

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Pima County

Arizona · Tucson · FIPS 04019 · Population 1,042,393 ·  
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## STATE BASELINE

A.R.S. §36-931 / §36-932

## STATE TIER

Great

## ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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## CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

## LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-05

**IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above.

**Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision.** Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

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Population 1,042,393 · State baseline: A.R.S. §36-931 / §36-932 · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Pima County follows ADHS for cottage food registration. In unincorporated areas, home occupations are allowed as accessory use with a Home Occupation Permit from Pima County Development Services. Cities within Pima County (Tucson, Marana, Oro Valley, Sahuarita) have their own cottage food and home occupation rules.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

State baseline applies

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (Unincorporated Pima County requires a Home Occupation Permit from Pima County Development Services for home-based businesses. Tucson (the dominant city) processes home occupation through PDSD as a zoning clearance plus Tucson business license — basic home occupations require no separate permit beyond the business license and self-certification to meet UDC 4.9.4 standards. Arizona TPT (Transaction Privilege Tax) license required for sales-based businesses.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspection under state cottage food law. Pima County Environmental Health may investigate complaints. ADHS administers the program statewide.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Pima County follows ADHS for cottage food registration. In unincorporated areas, home occupations are allowed as accessory use with a Home Occupation Permit from Pima County Development Services. Cities within Pima County (Tucson, Marana, Oro Valley, Sahuarita) have their own cottage food and home occupation rules.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	State baseline applies
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	State baseline applies
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	State baseline applies
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	State baseline applies

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspection under state cottage food law. Pima County Environmental Health may investigate complaints. ADHS administers the program statewide.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Conditional — Unincorporated Pima County requires a Home Occupation Permit from Pima County Development Services for home-based businesses. Tucson (the dominant city) processes home occupation through PDSD as a zoning clearance plus Tucson business license — basic home occupations require no separate permit beyond the business license and self-certification to meet UDC 4.9.4 standards. Arizona TPT (Transaction Privilege Tax) license required for sales-based businesses.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies by city

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	State law allows direct and indirect sales. Local codes may address where food can and cannot be sold. ARS §36-931 provisions do not affect existing county/municipal zoning codes.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	State baseline applies

### Relevant county code

Pima County Development Services Home Occupation Permit; Tucson Unified Development Code §4.9.4

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Pima County follows state baseline for cottage food, with ADHS administering registration. Pima County requires a Home Occupation Permit for home-based businesses in unincorporated areas. Tucson (the county’s dominant city) has its own rules: no separate home occupation permit needed beyond business license for basic operations (self-certified compliance with UDC 4.9.4). Arizona’s 2024 expansion (HB 2042) significantly broadened the cottage food program including perishable foods.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://webcms.pima.gov/health>

<https://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=66095>

<https://www.pima.gov>

<https://www.pima.gov/1134/Home-Occupation-Application-Permit-Proce>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/pima-county-az>

**Questions?** Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/arizona/pima-county-discuss>

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Pima County	Maricopa County	Pinal County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	State baseline applies	State baseline applies	No specific restriction in state cottage food law beyond standard food safety practices.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	No	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP	State law allows direct and indirect sales. Local codes may address where food can and cannot be sold. ARS §36-931 provisions do not affect...	State law allows direct and indirect sales. County notes that local codes address where food can and cannot be sold; cottage food law does ...	Arizona state preemption strong; cottage food may be sold online, in stores, via third-party delivery. However, Pinal County home occupatio...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city	Varies by city	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Pima County follows ADHS for cottage food registration. In unincorporated areas, home occupations are allowed as accessory use with a Home ...	Maricopa County defers entirely to the Arizona Department of Health Services for cottage food registration and oversight. County zoning app...	Arizona cottage food law (A.R.S. §36-931/932) requires registration with AZ DHS (every 3 years). Food handler card required. Allows most no...
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies	State baseline applies	Non-TCS and some perishable foods allowed (post-HB 2042, 2024).
POPULATION	1,042,393	4,430,871	433,338

## State context — Arizona cottage food law

Pima County's rules sit on top of Arizona's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

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<b>STATUTE</b> A.R.S. §36-931 / §36-932	<b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b> —
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b> Yes	<b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b> Yes (specific course)
<b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b> No	<b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b> No
<b>INDIRECT SALES</b> Yes — Retail and wholesale sales are allowed for non-dairy/non-meat products; stores must display homemade products separately from commercially produced items; dairy and meat products must be sold directly in person (online orders allowed but must be delivered in person, not via third-party platforms).	

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For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Arizona cottage food law report](#).

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.azleg.gov/arsDetail/?title=36>

State dept cottage food page: <https://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/food-safety-environmental-services/index.php#cottage-food>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/arizona/>

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