

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Allegan County, Michigan?

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

\$50,000 / year

MICHIGAN RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Michigan permits PDF](#)

[Michigan cottage food law page](#)

[Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development cottage food program](#)

[Statute: MCL §289.4102](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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

What you need

Allegan County, Michigan. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

\$50,000 / year

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Varies

LOCAL HEALTH

No

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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[Michigan permits PDF →](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/michigan.pdf)

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[Michigan cottage food law page →](https://crosodo.com/states/michigan)

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

Where to file

State

Michigan registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Sales through retail stores, restaurants, or wholesale are prohibited. Online sales, mail order, and third-party delivery platform sales (e.g., DoorDash) are allowed in-state only, but require the producer to offer the customer an opportunity to directly interact (face-to-face or virtually) before purchase. A separate \$75,000 cap applies if all products are priced at \$250 or more per item. Honey and maple syrup have a separate exemption permitting indirect retail sales up to \$15,000/year.

Michigan permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/michigan.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/michigan

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods>

Statute: [MCL §289.4102](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Varies. No specific Allegan County home occupation permit requirements found for cottage food. Michigan state law does not require local permits. Allegan County unincorporated areas or city of Allegan may have general home occupation zoning requirements. Contact Allegan County Planning for local specifics.

Health

No. Michigan does not require routine inspections for cottage food operations. Complaint-driven investigation possible.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Michigan allows direct sales only: from home, online, mail order, third-party delivery platforms (with in-person or virtual interaction), farmers markets, events. No wholesale to restaurants or retail stores. \$50,000 annual cap (as of March 2026).

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Local health departments license food service. Michigan cottage food is an exemption. A commissary is a food service establishment licensed by the local health department.

Official source: [MDARD foods](#)

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

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods>

<https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102>

Allegan County and nearby places

Regulation	Allegan County	Van Buren County	Barry County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.	Not specified in state statute.	No state prohibition; pets should be excluded during production per good practice
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Michigan allows direct sales only: from home, online, mail order, third-party delivery platforms (with in-person or virtual interaction), f...	Direct sales with face-to-face or virtual interaction required. Online and mail order now allowed (2025 amendment). No wholesale or consign...	Direct sales only per state law; online/mail order allowed under 2025 amendment (effective March 2026). No wholesale or consignment.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Michigan allows non-potentially hazardous cottage foods from a home kitchen. No registration or inspection required. Sales cap raised to \$5...	Non-potentially hazardous foods produced in a home kitchen. \$50,000 annual sales cap (effective March 2026 per 2025 HB 4122). Direct sales ...	Michigan cottage food law allows home kitchen production of non-PHF foods. \$50,000 annual cap (raised 2025, effective March 2026). No regis...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable products only per approved list. Two specific buttercream frosting recipes permitted. Acidified food...	Non-potentially hazardous products must be stored properly. Only two approved buttercream frosting recipes permitted.	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods; properly labeled and stored
POPULATION	120,189	75,636	62,581

More pages for this place

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

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