

# REQUIRED MINIMUM INVENTORY

## For Stores with Three or Less Cash Registers

The minimum required inventory refers to specific types, sizes, and amounts of WIC authorized foods that must be available in the grocery store during business hours, either on the shelves or in the stockroom.

Please refer to the [Vermont WIC Foods and Shopping Guide](#) for allowed brands, varieties, and other food specifications.

Use this as a resource or checklist to make sure you are meeting mandatory minimum inventory requirements.

ITEM	TYPE	MINIMUM	Y or N
Milk	Whole (1% or skim)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gallons: 1 each of whole and low-fat (1%) or non-fat (skim)</li> <li>Half gallons: 1 each of whole and low-fat (1%) or non-fat (skim)</li> </ul>	
	Lactose Free	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optional: whole and low-fat (1%) or non-fat (skim)</li> </ul>	
	Plant-Based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optional: refrigerated or shelf-stable soy milks or other plant-based milks</li> </ul>	
Cheese	Block, shredded, sliced (American only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 packages total</li> <li>8 oz and 16 oz packages</li> <li>Must stock 1 variety</li> </ul>	
Yogurt	Whole, Low-fat or fat-free	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whole fat: 2, 32 oz containers</li> <li>Low-fat or fat-free: 3, 32 oz containers</li> </ul>	
	Plant-Based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optional 24 oz container</li> </ul>	
Eggs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 dozen total</li> </ul>	
Tofu		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optional</li> </ul>	

<b>Legumes</b>	Peanut Butter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 jars total</li> </ul>	
	Nut and Seed Butter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optional</li> </ul>	
	Canned Beans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 cans total</li> <li>• Must stock 2 varieties</li> </ul>	
	Dried Beans, Peas and Lentils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 bags total</li> </ul>	
<b>Canned Fish</b>	Can or Pouch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 cans or pouches total</li> <li>• Must carry at least 1 variety including Chunk Light Tuna, Sardines, Salmon</li> </ul>	
<b>Cereal</b>	Whole Grain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 boxes total</li> <li>• Must stock 2 varieties</li> </ul>	
<b>Fruit and Vegetables</b>	Fresh, frozen, canned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 different varieties of fruits and vegetables</li> <li>• 6 must be fresh (at least 3 fruits and 3 vegetables)</li> </ul>	
<b>Juice</b>	Shelf-stable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3, 64 oz shelf-stable containers total</li> </ul>	
	Refrigerated orange juice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1, 46 oz to 64 oz refrigerated</li> </ul>	
	Frozen concentrate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optional</li> </ul>	
<b>Whole Wheat and Whole Grain Products</b>	Bread (loaves)	<b>12 whole wheat/whole grain products total</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 1 variety/brand, 12 oz or 24 oz loaf of bread</li> <li>• Optional: rolls, buns, pita, bagels, English muffins</li> </ul>	
	Pasta, tortillas, brown rice, all other types (oatmeal, quinoa, wild rice, cornmeal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must stock at least 2 additional whole grain options</li> </ul>	
<b>Infant Cereal</b>	Dry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must stock at least 2 containers</li> </ul>	
<b>Infant Fruits and Vegetables</b>	Plain or combination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must stock at least 24 jars</li> </ul>	
<b>Infant Meat</b>	Plain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optional</li> </ul>	

<b>Infant Formula</b>	As specified by WIC infant formula contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must stock at least 2 cans of Similac Advanced Powder infant formula UPC: 070074559582</li> </ul>	
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### **Vermont WIC Minimum Inventory (MI) Guidelines**

- Use the Vermont WIC Foods and Shopping Guide to make sure the foods stocked in each category are allowable brands, types, and sizes.
- Minimum Inventory must always be met. Failure to do so may result in sanctions.
- WIC-eligible foods that are not required to meet MI standards should be stocked to meet WIC shoppers' needs.
- Shelf tags identifying WIC foods are encouraged but not required. Shelf tags help WIC shoppers find approved foods and reduce issues during checkout.
- Stores that keep infant formula in locked cases or behind customer service counters instead of on the formula shelf must post signage on the formula shelf directing shoppers where the formula can be found.