

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Monroe County, Pennsylvania?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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PENNSYLVANIA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Pennsylvania permits PDF](#)[Pennsylvania cottage food law page](#)[Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture cottage food program](#)[Statute: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737](#)**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, Pennsylvania. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Conditional

LOCAL HEALTH

Yes

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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Pennsylvania permits PDF →

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

Pennsylvania cottage food law page →

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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

Pennsylvania registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: Yes. Registration includes sales direct from the production site including internet sales. However, a separate Retail Food Facility License may be required for sales at events or Farmers Markets. Businesses aiming to sell across state lines might also need FDA registration. The registration covers home-based operations in residential kitchens as well as residential-style kitchens in alternate locations such as churches, fire halls, or remodeled garages. Not available in Philadelphia County.

Pennsylvania permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/pennsylvania.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pda/food/limited-food-establishment.html>

Statute: [3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Monroe County allows home occupations in residential zones with conditions per PA Municipalities Planning Code. Business license or home occupation permit typically required. Monroe County has URLs in input (monroecounty.gov for govt, health, and planning). Stroudsburg, Mount Pocono, and East Stroudsburg have their own rules that may differ from county.

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

Health

Yes. Initial inspection required before registration. Routine inspections apply to registered operators.

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

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales from production site and internet sales included in registration. Farmers market sales may require separate Retail Food Facility License.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

PDA Limited Food Establishment is still not a retail commissary. Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment covers certain residential-style kitchens. A retail commissary or shared kitchen typically needs a Retail Food Facility license as well. Ask PDA and the local health department.

Official source: [PDA limited food establishment](#)

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://pa.gov/agencies/pda/food/food-safety/limited-food-establishment-.html>

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Monroe County and nearby places

Regulation	Monroe County	Lackawanna County	Carbon County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Home kitchen inspected; pets likely required away from food prep areas during production.	PA Department of Agriculture home kitchen inspection verifies compliance with food safety standards; pet presence in food preparation areas...	Good manufacturing practice applies; home kitchen inspection by PA Department of Agriculture
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales from production site and internet sales included in registration. Farmers market sales may require separate Retail Food Facili...	Pennsylvania LFE program permits sales directly to consumers and through limited indirect channels (depending on product type). Home pickup...	Direct and indirect sales allowed with limitations. No sales cap. Online and mail order permitted.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Registration required with PA Department of Agriculture (\$35 for 2-year registration). Initial on-site inspection required before registrat...	Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment (LFE) law requires registration (\$35 for 2-year registration) and an initial on-site inspection bef...	Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment registration required (\$35 fee, 2-year term). Initial on-site inspection required. Must submit 60 d...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-refrigerated foods stored in sanitary conditions; assessed during inspection.	Only non-refrigerated, non-TCS finished products permitted. Standard GMP storage practices required.	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; proper storage required
POPULATION	168,128	215,672	65,018

More pages for this place

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

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