



## SUPER BOWL XLVII PARTY BY THE NUMBERS

What's in a number? A lot, if you are hosting a party! Knowing your numbers ensures that you will have sufficient food and drinks and subsequently, that your guests will have an enjoyable time at your party. Below is a numbers chart that modified for the Super Bowl. *Estimates are based on a 3-hour casual party during dinner time.*

When to send out the invitation?	2 weeks before the event date
How much food?	20 pieces per person since hors d'oeuvres are replacing dinner
How many types of hors d'oeuvres?	4-5 different kinds for up to 35 guests 7-9 different kinds for 35-60 guests 9+ different kinds for more than 60 guests
How many cocktail napkins?	6 per person; reduce if using small plates
How many drinks?	2 drinks per person the first hour; one drink per person each additional hour
What type of beer should I offer?	Domestic, import and light beer. Alternately, in lieu of an import, offer a hand-crafted microbrew.
What type of soft drinks should I offer?	Regular, diet and caffeine-free soda
How many cups?	1 cup per person per hour
How much ice?	1 pound per person
How much seating?	Lots – plan to seat at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of your guests. An eclectic mix of floor pillows, bar stools and folding chairs great options when the couch fills up!

These numbers are *rules of thumb*. In practice, I always round up my numbers; it's good insurance for unexpected guests!