

OMEGA-3 INDEX REPORT

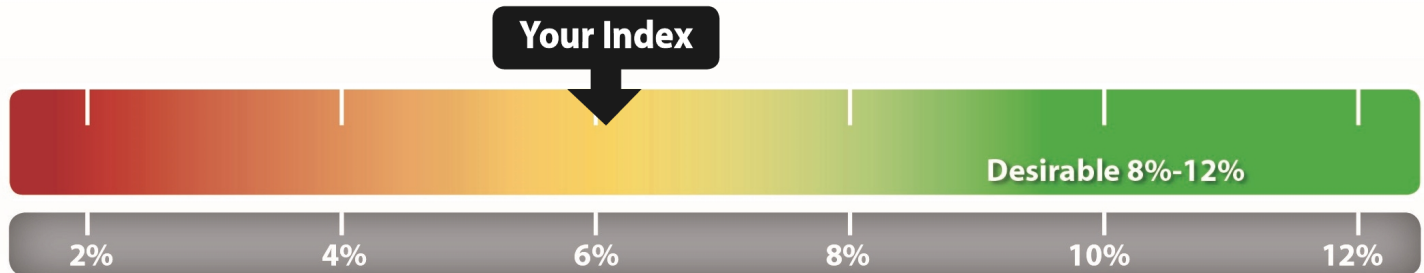
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Your Index

6.10%

Reference Range*: 2.90% - 12.90%



* Reference Ranges encompass about 99% of US adults. Visit our FAQ section for more information on ranges.

An Omega-3 Index in the range of 8-12% is one indicator of better overall health. As a part of an overall healthy lifestyle, an Omega-3 Index in the 8-12% range may help to maintain heart, brain, eye and joint health. The best way to increase your Omega-3 Index is to eat more omega-3 fatty acids, specifically EPA and DHA. These are found primarily in fish, especially "oily" fish such as those near the top in the accompanying table. They can also be obtained from dietary supplements (fish, krill, cod liver and algal oils).

The [2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans](#) states, "For the general population, consumption of about 8 ounces per week of a variety of seafood, which provide an average consumption of 250* mg per day of EPA and DHA, is associated with reduced cardiac deaths among individuals with and without pre-existing cardiovascular disease."

The advice from the [American Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics](#) is, "Based on recent literature, increasing consumption of polyunsaturated fatty acids with a particular focus on increasing omega-3 intake (i.e., striving to consume two or more servings of fatty fish per week to provide at least 500* mg EPA and DHA per day...) is desirable."

The [FDA](#) has determined that the consumption of up to 3000 mg/day of EPA and DHA is generally recognized as safe.

The amount of EPA+DHA you would need to eat in order to raise your Omega-3 Index into the desirable range cannot be predicted with certainty. Many factors – your age, sex, weight, diet, genetics, smoking habits, medications you may be taking, and other medical conditions – can all influence your body's response to EPA+DHA. However, research has shown that on average for most Americans, weekly consumption of 3 servings of non-fried fish plus taking a supplement should raise the Omega-3 Index into the desirable range.

It should be noted that, because they have a different chemical structure than EPA and DHA, the omega-3 fatty acid found in flax or chia seeds (alpha-linolenic acid, ALA) are distinct from EPA and DHA. We do not recommend any increase to ALA intake for the purpose of increasing Omega-3 Index.

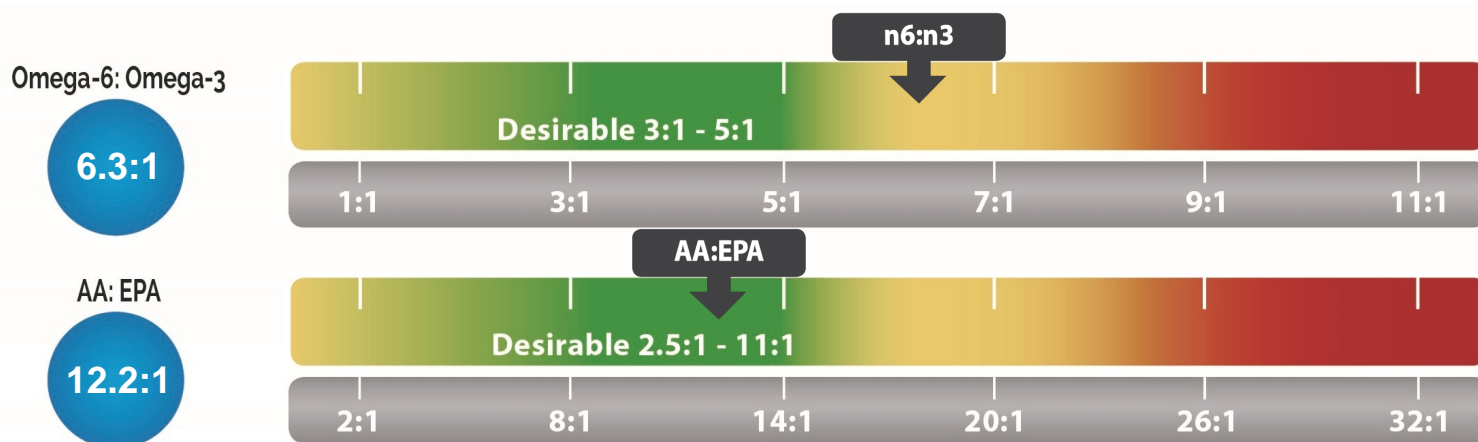
After you increase your intake of EPA+DHA, your Omega-3 Index will begin to slowly go up within a few days, but will continue to change for 3-4 months. To know how your own body responds to an increased intake of EPA+DHA, we recommend that you re-measure your Omega-3 Index in 3-4 months. Once you reach the healthy range for Omega-3 Index, we recommend that you re-test every 6 months to make sure it is staying there.

