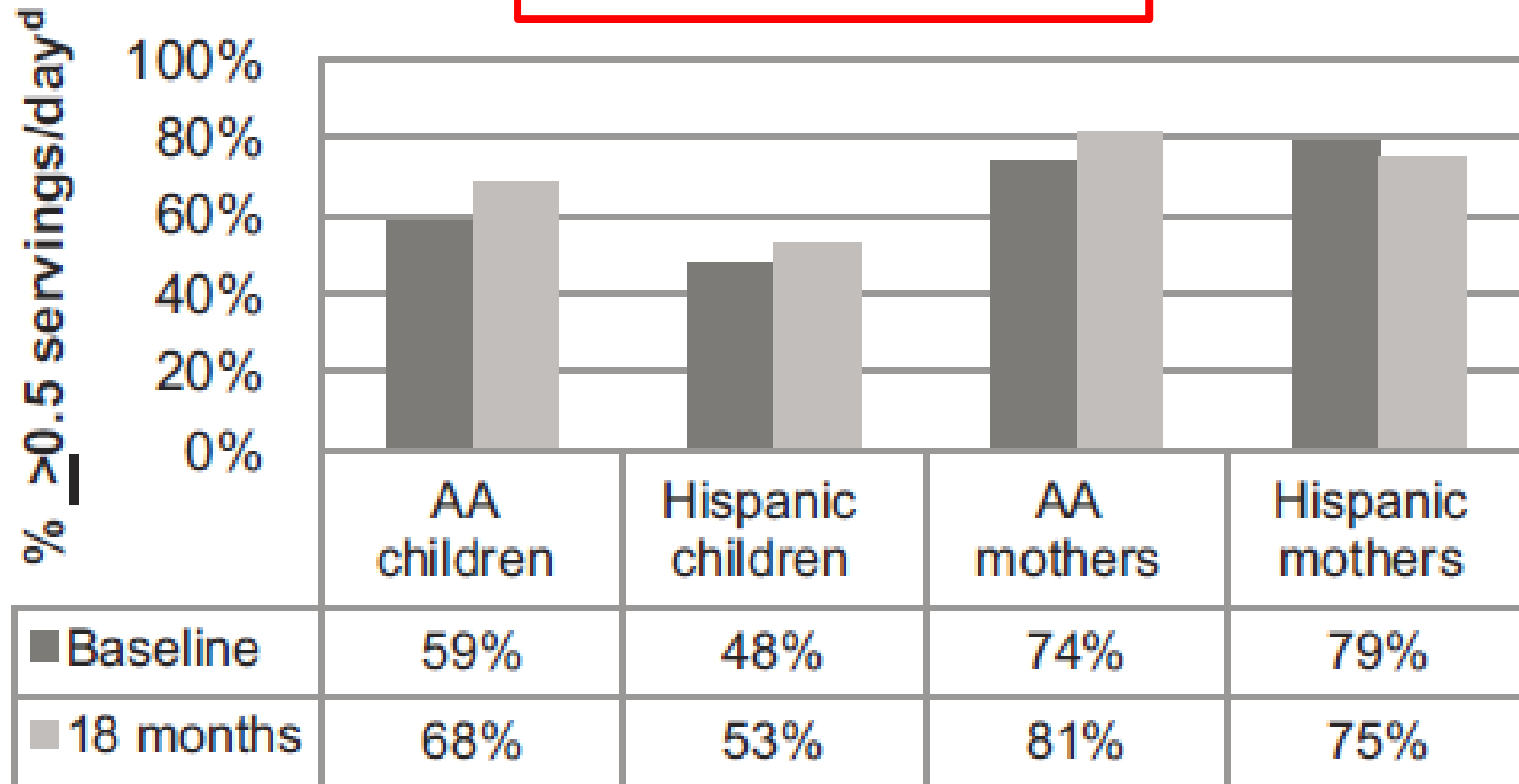
0.24 servings fruit/day

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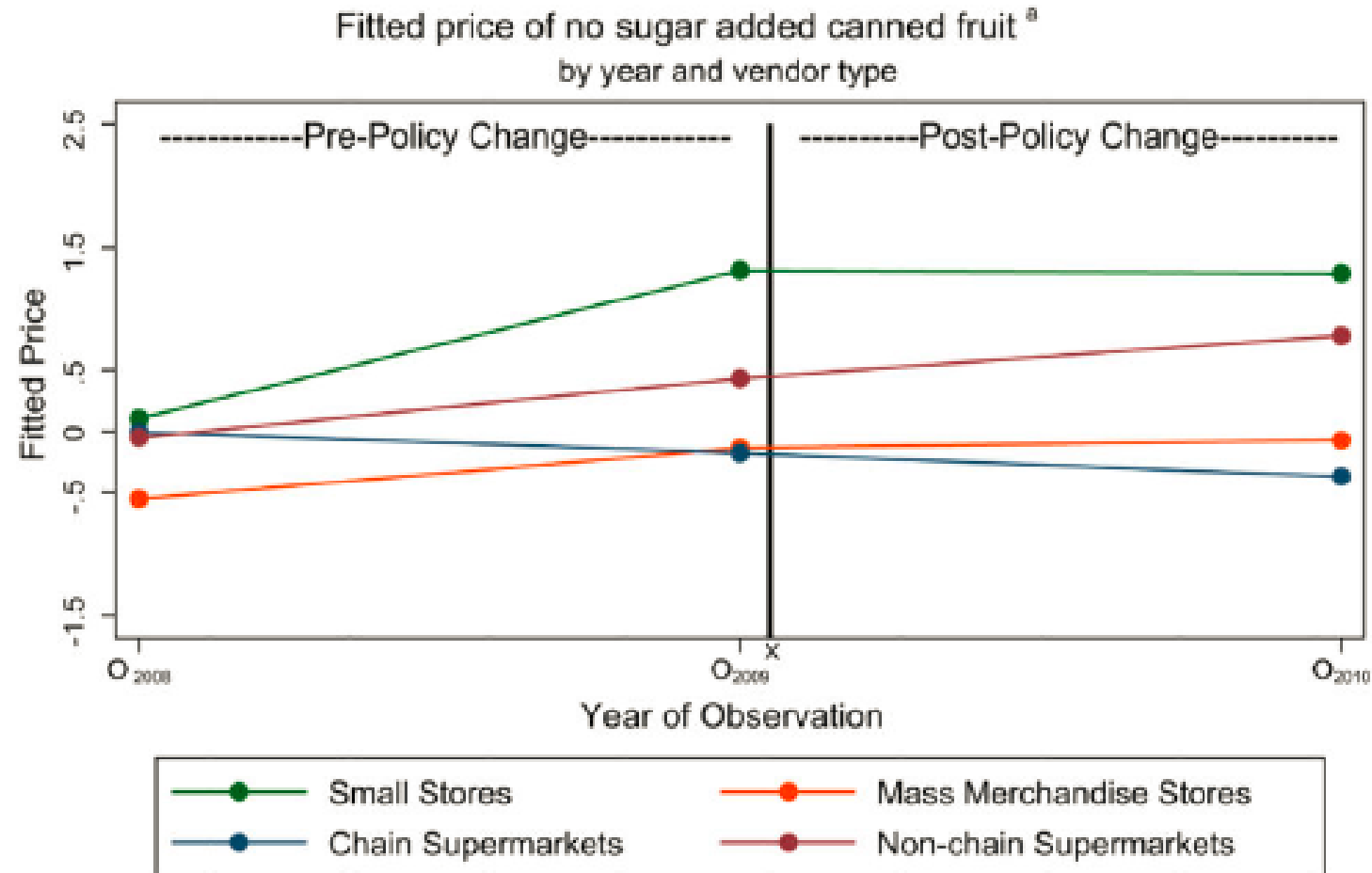


