

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Bristol County, Rhode Island?

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

**\$50,000 / year**

RHODE ISLAND RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Rhode Island permits PDF](#)[Rhode Island cottage food law page](#)[Rhode Island Department of Health cottage food program](#)[Statute: R.I. Gen. Laws §21-27-6.2](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

## What you need

Bristol County, Rhode Island. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**Yes**

ANNUAL SALES CAP

**\$50,000 / year**

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.

### CONTINUE ONLINE

**Rhode Island permits PDF →**

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/rhode-island.pdf>

**Rhode Island cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/rhode-island>

**Permit page for this place →**

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/rhode-island/bristol-county>

**Bristol County cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/rhode-island/bristol-county>

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

## Where to file

### State

Rhode Island registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: Yes. No wholesale or consignment sales permitted. Sales to grocery stores, restaurants, long-term care facilities, group homes, daycare facilities, and schools are prohibited. Internet/mail/phone sales are permissible but the operator or designee must personally deliver within the state. Farmers market and temporary event sales require an additional retail food peddler license.

Rhode Island permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/rhode-island.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/rhode-island.pdf)

State law page: [crosodo.com/states/rhode-island](https://crosodo.com/states/rhode-island)

Rhode Island Department of Health: <https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=257>

Statute: [R.I. Gen. Laws §21-27-6.2](#)

### Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Bristol County consists of three towns (Bristol, Barrington, Warren) each with their own town councils and zoning. Rhode Island cottage food operations require registration with state DOH including local zoning board confirmation that residential use is permitted. Recommend verifying with the relevant town planning office.

### Health

Yes. Initial kitchen inspection required before registration issued. DOH may inspect at any time for compliance.

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer sales only within Rhode Island. No wholesale, consignment, or sales to grocery stores, restaurants, long-term care facilities, group homes, daycare facilities, or schools.

### If you rent a commissary kitchen

**RIDOH licenses food establishments.** Rhode Island cottage food is a home bakery path. A commissary is a food establishment licensed by RIDOH. Farmers-market sales may also need a peddler license.

Official source: [RIDOH food safety](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.bristolcounty.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.

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## SOURCES

<https://www.bristolcounty.gov>

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<http://webserver.rilegislature.gov/Statutes/TITLE21/21-27/21-27-6.1.htm>

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## Bristol County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Bristol County                                                                                                                                 | Newport County                                                                                                                                 | Kent County                                                                                                                                    |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Not specified in state law, but GMP requirements apply during inspection.                                                                      | Kitchen inspection will evaluate conditions; no specific statutory statement on pets.                                                          | DOH inspection applies; pets likely required away from food prep areas.                                                                        |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct-to-consumer sales only within Rhode Island. No wholesale, consignment, or sales to grocery stores, restaurants, long-term care facil... | Direct sales only within Rhode Island. No wholesale, no grocery store/restaurant sales, no sales to long-term care facilities, group homes,... | Direct sales only within Rhode Island. Products may not be sold outside the state.                                                             |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Rhode Island allows only non-refrigerated baked goods (double crust pies, yeast breads, biscuits, brownies, cookies, muffins, cakes that do... | Rhode Island has one of the most restrictive cottage food laws in the US. Only non-refrigerated baked goods are allowed (double crust pies,... | Only non-refrigerated baked goods allowed (double crust pies, yeast breads, biscuits, brownies, cookies, muffins, cakes that do not require... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Products must not require refrigeration.                                                                                                       | No specific statutory storage requirements beyond what is evaluated in inspection.                                                             | Non-refrigerated shelf-stable baked goods stored properly.                                                                                     |
| POPULATION                 | 50,658                                                                                                                                         | 85,442                                                                                                                                         | 170,168                                                                                                                                        |

## More pages for this place

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

Rhode Island permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/rhode-island.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/rhode-island.pdf)

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