*The difference between 250 and 500 mg/day recommendations is that the former would be provided by "8 oz of a variety of seafood" whereas the latter would be provided by the same number of servings of "fatty fish". Fatty fish contains about twice the amount of EPA and DHA as does seafood in general.

OMEGA RATIOS REPORT

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE OMEGA-6:OMEGA-3 AND THE AA:EPA RATIOS

Omega-6:Omega-3 ratio is calculated by dividing the sum of seven omega-6 fatty acids by the sum of four omega-3 fatty acids. The only two fatty acids included in the AA:EPA ratio are arachidonic acid (AA, 20:4n-6) and eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA, 20:5n-3).

The desirable range for the omega-6:omega-3 ratio is 3:1 to 5:1, and the desirable range for the AA:EPA ratio is 2.5:1 – 11:1.

These ranges were derived from thousands of individuals whose RBC samples were analyzed for the Omega-3 Index and for these two ratios. Because the Omega-3 Index is so strongly related to each of these ratios, the desirable ranges for these two ratios were calculated to correspond to the desirable range for the Omega-3 Index.

As described in the Omega-3 Index report, the best way to lower both the Omega-6:Omega-3 and the AA:EPA ratios is to consume more omega-3 fatty acids. As described below in the Omega-6 fatty acids section of this report, the latest scientific literature supports higher, not lower, intakes/levels of the principal omega-6 fatty acid, linoleic acid. Therefore, we do not recommend lowering your intake of linoleic acid as a strategy to lower these ratios. Raising your intake of EPA+DHA from seafoods and/or omega-3 supplements will, however, decrease both of these ratios (and raise your Omega-3 Index).

As described in the Omega-3 Index report, it will take 3-4 months for these ratios to reach their new levels.

TRANS FAT INDEX REPORT

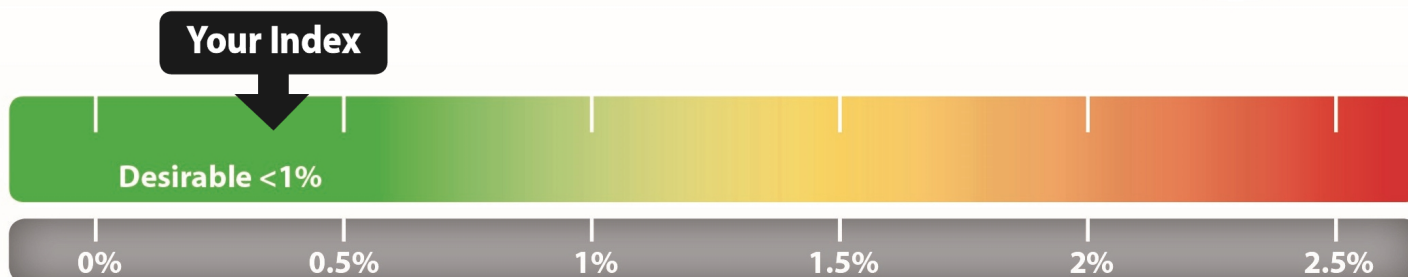
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Your Index

Reference Range*: 0.30% - 2.42%

0.36%



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Trans fatty acids (commonly called *trans*fats) in our blood come only from the food we eat. Our body cannot make trans fats, like it can saturated and mono-unsaturated fats. The vast majority (80-90%) of trans fats we eat in America are industrially-produced trans fats*. These are produced by the "partial hydrogenation" of liquid vegetable oils, which is a chemical process that converts liquid oils into solid margarines and shortenings. Consumption of industrially-produced trans fats has been linked to poorer heart health and increased levels of "bad" cholesterol and decreased levels of "good" cholesterol. The Dietary Guidelines for Americans state that "trans fats can raise the risk of developing cardiovascular disease." Accordingly, the Guidelines recommend "keeping the intake of trans fat as low as possible by limiting foods containing partially hydrogenated oils." The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has taken several steps to remove as much industrial trans fats from the American diet as possible.

Unfortunately, it is virtually impossible to know for certain how much trans fat is in your diet. This is because varying amounts of trans fats are included in thousands of food products, and the amounts in any given food product can change over time depending on the prices of the fats used to produce the food and the success of food companies in finding other fats to replace trans fats. In general, the foods that provide the most trans fats in the American diet include cakes, cookies, pies, pastries, French fries, tortilla chips, crackers, popcorn, and stick margarines, as seen on the accompanying Trans Fat Table.