# Who is Eating More Fruits and Vegetables?

## Vegetable intake



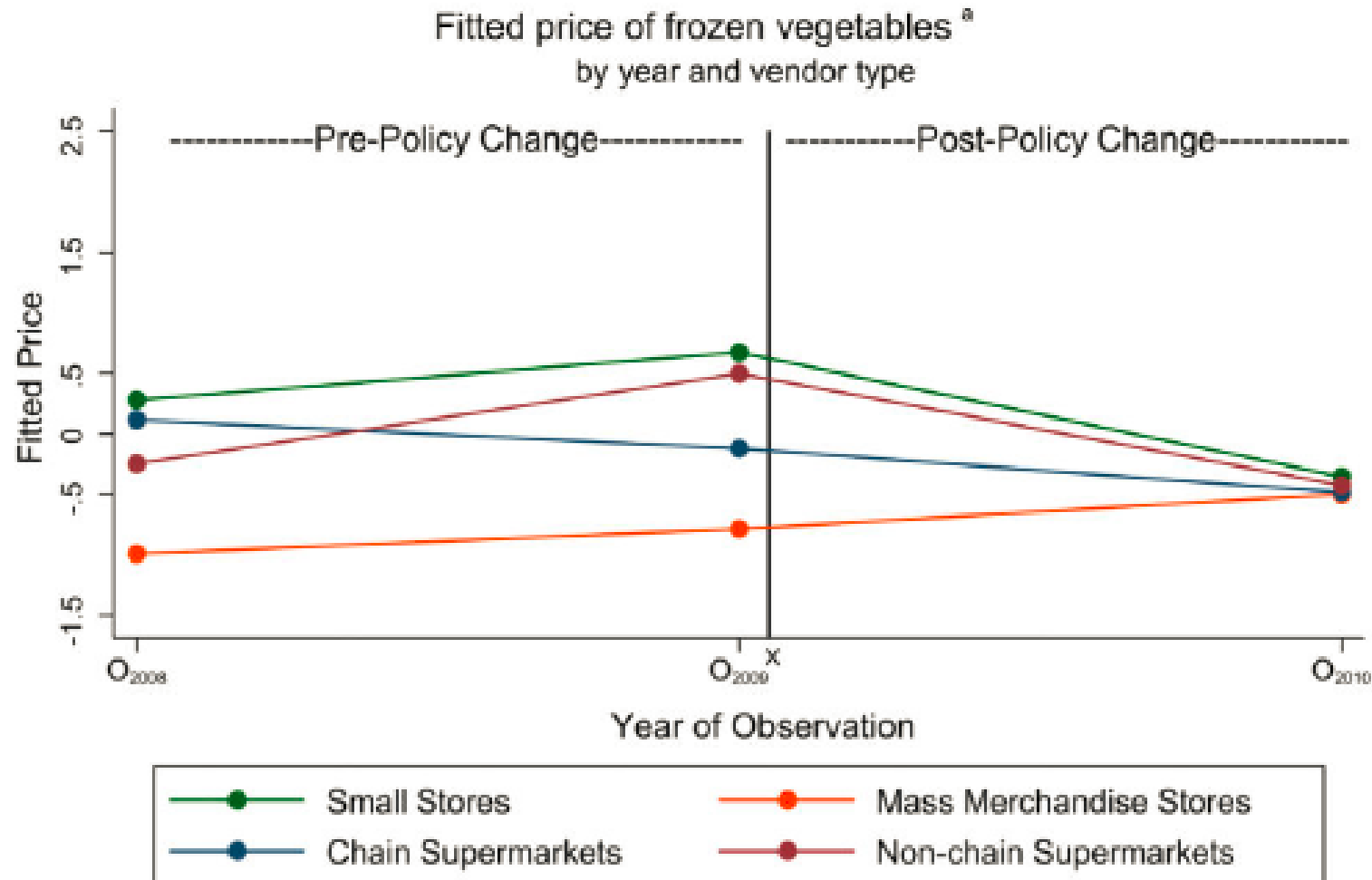
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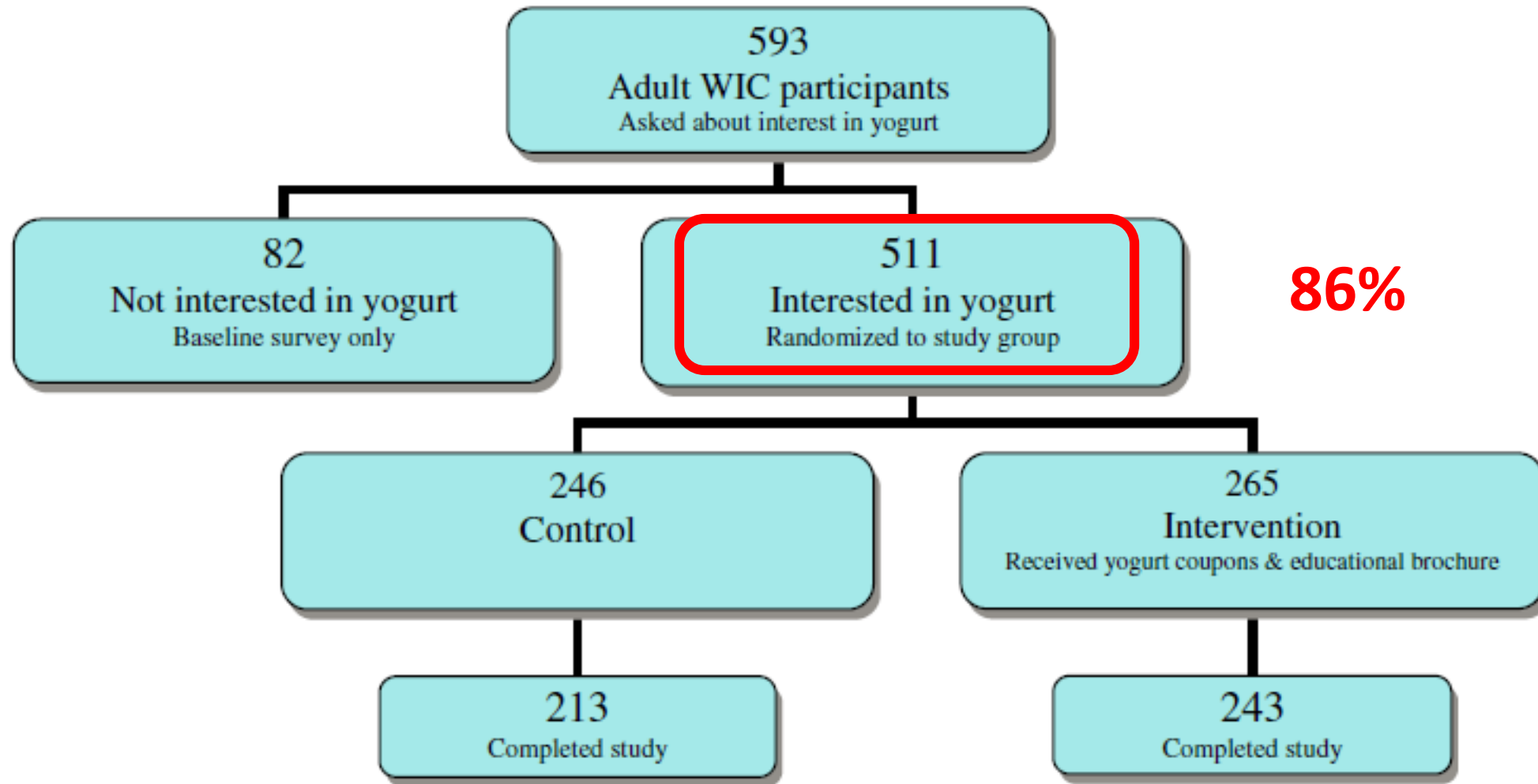


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# Would WIC Participants Like to Substitute Yogurt for Milk?



## Thoughts about Dairy Food at Baseline for Control and Intervention Groups Combined Enrolled in the WIC Yogurt Intervention Study

Measure	Agree (%)
Yogurt is available where shop for food	96.0
Family likes to eat yogurt	96.0
When buy yogurt, usually buy small containers (4, 6, or 8 oz)	83.3
Yogurt costs too much	61.8
→ Like eating yogurt <u>more</u> than drinking milk	61.5
→ Do not know how to include yogurt in recipes	59.8
Like the taste of milk <u>more</u> than yogurt	53.1
Yogurt spoils too quickly	28.1
Have trouble digesting things made with milk	19.3
Yogurt is not as nutritious as milk	17.9

## Response (%) to Yogurt Coupon Provision After the Intervention by Intervention Group Participants Enrolled in the WIC Yogurt Intervention Study

Measure	Agree a lot	Agree a Little	Disagree a Little	Disagree a Lot
Like taste of yogurt from coupons	95.4	0.5	2.6	1.5
Used coupons for yogurt for self to eat	84.7	10.7	3.6	0.5
Brochure on yogurt was helpful	70.8	27.7	1.0	0.0
Would take vouchers for yogurt in place of some of milk	70.1	20.6	5.7	3.0
Used coupons for yogurt for family to eat	67.5	17.3	6.3	6.3
Prefer different flavors	56.7	11.9	13.4	17.0
Used brochure information to include yogurt in snacks	45.1	39.9	7.3	7.3
Used brochure information to include yogurt in meals	44.3	39.7	8.3	6.7
Prefer different carton sizes	41.4	20.4	7.9	28.8
Prefer different brands	32.8	12.5	13.5	39.6

