ARE CANADIANS EATING HEALTHY FOODS?



While Canada's Food Guide provides recommendations on what Canadians should eat, data on food availability give an idea what they do eat. To get a better idea of Canadians' eating habits, we can look at the change in the availability of certain foods based on whether they are recommended or not.

The availability of guide-recommended foods increased...

> **Availability** per person in 2019

% change from 2009

Salad oils

16.7 kg



+27.4%

Berries and citrus

21.1 kg



Selected fresh vegetables*

17.5 kg



...while the availability of discouraged foods decreased

> **Availability** per person

in 2019



Sugar

29.7 kg



Soda

56.1 .



Ice cream

4.2



Shortening oils

5.3 kg



% change from 2009

-6.3%

-36.5%

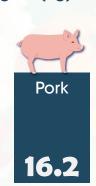
-23.9%

-32.1%

The availability of chicken rose, when compared with pork or beef.

Boneless weights (kg)







Availability **per person** in 2019

-15.4%

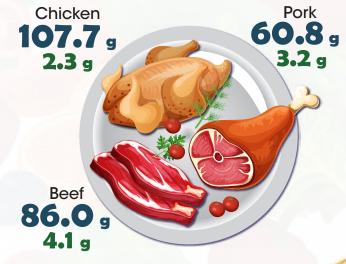
-6.0%

+12.7%

% change from 2009

According to the 2015 Canadian Community Health Survey - Nutrition, Canadians' saturated fat intake from chicken was lower than pork or beef.

> Meat consumption (average daily amount) Saturated fat



1. Statistics Canada, Food available in Canada (Table 32-10-0054). 2. Health Canada, Canada's Food Guide. 3. Statistics Canada, 2015 Canadian Community Health Survey - Nutrition.

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^{*} Asparagus, kale, spinach, tomatoes, cauliflower and peppers