

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Washington County, Arkansas?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-05.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

No

BUSINESS LICENSE

No

SALES CAP

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ARKANSAS RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Arkansas permits PDF](#)[Arkansas cottage food law page](#)[Arkansas Department of Health cottage food program](#)[Statute: A.C.A. §20-57-201 \(Act 1040 of 2021\)](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Washington County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Washington County, Arkansas. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

No

LOCAL HEALTH

No

BUSINESS LICENSE

No

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Yes

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

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Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

Where to file

State

Arkansas registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Retail and wholesale sales are allowed so long as the product is sold to an informed end consumer who can see the product label; sales to businesses for ingredient use or gift resale are not permitted.

Arkansas permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/arkansas.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/arkansas

Arkansas Department of Health: <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

Statute: [A.C.A. §20-57-201 \(Act 1040 of 2021\)](#)

Zoning / home occupation

No. Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts local government from restricting home food producers. No home occupation permit can be required for cottage food operations in Washington County.

Health

No. State Food Freedom Act preempts all regulation; no inspection authority

Business license

No

Pickup / delivery

All sales channels allowed including interstate sales (unusual — Arkansas is one of few states allowing this). Direct, online, retail, wholesale, restaurant sales all permitted.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

A commissary needs a food-service permit. Arkansas cottage food does not replace a food-service permit. Shared and commercial kitchens are permitted by the Arkansas Department of Health.

Official source: [AR DOH food protection](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.washingtoncountyar.gov>

This file is the home-kitchen path. A rented kitchen uses a different permit. Ask the kitchen manager which license they expect, then call the local health office.

SOURCES

<https://www.washingtoncountyar.gov>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

Washington County and nearby places

Regulation	Washington County	Benton County	Crawford County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified; producers must operate from primary residence kitchen	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies	No specific pet restriction in state law.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Conditional	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	All sales channels allowed including interstate sales (unusual — Arkansas is one of few states allowing this). Direct, online, retail, whol...	Direct and indirect sales; farmers markets, events, retail stores, online permitted	Almost all channels allowed including direct to consumer, retail, wholesale (if informed end consumer is final buyer), internet sales, and ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	Varies	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	Varies	No
RESTRICTIONS	Arkansas Food Freedom Act (July 2021) — among the most permissive nationally. No registration, no inspection, no sales cap, no food handler...	Non-TCS non-potentially-hazardous foods; no state license, permit, or inspection required; labeling required	Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201, eff. July 2021) expressly preempts both state and local government restrictions on home food ...
FOOD STORAGE	No refrigerated TCS finished products; acidified foods (pickles) require pH testing (≤ 4.6) and batch-number labeling	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions	Non-potentially hazardous foods must be stored appropriately; no specific state mandate.
POPULATION	247,331	286,528	60,593

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These Crosodo pages cover the same home cottage-food path:

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