# How can we Increase Fruit and Vegetable Intake?

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- ❖ Make participants aware of how they can use fresh, frozen, and canned fruits and vegetables
- ❖ Offer taste tests, cooking demonstrations, supermarket tours, partner with Farmer's Markets
- ❖ Focus more on vegetables – intake of fruits is higher, participants less familiar with different types of vegetables



# How Can Promoting Yogurt Increase Fruit and Vegetable Intake?

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- ❖ Participants indicate preference for yogurt over milk
- ❖ Use yogurt as “vehicle” to increase fruits and vegetables in the daily diet
- ❖ Yogurt as “flavor enhancer” as sauce or dip for raw and cooked vegetables
- ❖ Yogurt pairs well with other food groups to strengthen healthful dietary patterns

# Summary and Recommendations

- ❖ Changes to the WIC Food Package have resulted in minor increases in fruit and vegetable intake
- ❖ Hispanic WIC participants consume more fruit, while African-American participants tend to consume more vegetables
- ❖ Yogurt is desired as a substitute for milk by WIC participants
- ❖ Yogurt can be used as a means for increasing fruit and vegetable intake among all WIC participants



# THANK YOU!

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# THE IMPLICATIONS FOR BONE HEALTH FROM INCLUDING YOGURT IN THE WIC PACKAGE



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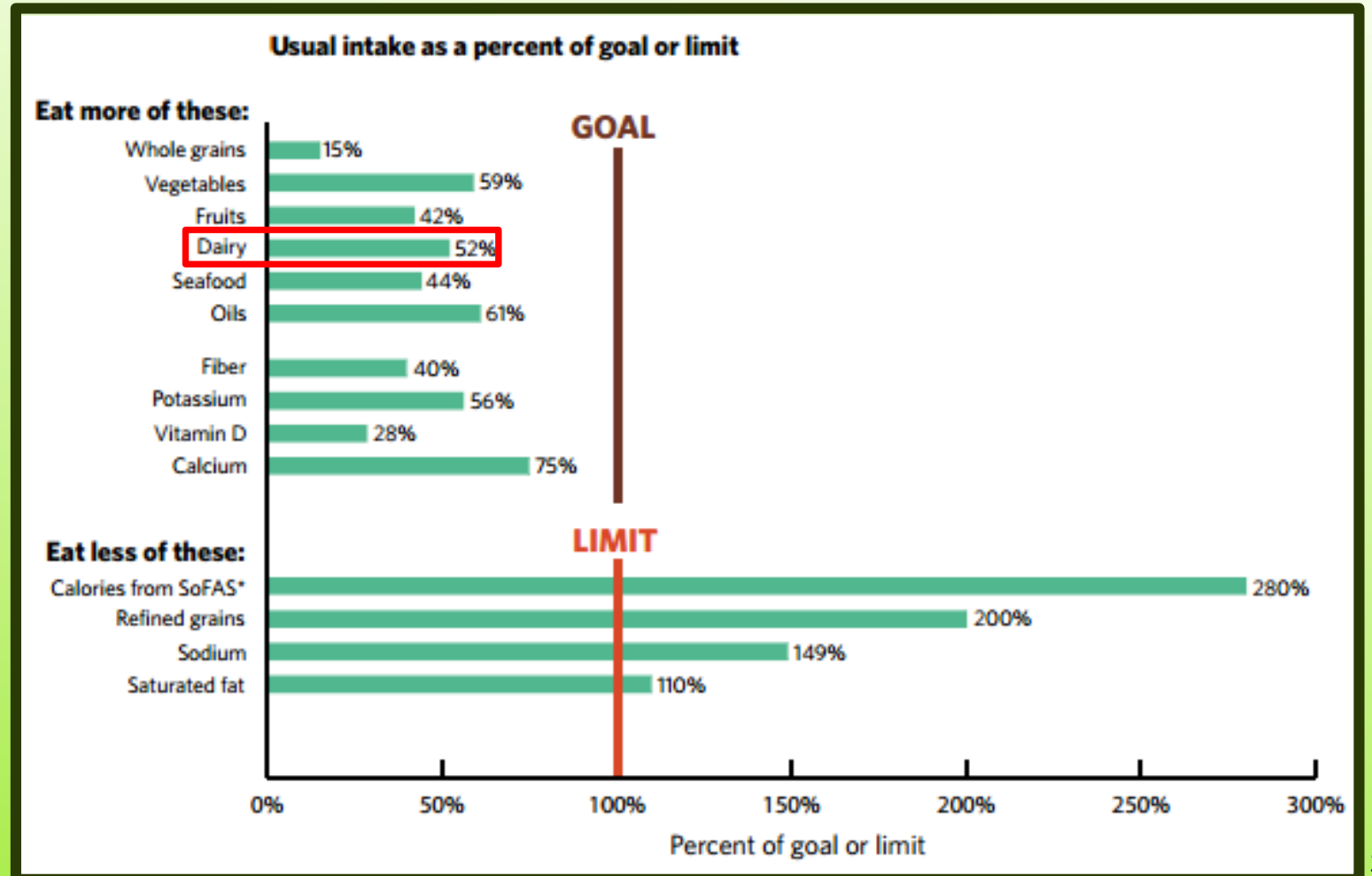
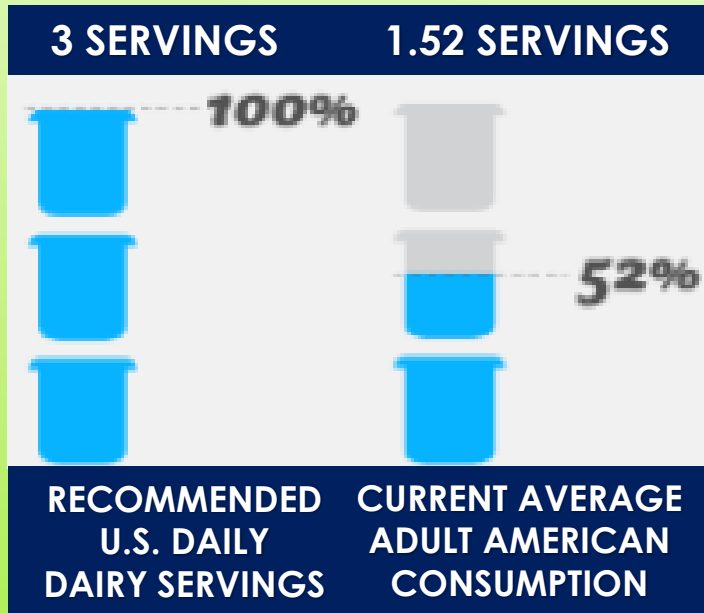


# OVERVIEW

- ▶ Most Americans do not meet recommended intake of dairy foods
- ▶ A lack of dairy may contribute to nutrient gaps in dietary intake
- ▶ Nutrient gaps – especially at certain ages like adolescence, during pregnancy and later adulthood – are related to key health concerns
- ▶ Concerns about lactose intolerance
- ▶ Education and implementation examples are key – dairy is nutrient dense, and yogurt is convenient, versatile and “healthy”



