

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Hamilton County, Indiana?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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INDIANA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Indiana permits PDF](#)[Indiana cottage food law page](#)[Indiana State Department of Health cottage food program](#)[Statute: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Hamilton County, Indiana. 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

Varies

LOCAL HEALTH

Upon-complaint

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

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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Indiana permits PDF →

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/indiana.pdf>

Indiana cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/indiana>

Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/indiana/hamilton-county>

Hamilton County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/indiana/hamilton-county>

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

Where to file

State

Indiana registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. Sales to restaurants, retail stores, and wholesale are prohibited; producers may sell at events, farmers markets, home, online, and roadside stands only.

Indiana permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/indiana.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/indiana

Indiana State Department of Health: [https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-\(cottage-foods\)/](https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-(cottage-foods)/)

Statute: [Ind. Code §16-42-5.2](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Varies. Hamilton County Health Dept page (hamiltoncounty.in.gov/268/Home-Based-Vendors) addresses HBV state rules. Local municipalities (Noblesville, Carmel, Fishers, Westfield) may require home occupation permits under their zoning ordinances; operator should verify with local city planning

Health

Upon-complaint. IDOH may investigate complaints of unsafe food or foodborne illness; no routine inspections

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

In-person, telephone, internet sales allowed; delivery in-person, by mail, or third-party carrier within Indiana only; not for resale

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Local health departments license retail food. Indiana home-based vendor rules do not replace a retail food establishment permit. A commissary is licensed by the local health department.

Official source: [ISDH food protection](#)

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

[https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-\(cottage-foods\)/](https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-(cottage-foods)/)

<https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/268/Home-Based-Vendors>

<https://ag.purdue.edu/departments/foodsci/home-based-vendors.html>

Hamilton County and nearby places

Regulation	Hamilton County	Madison County	Hancock County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Good sanitation practices required; no specific state pet rule but kitchen cleanliness standards apply	Not explicitly prohibited; kitchen sanitation required.	Not specified in state statute; good hygienic practices required.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	In-person, telephone, internet sales allowed; delivery in-person, by mail, or third-party carrier within Indiana only; not for resale	Sales permitted from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, online, and other venues per 2022 expanded state law.	Products may be sold in-person, online, shipped within Indiana, and delivered to the end consumer. No sales to warehouses, retail food esta...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Food prepared at producer's primary residence only; non-TCS foods only; ANAB-accredited food handler certificate required; label must state...	Non-potentially hazardous foods produced at the individual's primary residence. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) must be provided...	Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen. Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowe...
FOOD STORAGE	Stored in sanitary conditions at residence	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Stored in food-safe containers.	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized.
POPULATION	349,527	130,545	80,170

More pages for this place

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

Indiana permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/indiana.pdf

Indiana cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/indiana

Hamilton County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/indiana/hamilton-county