

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Monroe 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 Monroe County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Monroe 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

Conditional

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 →

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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. Monroe County requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones (unincorporated areas). Business registration required; use must be secondary to residential character; no more than normal residential traffic levels permitted. City of Bloomington has its own rules that differ from county-level regulations.

Planning: <https://www.monroecounty.gov/planning>

Health

Upon-complaint. Monroe County Health Department investigates foodborne illness complaints. No routine pre-operational inspection required under state law (state preempts local inspection requirements per HEA 1149).

Health: <https://www.monroecounty.gov/health>

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Monroe County limits or prohibits customer visits to home businesses — no increase in traffic beyond normal residential levels. State law (post-2022 HEA 1149) expanded allowable sales venues statewide; but Monroe County's zoning-level home occupation rules limit customer traffic.

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.monroecounty.gov/health>

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.monroecounty.gov/health>

<https://www.monroecounty.gov/planning>

<https://www.monroecounty.gov>

<https://www.in.gov/counties/monroe/government/health-department/food-safety/>

https://www.co.monroe.in.us/egov/documents/1608579852_39089.pdf

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/monroe-county-in>

<https://www.monroecounty.gov/health>

<https://www.monroecounty.gov/planning>

Monroe County and nearby places

Regulation	Monroe County	Morgan County	Lawrence County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.	Not specified in state law	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	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Monroe County limits or prohibits customer visits to home businesses — no increase in traffic beyond normal residential levels. State law (...)	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state	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	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Under the 2022 HEA 1149 framework: products must be non-potentially hazardous, made at the individual's primary residence, and sold only at...	No sales cap. Food handler certification (specific course) required. Inspection upon complaint only. Direct sales to consumers; no wholesal...	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	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Products stored per Monroe County Health Department guidance in food-safe containers.	Appropriate storage to maintain non-PHF status	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.
POPULATION	140,065	71,757	45,370

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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