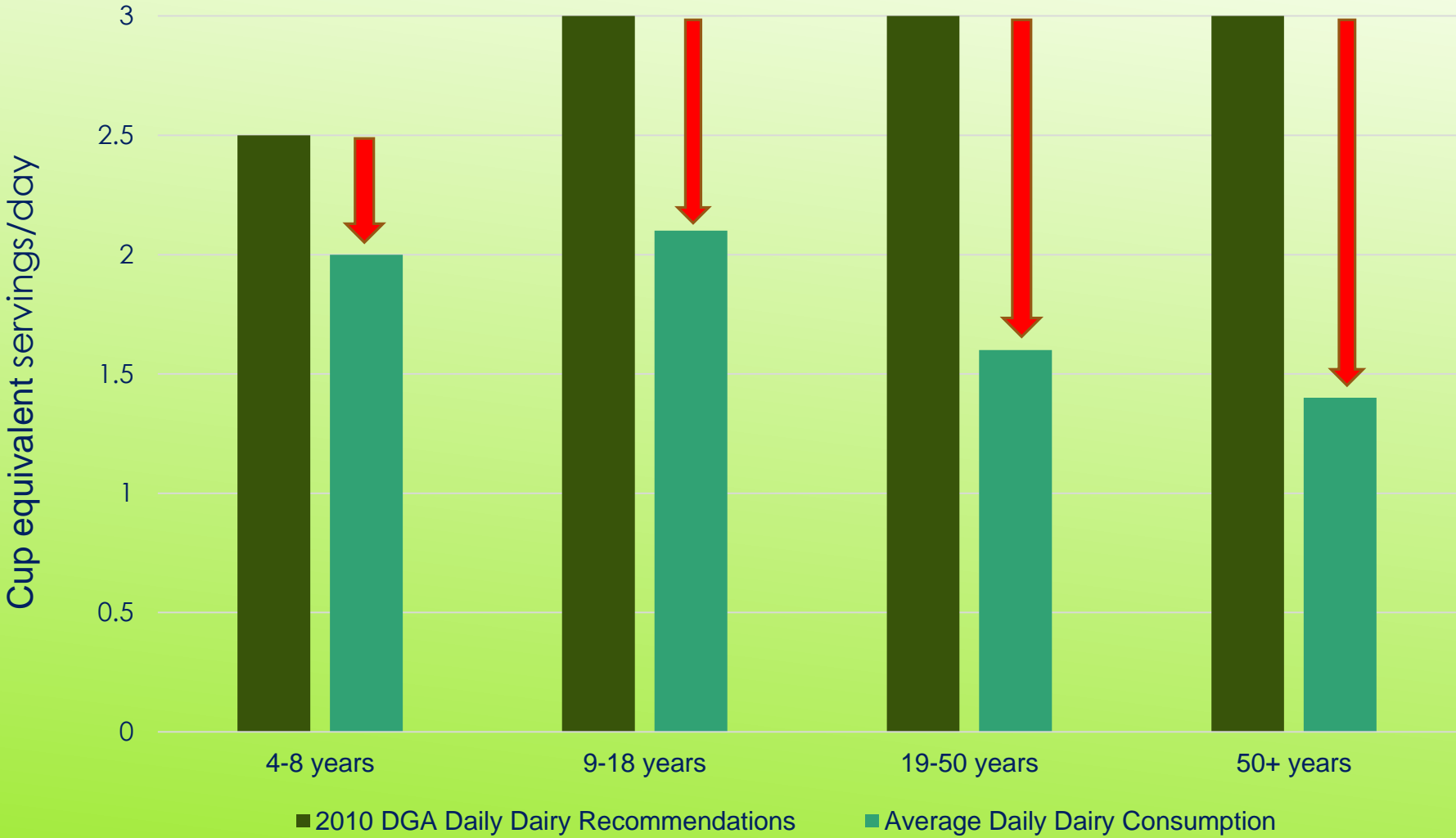
# AMERICANS AREN'T MEETING DAIRY REQUIREMENTS



<sup>1</sup> U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2010. 7th Edition, Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, December 2010.

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# AFTER AGE OF 3, THE CONSUMPTION GAP WIDENS



■ 2010 DGA Daily Dairy Recommendations    ■ Average Daily Dairy Consumption

2007-2008 USDA National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey<sup>3</sup>

# WHY ARE WE CONCERNED?

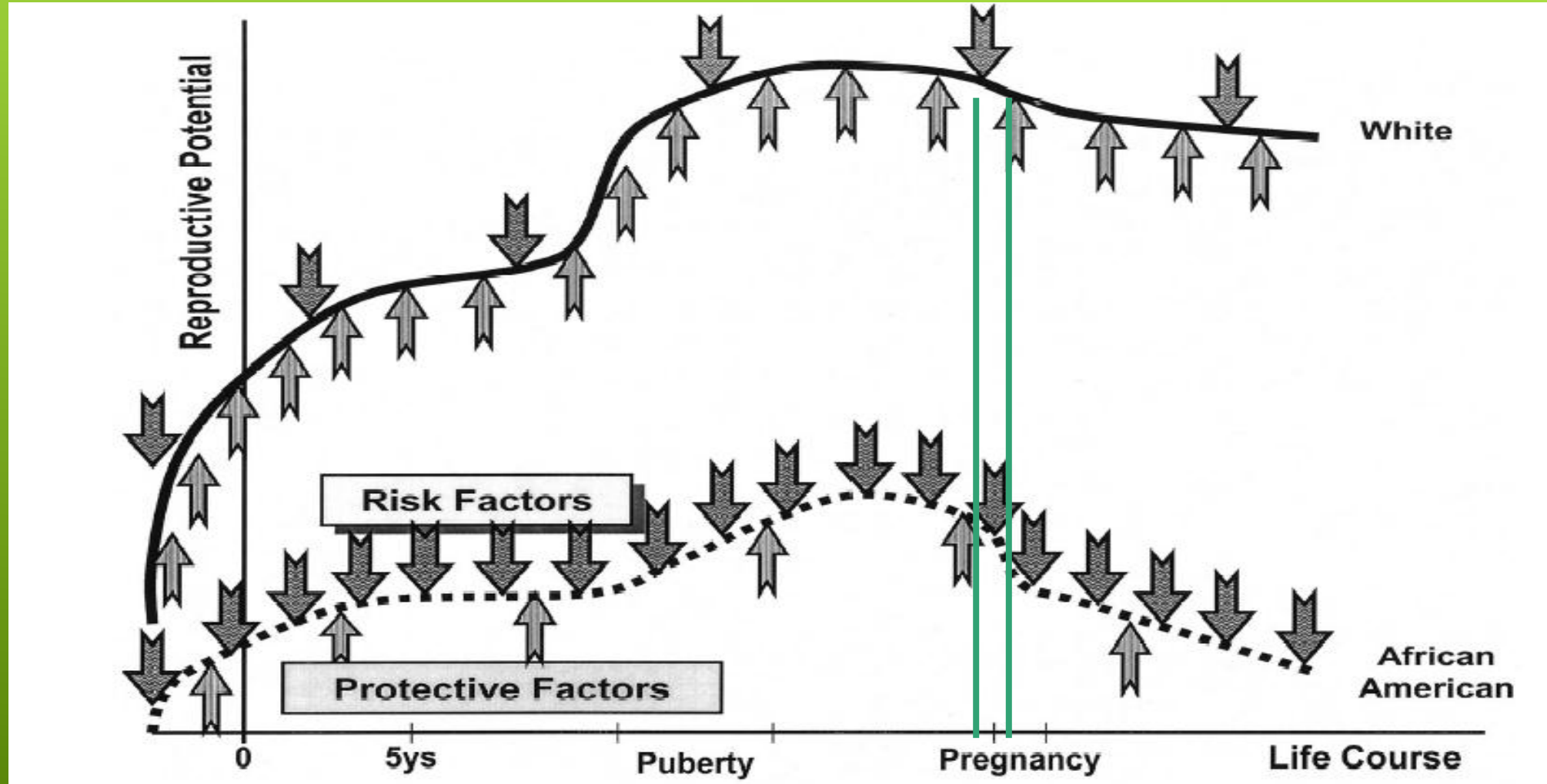
- ▶ Most dairy contains key nutrients that are important for health such as calcium, vitamin D, potassium, protein and magnesium.<sup>4</sup>
- ▶ In fact, calcium, vitamin D and potassium are 3 of 4 nutrients of concern in the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.<sup>1</sup>
- ▶ A dairy gap is often a nutrient gap.



<sup>4</sup> U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, National Nutrient Database for Standard Reference, Release 27.

