

Add Protein to Your Plate

Easy High-Protein Meal Ideas (20-30g protein each)

Meal	Ingredients / Ideas	Protein Estimate
Egg & Cheese Sandwich	2 eggs + 1 oz cheese + 2 slices whole grain bread	~22g
Tuna Salad Plate	1 can tuna + 1 tbsp mayo + whole wheat crackers or bread + veggie sticks	~25g
Peanut Butter Banana Wrap	2 tbsp peanut butter + 1 small banana + whole wheat tortilla	~20g
Yogurt Power Bowl	1 cup Greek yogurt + 2 tbsp granola + 1 tbsp seeds/nuts	~25g
Cheesy Bean Quesadilla	½ cup black beans + 1 oz shredded cheese in tortilla	~20g
Simple Stir-Fry	3 oz chicken or tofu + frozen stir-fry veggies + ½ cup cooked rice	~25–30g
Quick Chili Bowl	¾ cup canned chili + sprinkle of cheese + side of cornbread	~23g
Cottage Cheese Plate	1 cup cottage cheese + fruit + whole grain toast	~28g
Ham & Cheese Omelet	2 eggs + 1 oz ham + 1 oz cheese	~25g
Turkey & Hummus Wrap	2 oz deli turkey + 2 tbsp hummus + tortilla	~22g



Protein-Packed Snacks (8-15g per snack)

Combine 2–3 snacks throughout the day to boost protein!

Snack	Ingredients / Ideas	Protein Estimate
Hard-Boiled Eggs (2)	Sprinkle with pepper or paprika	~12g
Peanut Butter Crackers	2 tbsp peanut butter + 4–6 whole grain crackers	~10g
Trail Mix	1/4 cup nuts + 2 tbsp dried fruit + 1 tbsp seeds	~8–10g
String Cheese + Apple	1 cheese stick + 1 small apple	~7g
Protein Shake	1 scoop protein powder + 1 cup milk or soy milk	~20g
Cottage Cheese Cup	½ cup cottage cheese + fruit or veggie sticks	~14g
Hummus & Veggies	¼ cup hummus + carrots/celery or pita	~6–8g
Greek Yogurt Cup (5oz)	Look for plain or lower sugar versions	~12–15g
Edamame (steamed)	½ cup shelled edamame	~9g
Almond Butter Banana Bites	Banana slices + almond butter	~6–8g

Tips to Boost Protein:

- Add cheese, eggs, nuts, seeds, beans, or nut butters to meals and snacks.
- Choose **Greek yogurt** or **cottage cheese** over regular yogurt.
- Keep hard-boiled eggs, string cheese, and nut packs on hand for grab-and-go.
- Use **protein-rich drinks** if chewing is difficult or when on the go.

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