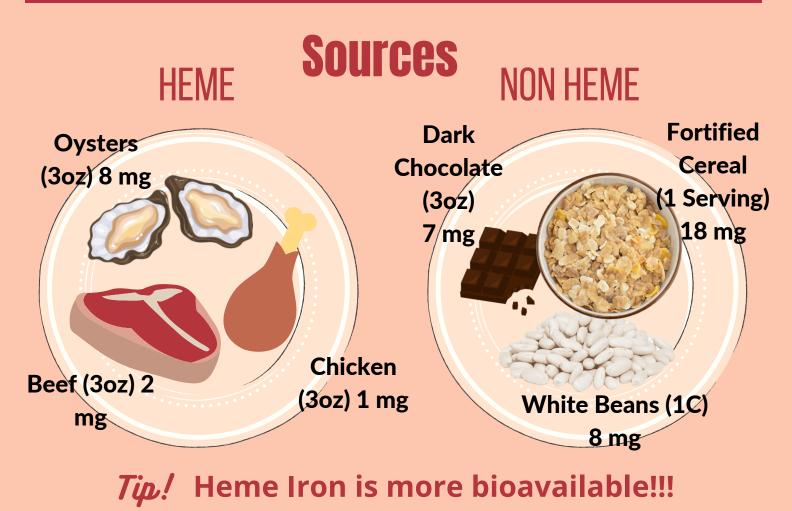




<u>Recommended Daily Allowance</u>

Age	Male	Female	Pregnant	Lactation
14-18	11 mg	15 mg	27 mg	10 mg
19-50	8 mg	18 mg	27 mg	9 mg
51+	8 mg	8 mg		



<u>Main Functions</u>

Energy! Iron is component of hemoglobin that transports

oxygen from lungs to body

Muscles! necessary for muscle metabolism and healthy connective tissue

Growth and Development! necessary for growth, brain development, cell function and hormone production



<u>Deficiency Condition - Anemia</u>

Poor diet, poor absorption, blood loss, including infants, young children, pregnancy, premenopausal women

Symptoms!

Digestion problems, weakness, fatigue, difficulty concentrating, infections

<u>Fun Facts</u>

- Iron has been used for therapeutic purposes dating back to 1200 BC
- Too much iron can be toxic. Supplements should be stored away from children!

For more information: https://ods.od.nih.gov/factsheets/Iron-Consumer/ Erica Aldin MTSU Dietetics Student April 2022