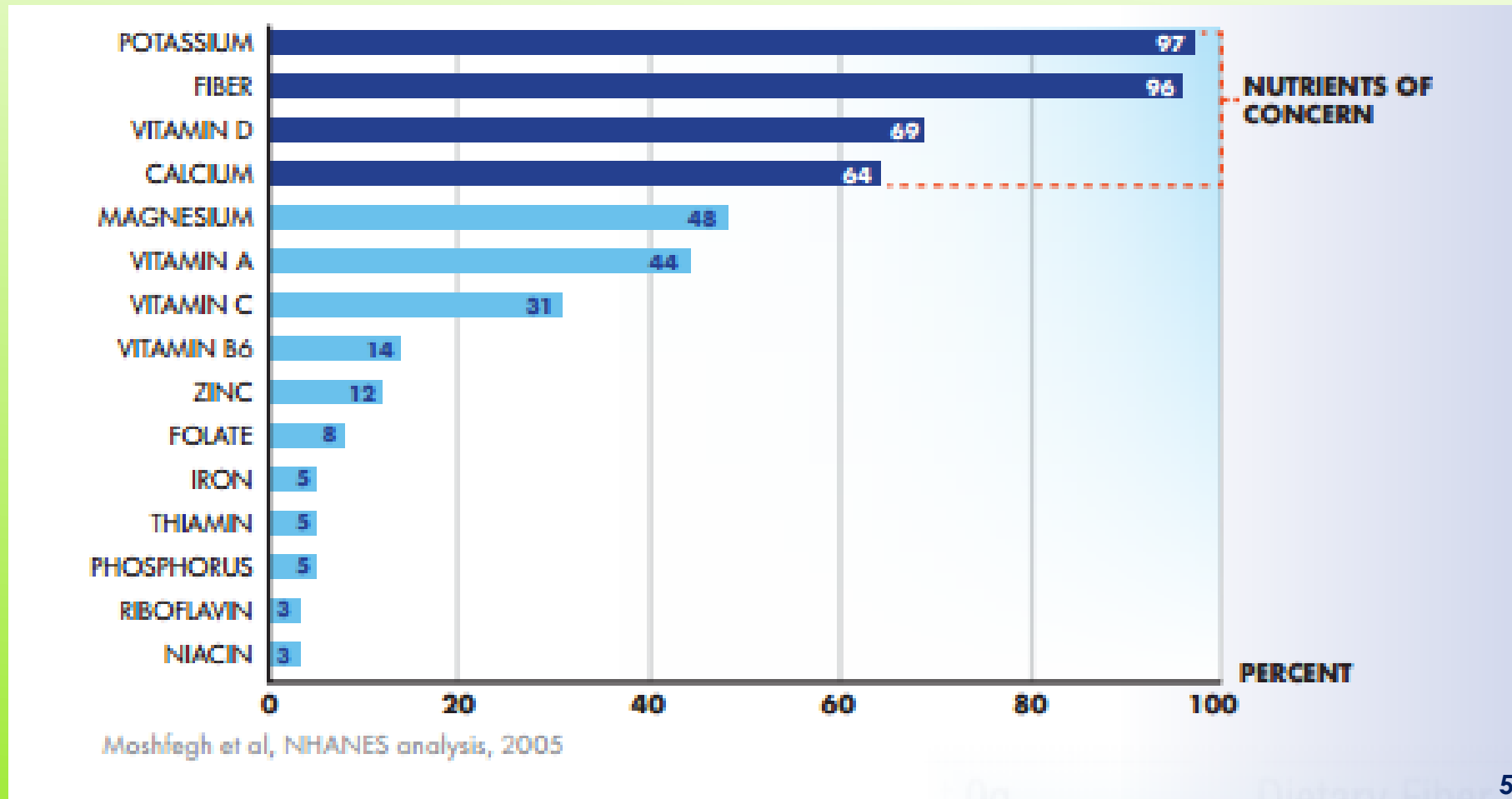
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# LIFE COURSE PERSPECTIVE



# AMERICANS ARE NOT MEETING NUTRIENT RECOMMENDATIONS

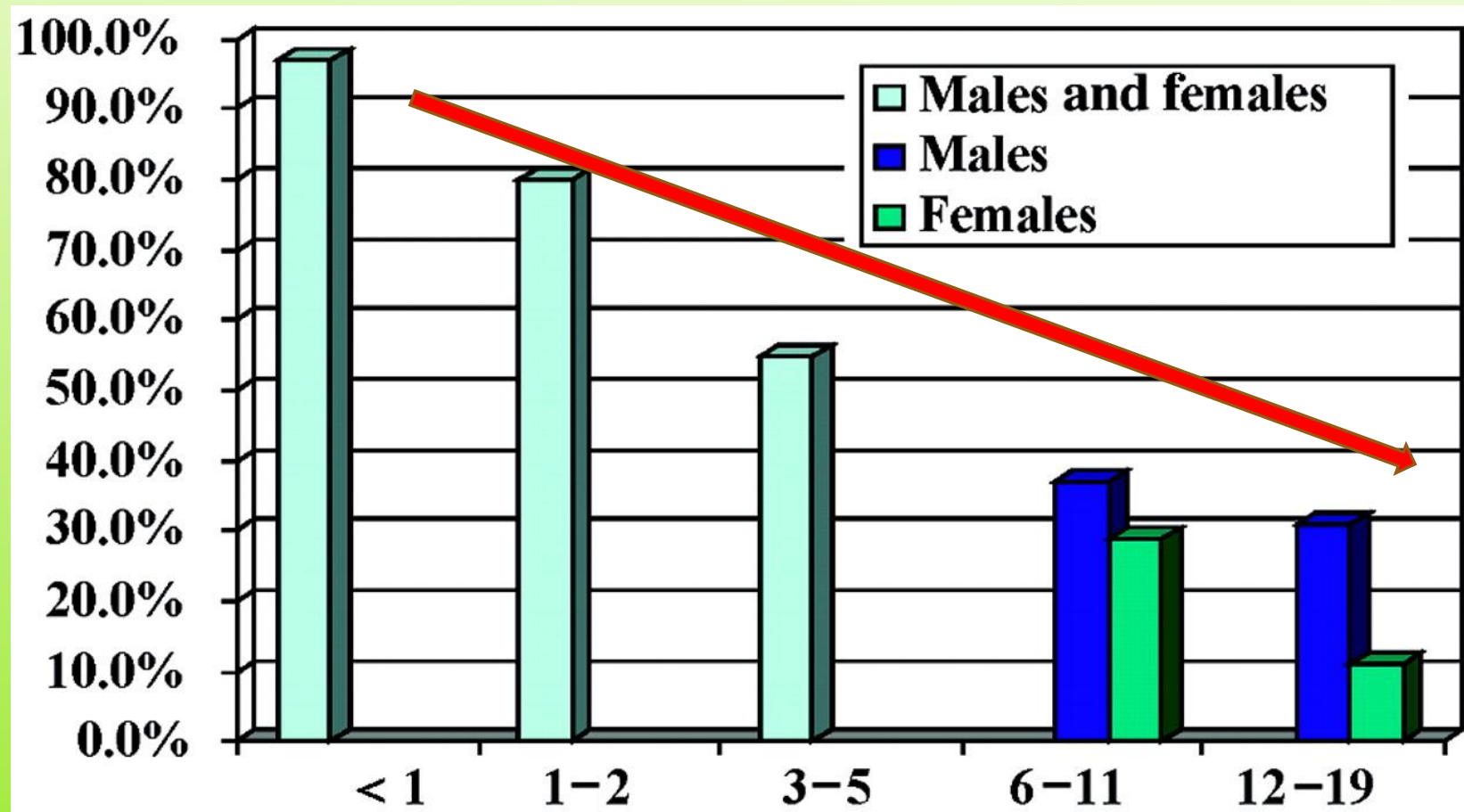
% of Americans not meeting nutrient recommendations





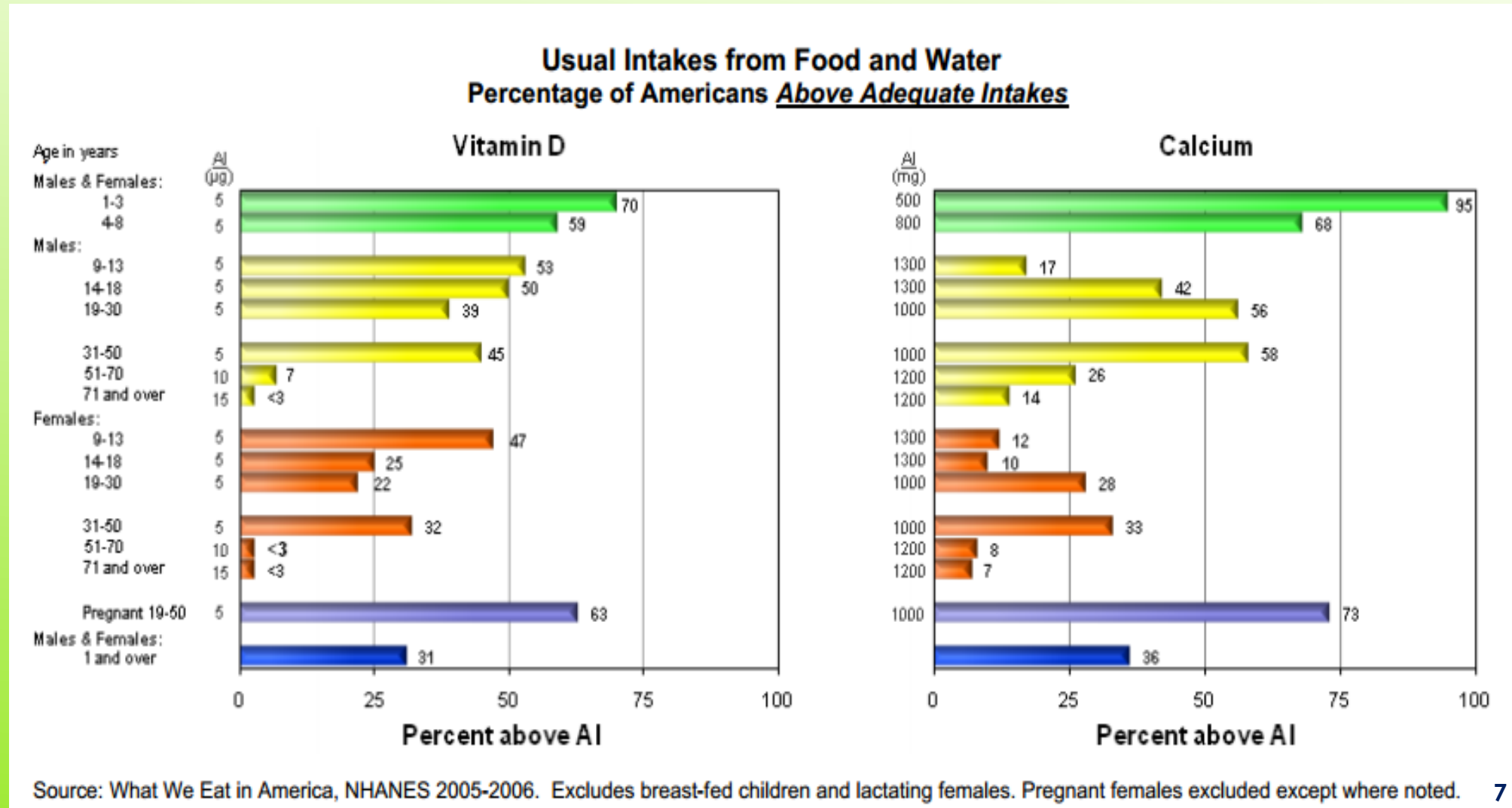
# CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS ARE NOT MEETING CALCIUM RECOMMENDATIONS

