

REQUIRED MINIMUM INVENTORY

For Stores with Four or More 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"> Gallons: 3 each of whole and low-fat (1%) or non-fat (skim) Half gallons: 2 each of whole and low-fat (1%) or non-fat (skim) Quarts: 2 each of whole and low-fat (1%) or non-fat (skim) 	
	Lactose Free	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Half gallons: 2 each of whole and low-fat (1%) or non-fat (skim) 	
	Plant-Based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 containers of refrigerated and/or shelf-stable plant-based beverages 	
Cheese	Block, shredded, sliced (American only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 packages total 8 oz and 16 oz packages Must stock 2 varieties 	
Yogurt	Whole, Low-fat or fat-free	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole fat: 6, 32 oz containers Low-fat or fat-free: 6, 32 oz containers 	
	Plant-Based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optional 24 oz container 	
Eggs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 dozen total 	
Tofu		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 packages total 	
Legumes	Peanut Butter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 jars total 	
	Nut and Seed Butter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 jars total 	

	Canned Beans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 cans total • Must stock 2 varieties 	
	Dried Beans, Peas and Lentils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 bags total • Must stock 2 varieties 	
Canned Fish	Can or Pouch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 cans or pouches total • Must carry all varieties, including Chunk Light Tuna, Sardines, and Salmon 	
Cereal	Whole Grain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 boxes total • Must stock 2 varieties 	
Fruit and Vegetables	Fresh, frozen, canned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 different varieties of fruits and vegetables • 10 must be fresh (at least 5 fruits and 5 vegetables) 	
Juice	Shelf-stable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12, 64 oz shelf-stable containers total • Must stock 2 shelf-stable varieties 	
	Refrigerated orange juice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4, 46 oz to 64 oz refrigerated 	
	Frozen concentrate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional: 16 oz frozen concentrate 	
Whole Wheat and Whole Grain Products	Bread (loaves)	36 whole wheat/whole grain products total <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 1 variety/brand, 12 oz or 24 oz loaf of bread • Must stock 1 additional, 8 oz to 32 oz varieties (rolls, buns, pita, bagels, English muffins) 	
	Pasta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must stock at least 1 variety 	
	Tortillas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must stock at least 1 variety 	
	Brown Rice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must stock at least 1 variety 	
	All other types (oatmeal, quinoa, wild rice, cornmeal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must stock at least 1 variety 	
Infant Cereal	Dry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must stock at least 8 containers 	
Infant Fruits and Vegetables	Plain or combination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must stock at least 64 jars 	

Infant Meat	Plain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must stock at least 16 jars 	
Infant Formula	As specified by WIC infant formula contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must stock at least 24 cans of Similac Advanced Powder infant formula UPC: 070074559582 	

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.