

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

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 Hancock County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Hancock 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

Conditional

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>

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

[Hancock County cottage food law page →](#)

<https://crosodo.com/states/indiana/hancock-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

Conditional. State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor foods. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Hancock County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.

Health

Upon-complaint. State statute expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Products may be sold in-person, online, shipped within Indiana, and delivered to the end consumer. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers. All sales must be direct to the end consumer.

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.hancockcounty.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.hancockcounty.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.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf>

<https://www.hancockin.gov/224/Food-Establishment-Permit-Application>

Hancock County and nearby places

Regulation	Hancock County	Henry County	Shelby County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state statute; good hygienic practices required.	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and 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	Products may be sold in-person, online, shipped within Indiana, and delivered to the end consumer. No sales to warehouses, retail food esta...	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party ...	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen. Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowe...	Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-tim...	Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-tim...
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized.	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.
POPULATION	80,170	47,972	44,436

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

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