Percentage of children achieving the recommended daily adequate intake for calcium

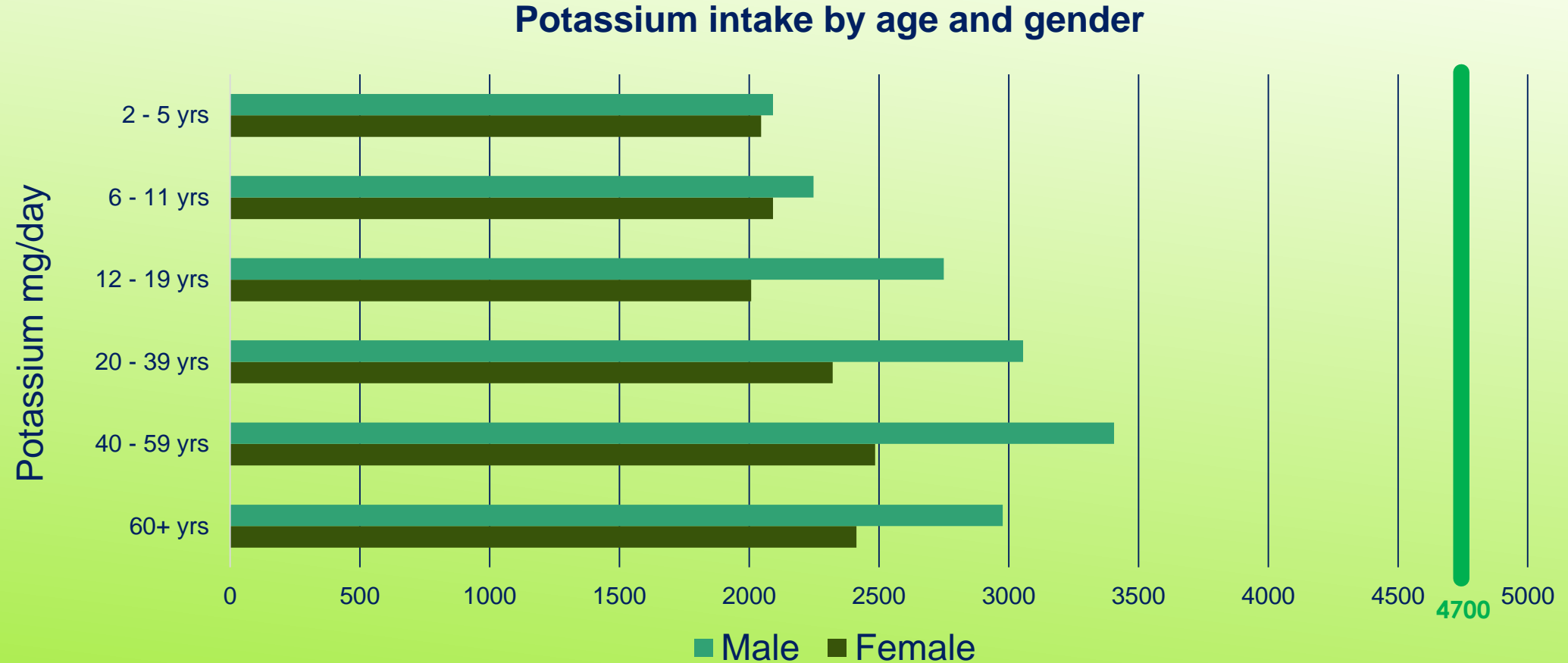


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# IN FACT, ROUGHLY 2/3 OF ALL AGES FALL SHORT ON INTAKE OF CALCIUM AND VITAMIN D



# FEMALES ACHIEVE ONLY ABOUT HALF OF THE RECOMMENDED POTASSIUM INTAKE PER DAY



The Institute of Medicine recommendation for Adequate Intake of Potassium is 4700 mg per day.  
The average potassium intake of the U.S. population 2 years and older is 2640 mg per day.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Hoy MK, Goldman JD. Potassium Intake of the U.S. Population: What We Eat In America, NHANES 2009-2010. Food Surveys Research Group Dietary Data Brief No. 10. September 2012.

# POTASSIUM BENEFITS



- ▶ Eating foods with potassium is important in controlling blood pressure because potassium blunts the effects of sodium.
- ▶ The more potassium we eat, the more sodium we pass out of the body through urine.
- ▶ Potassium also helps relax blood vessel walls, which helps lower blood pressure.

# WHAT FOODS HAVE POTASSIUM?



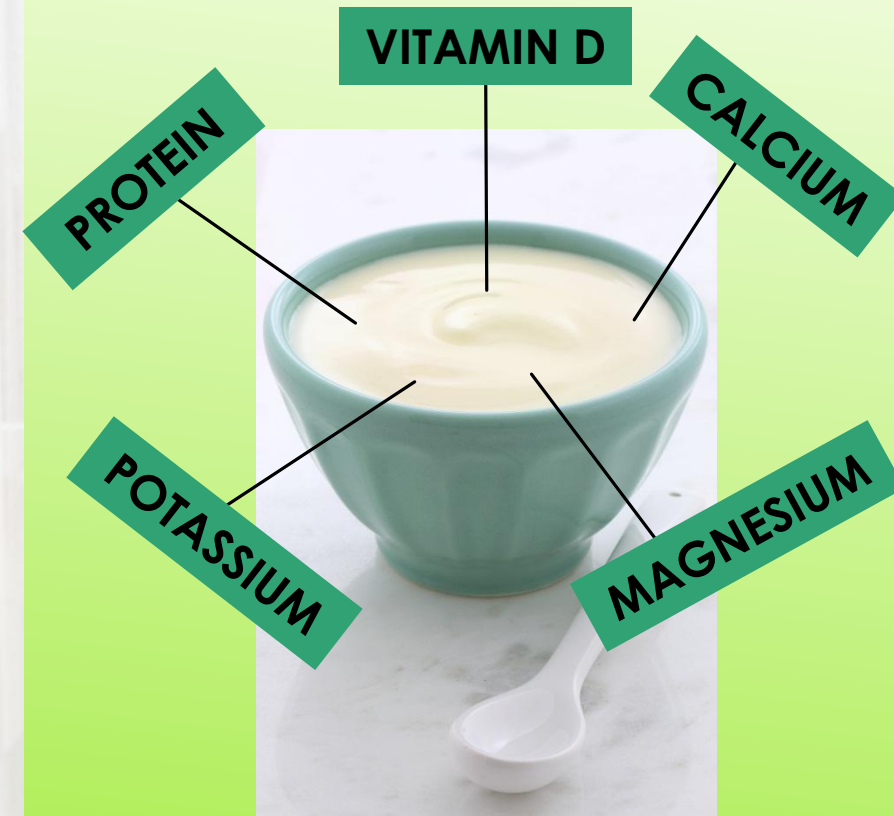
- ▶ Fruits, vegetables, fat-free or low-fat (1%) dairy foods and fish — are good natural sources of potassium
- ▶ For example, a medium banana has about 420 mg of potassium
- ▶ A half cup of plain mashed sweet potatoes has 475 mg

