The Department of Health recommends that children under two need whole milk and full-fat cheese and yogurt. If they’re over two, they can have semi-skimmed milk and lower-fat dairy products if they are good eaters and growing well.

Skimmed and 1% milks are not suitable for children under five.

**Pregnancy & Breastfeeding**

The Department of Health recommendation for pregnant and breastfeeding women is the same as for adults (140 µg/day). However, the WHO recommendation is for 250 µg/day. See page 11 for information on supplements.

If you do not consume iodine rich foods seek advice from a healthcare professional before changing the diet.

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### Recommended iodine intake at different stages in life and the portion sizes of dairy that can help meet those needs

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| 1-3 years| 70                          | 100ml whole milk  
60g whole plain yogurt  
15g cheddar cheese  
These portion sizes provide approximately 72µg of iodine | 30  
38  
4.5 |
| 4-6 years| 100                         | A small carton (189ml) semi-skimmed milk  
80g whole plain yogurt  
20g cheddar cheese  
These portion sizes provide approximately 113µg of iodine | 57  
50  
6 |
| 7-10 years | 110                         | A small carton (189ml) semi-skimmed milk  
125g low-fat plain yogurt  
20g cheddar cheese  
These portion sizes provide approximately 107µg of iodine | 57  
43  
8 |
| 11-14 years | 130                         | 200ml semi-skimmed milk  
150g low-fat plain yogurt  
30g cheddar cheese  
These portion sizes provide approximately 120µg of iodine | 60  
51  
9 |
| 15-18 years | 140                         | 250ml semi-skimmed milk  
200g low-fat plain yogurt  
30g cheddar cheese  
These portion sizes provide approximately 152µg of iodine | 75  
68  
9 |
| 19+ years   | 140                         | 200ml semi-skimmed milk  
150g low-fat plain yogurt  
30g cheddar cheese  
These portion sizes provide approximately 120µg of iodine | 60  
51  
9 |

* RNI, Reference Nutrient Intake, is a figure set by the Department of Health, based on the minimum requirements for iodine plus a margin of safety to allow for different dietary patterns.

** Nutrient values for iodine in milk vary throughout the year, the figure given here is based on an average amount.