Researchers at the University of Granada have found that people tend to get too much fat and not enough <u>protein and carbohydrates</u> during Ramadan. The study followed university students taking part in Ramadan and compared their macronutrient consumption to recommendations and people who weren't following the fast.

On average the fasters consumed 48 percent of their calories from fat, much more than the recommended 30 percent. They got only 9 percent of their energy from protein and 43 percent from carbohydrates. The normal recommendations are about 15 percent protein and 50 to 60 percent carbs, according to researchers.

They said people need to be informed of what a healthier diet looks like and be given information on how to pack healthier meals into the nighttime hours.

In case you were wondering, not all Muslims are required to fast. Children, pregnant women and diabetics who use insulin are exempt from the obligation.

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