# IMPLICATIONS OF NUTRIENT GAPS

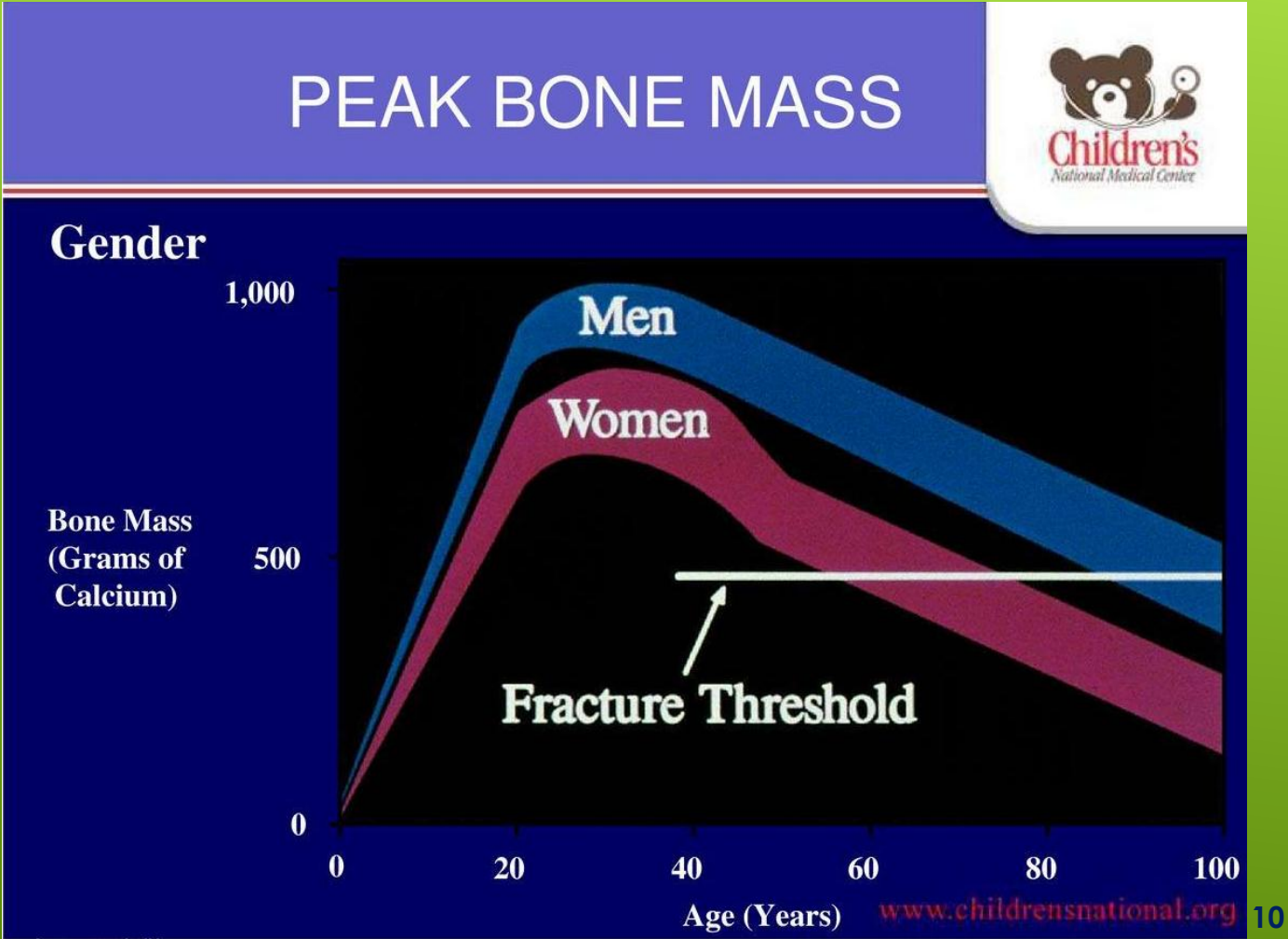
1. Adolescent bone health
2. Prenatal development
3. Osteoporosis
4. Health disparities



# DAIRY NUTRIENTS ARE KEY FOR DEVELOPING BABIES, ADEQUATE DIET DURING PREGNANCY AND MOTHERS' LONG TERM BONE HEALTH



# NEARLY HALF OF BONE MASS IS ACCUMULATED DURING TEEN YEARS AND 90% IS ATTAINED BY 20 YEARS OF AGE<sup>9</sup>

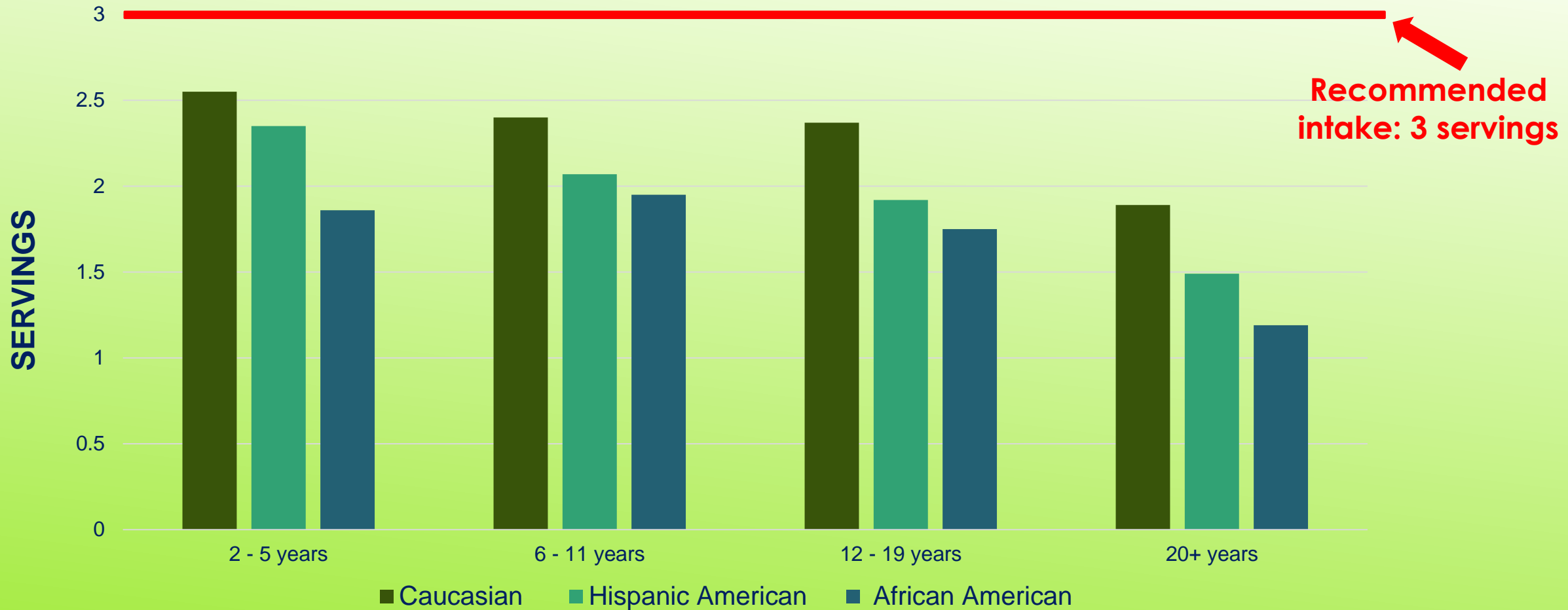


<sup>9</sup> National Institute for Health, Osteoporosis and Related Bone Diseases National Resource Center.

<sup>10</sup> Tosi, Laura L. Pediatric Bone Health from Bench to Bedside. Children's National Medical Center. January 2011.



# AFRICAN AMERICANS AND HISPANICS CONSUME LESS DAIRY



**AVERAGE AMERICAN DAIRY CONSUMPTION BY RACE**

<sup>16</sup> U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service. 2013. Food Patterns Equivalents Intakes from Food: Mean Amounts Consumed per Individual, by Race/Ethnicity and Age, What We Eat in America, NHANES 2009-2010.

