

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

## What you need

Monroe 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.

### CONTINUE ONLINE

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

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[Monroe County cottage food law page →](https://crosodo.com/states/michigan/monroe-county)

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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](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/michigan.pdf)

State law page: [crosodo.com/states/michigan](https://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. Monroe County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.

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

### Health

No. No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement by MDARD.

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

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer sales only. No consignment or wholesale. Online and third-party delivery platform sales now allowed with interaction requirement per 2025 amendment.

### 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.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.

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**SOURCES**

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

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

<https://www.monroecounty.gov>

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

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

<https://www.monroecounty.gov>

## Monroe County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Monroe County                                                                                                                                   | Lenawee County                                                                                                                                 | Washtenaw County                                                                                                                                |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                              |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.                                                                                 | No specific state prohibition, but good manufacturing practices recommend keeping pets out of food production areas.                           | No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.                                                                            |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                              |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct-to-consumer sales only. No consignment or wholesale. Online and third-party delivery platform sales now allowed with interaction req...  | Direct sales allowed from home, at farmers markets, at events; online/mail order and third-party delivery allowed per 2025 HB 4122 (effecti... | Direct to consumer only. No consignment or wholesale. Online/mail/third-party delivery with face-to-face or virtual interaction permitted p...  |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Michigan allows home kitchen cottage food with no registration or inspection required. Annual sales cap \$50,000 (raised by HB 4122, 2025 am... | Michigan cottage food law allows home kitchen production of non-potentially hazardous foods with no registration, no inspection, and no per... | Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102) allows non-PHF foods from home kitchens with annual gross sales cap of \$50,000 (raised by HB 4122... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Non-PHF products only; no fermented/acidified foods, pickles, fruit butters. Proper storage required.                                           | Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored to prevent contamination.                                                   | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.                                                                                                                |
| POPULATION                 | 154,823                                                                                                                                         | 99,263                                                                                                                                         | 370,231                                                                                                                                         |

## More pages for this place

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

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

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