The Trans Fat Index is simply the amount of industrially-produced trans fats that are in your red blood cell membranes. Blood levels of trans fats reflect levels in the diet – the more you eat, the higher they are in the blood. Historically, Americans ate too much trans fat, but over the last several years the food industry has steadily removed trans fats from many products. In fact, since 2009, the average Trans Fat Index measured at OmegaQuant has decreased by half (from 1.7% to 0.8%). In other words, in 2017 more than half of the samples submitted to OmegaQuant have a Trans Fat Index of <1%.

Individuals who have been eating typical American diets for decades have relatively high levels of trans fatty acids stored in their fat tissue. The more they've eaten (and the more fat tissue they have), the larger the body's total burden of trans fats. When a person cuts down on trans fat intake, these fatty acids start to slowly "leak" out of the fat tissue and eventually get burned up, but the process is slow. Unfortunately, research on the question of "How slow?" has never been done, so nobody really knows. Consequently, the only way to track the loss of trans fats from your body is to periodically test your Trans Fat Index every 6 to 12 months.

*Trans fats are also produced by ruminant bacteria and are present in full-fat dairy products and beef. Blood levels of these types of trans fats are not linked to poor heart health and, in fact, may be beneficial. The Trans Fat Index does not include this kind of "natural" trans fat.

Fish and Seafood	EPA	DHA	EPA+DHA
Atlantic Salmon (farmed)	587	1238	1825
Pacific Herring	1056	751	1807
Atlantic Herring	773	939	1712
Atlantic Salmon (wild)	349	1215	1564
Bluefin Tuna	309	970	1279
Pink Salmon (wild)	456	638	1094
Coho Salmon (farmed)	347	740	1087
Mackerel (canned)	369	677	1046
Sockeye Salmon (wild)	451	595	1046
Chum Salmon (canned)	402	597	999
Rainbow Trout (farmed)	284	697	981
Coho Salmon (wild)	341	559	900
Sardines (canned)	402	433	835
Albacore (or white) Tuna (canned)	198	535	733
Shark (raw)	267	444	711
Swordfish	117	579	696
Sea Bass	175	473	648
Pollock	77	383	460
Flat Fish (Flounder/Sole)	207	219	426
Blue Crab	207	196	403
Halibut	77	318	395
Oysters (farmed)	195	179	374
King Crab	251	100	351
King Mackerel	148	193	341
Walleye	93	245	338
Dungeness Crab	239	96	335
Scallops	141	169	310
Skipjack Tuna	77	201	278
Mixed Shrimp	145	122	267
Clams	117	124	241
Yellowfin Tuna	40	197	237
Light Chunk Tuna	40	190	230
Catfish (wild)	85	116	201
Catfish (farmed)	42	109	151
Cod	3	131	134
Mahi-Mahi (dolphin fish)	22	96	118
Tilapia	4	111	115
Orange Roughy	5	21	26

Dietary Supplements – Amount (mg) per 1,000 mg capsule or per teaspoon

Standard Fish Oil Capsules	180	120	300
Fish Oil Concentrates (many varieties)	100-400	100-400	300-700
Cod Liver Oil (teaspoon)	300	500	800
Krill Oil	100-300	50-150	150-450
Algal Oil	50-150	100-300	150-450

Food	Amount	Trans Fat (g)
Margarine, stick	1 Tbsp (15g)	2.1
Biscuits (from refrigerated dough)	1 biscuit	2.0
Cinnamon rolls with Icing (from refrigerated dough)	1 roll	1.9
Mashed potatoes, dehydrated with milk and margarine	1 cup	1.5
Frosting, coconut	1 serving (38 g)	1.4
Muffins, almond poppyseed (from box)	1 muffin (41 g)	1.1
Iced Oatmeal cookies	1 cookie (28 g)	1.0
Margarine, tub	1 Tbsp (15g)	0.8
Chocolate chip cookie dough, refrigerated	1 cookie (33 g)	0.8
Crème-filled snack sponge cakes	1 cake (28 g)	0.5
Butter, salted	1 Tbsp (14 g)	0.5
Chicken strips, fried	1 strip	0.4
Refrigerated bread dough	1 serving (52 g)	0.3
Frozen cheese pizza, rising crust (baked)	1 slice (1/4 pie)	0.3
Bacon, egg and cheese croissant, fast food	1 sandwich	0.3
American cheese	1 slice (28 g)	0.3
Candy, licorice cherry bites	18 pieces	0.2
Saltine Crackers	5 crackers	0.2
Crispy chicken sandwich, fast food	1 sandwich	0.2
Cheese puffs	1 package (35 g)	0.2
Chex Mix	1 package (49 g)	0.2
Cornbread (from mix)	1 muffin	0.1
Garlic bread, frozen	1 slice	0.1
Tortilla chips, ranch-flavor	~8 chips (28 g)	0.1
Chocolate chip cookies, commercial	1 cookie	0.1
French toast sticks, refrigerated	2 pieces	0.1
Chocolate frosting (butter)	2 Tbsp	0.1