# NUTRIENT GAPS MAY CONTRIBUTE TO HEALTH DISPARITIES

- ▶ Heart disease, hypertension, obesity and type 2 diabetes tend to disproportionately affect minorities.<sup>17</sup>
- ▶ Yogurt is linked to decreased risk of such diseases and linked to improved blood pressure and metabolic profile.<sup>18,19</sup>
- ▶ Minorities are also disproportionately affected by lactose intolerance, and yogurt is an easily digestible dairy option.<sup>17,20</sup>
- ▶ Yogurt was recently added to the WIC package recommendations<sup>21</sup>, and can help bring key nutrients to WIC participants.



<sup>17</sup> Bailey RK, Fileti CP, Keith J, Tropez-Sims S, Price W, Allison-Ottoy SD. Lactose intolerance and health disparities among African Americans and Hispanic Americans: An updated consensus statement. *J Natl Med Assoc.* 2013;105(2):112-27.

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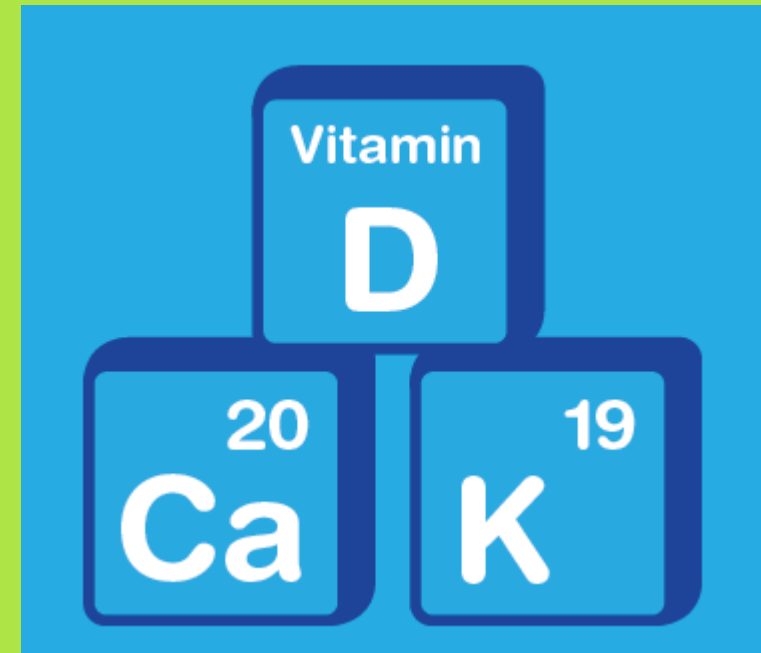
# WHAT IS LACTOSE INTOLERANCE?

- ▶ Lactose intolerance is a condition in which people have digestive symptoms—such as bloating, diarrhea, and gas—after eating or drinking milk or milk products.



# HOW DOES LACTOSE INTOLERANCE AFFECT HEALTH?

- ▶ Lactose intolerance may cause unpleasant symptoms that keep people from consuming milk and milk products that are major sources of calcium, potassium, vitamin D and other nutrients in the diet.



# IS THERE A SOLUTION?

- ▶ Most people with lactose intolerance can eat or drink some amount of lactose without having digestive symptoms. Individuals vary in the amount of lactose they can tolerate.
- ▶ What most people don't know is that yogurt can be a more easily digestible alternative to milk because it contains live and active cultures that aid lactose digestion.<sup>17</sup>
- ▶ Additionally, yogurt, on average, contains less lactose than milk and may allow more people to enjoy dairy products with fewer associated symptoms.<sup>20</sup>



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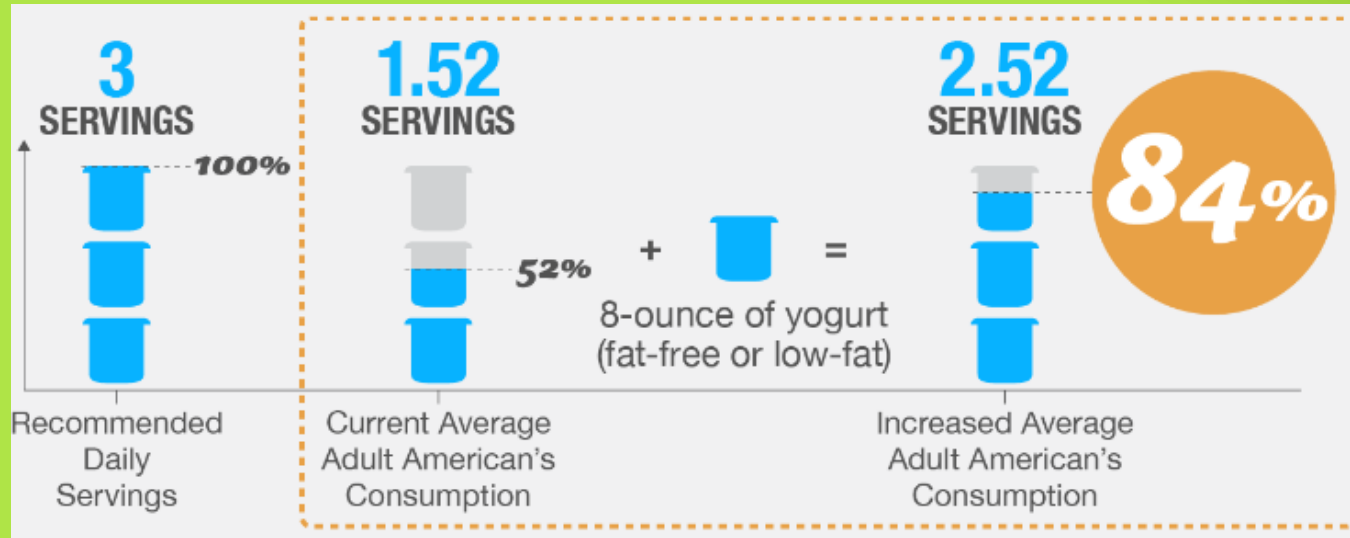
# DAIRY FOODS ARE NUTRIENT DENSE

Dairy foods including low-fat and nonfat yogurt, milk and cheese are nutrient dense and contribute high quality protein and calcium, among other nutrients, to the diet.

<b>Nutrient</b>	<b>Fruit NF Yogurt* (8 oz)</b>	<b>Plain NF Greek Yogurt (8 oz)</b>	<b>NF Milk* (1 cup)</b>	<b>NF Cheddar Cheese (1 oz)</b>	<b>American Cheese* (1 oz)</b>
<b>Protein</b>	9.99	24.97	8.75	9	5.08
<b>Carbohydrate</b>	43.13	8.82	12.3	2	1.34
<b>Calcium</b>	345	270	316	250	293
<b>Magnesium</b>	34	27	37	4	7
<b>Potassium</b>	440	345	419	18	37
<b>Vitamin D (IU)</b>	118	0	120	1	84
<b>Saturated Fat</b>	0.27	0.29	0.4	0	5.06
<b>Calories</b>	216	145	91	44	102

\*Fortified with vitamin D

# YOGURT: A SOLUTION



- ▶ Adding one yogurt to the diet every day would increase consumption of dairy from 52% (current average) to 84%.<sup>1</sup>
- ▶ Yogurt consumption is associated with bone mineral density and improved bone health.<sup>23</sup>
- ▶ Yogurt is a source of high-quality protein.<sup>18</sup>
- ▶ Yogurt consumers tend to have better metabolic profile and blood pressure.<sup>18,19</sup>

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# YOGURT: CONVENIENT, VERSATILE, ACCESSIBLE

- ▶ Pairs well and therefore may encourage the consumption of fruits, vegetables and whole grains.
- ▶ Low-fat or nonfat yogurt is a healthful choice from the dairy group that:
  - Is low in saturated fat.<sup>4</sup>
  - Is a lower sodium dairy option.<sup>4</sup>
  - Has lower lactose, with active cultures for easier digestion.<sup>20</sup>
  - Provides 25% more potassium than an equal 8 oz serving of milk.<sup>4</sup>



<sup>4</sup> U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, National Nutrient Database for Standard Reference, Release 27.

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# SUMMARY

- ▶ Most Americans do not meet recommended intake of dairy foods.
- ▶ A lack of dairy may contribute to nutrient gaps in dietary intake.
- ▶ Nutrient gaps – especially at certain stages like preconception, pregnancy, childhood, adolescence and later adulthood – are related to key health concerns.
- ▶ Education is key – one yogurt every day works well with other strategies to increase nutrient density and improve total diet quality.





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## QUESTIONS??



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