

Minimum Inventory Requirements

Effective January 2025

The WIC vendor contract requires all authorized stores to carry at least the amounts of WIC approved foods listed on the reverse side of this document at all times.

Refer to the current WICShopper App or Guide for specific WIC approved brands and other criteria. For information about WIC approved infant formula, please visit:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/WIC/WICFoods/InfantFormula>.

General Guidelines

- Always carry enough inventory so that a sudden rush of WIC shoppers doesn't put you below the minimum requirements.
- Expired foods and spoiled produce do not count toward the minimum inventory requirements.
- Inventory on the store's shelves and in a storage area count towards the minimum inventory requirements.
- Some WIC approved foods have no minimum inventory requirement. For these products, stock enough to meet your WIC shoppers' needs.
- To help with your inventory planning and ordering, you can request reports from the State WIC Office for data such as; total quantities for WIC foods sold, the number of WIC clients, and total WIC sales for a given month. This information is available on request by emailing WICRetailManagement@doh.wa.gov.
- Make sure you review the WIC Vendor Selection Criteria for the list of other products you must carry to meet the definition of "full line grocer". The Vendor Selection Criteria, located on our website, is part of the Washington Administrative Code.
- For the purposes of these minimum inventory requirements, "varieties" is liberally construed to mean products differentiated by type, form, brand, flavor, container size, or subspecies/cultivar.

Questions? Contact us:

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Food Category	Approved Sizes	Minimum Required Inventory
Baby Cereal	8 oz or 16 oz box or flip-lid container	32 oz total; including at least 2 boxes or containers of 8 oz baby cereal
Baby Food – Fruits and Vegetables	Stage 1 or 2: 2 oz and 4 oz glass jar or plastic container (2-packs allowed)	Any combination of 32 total jars or plastic containers; 4 varieties
Breakfast Cereal	Up to 36 oz	12 boxes total; 3 varieties; including at least 1 whole grain cereal
Cheese	8 oz, 1 lb (16 oz) or 2 lb (32 oz) packaged block or bar, shredded or grated, string cheese, or cheese sticks, Kosher or non-Kosher	Six 1 LB blocks total; 3 varieties
Dried or Canned Beans/Peas/Lentils	16 oz bag or 15-16 oz can	64 oz total; 2 varieties
Eggs	12-count carton (1 dozen) small, medium, large size, extra-large, or jumbo	6 cartons of 1 dozen
Fish – Canned & Pouches in Water	Tuna: Up to 20 oz Pink salmon: Up to 20 oz Sardines: 3.75 oz to 4.25 oz <i>All fish in pouches allowed in 2.5 oz to 5 oz sizes</i>	12 cans total; 2 varieties
Fresh, Canned, or Frozen Fruits and Vegetables; Fresh Herbs	Bags, canned, or packages, whole or cut any size	20 varieties total (may include cut fresh herbs); including at least 5 varieties of fruits and at least 5 varieties of vegetables
Infant Formula	See WIC infant formula reference materials	9 cans Similac Advance 12.4 oz powder
Juice for Women	46 oz can or plastic bottle of vegetable juice, or 11.5 oz / 12 oz frozen container of juice	Any combination of 6 total cans, plastic bottles, or frozen containers; 3 varieties
Juice for Children	64 oz plastic bottle of vegetable or fruit juice	6 bottles total; 3 varieties
Milk	Quart, half-gallon or gallon container or powdered conversion to these sizes. Evaporated: 12oz can	10 gallons total; including a total of at least 5 gallons 1% or nonfat milk; any combination of approved sizes
Peanut Butter	15 to 18 oz jar	6 jars total; 2 varieties
Whole Grain and Whole Wheat Choices	Up to 48 oz	128 oz total; including at least 2 different options, and at least 2 loaves of 100% whole wheat bread or 100% whole wheat hamburger or hot dog buns
Goat Milk, Soy Beverages, Tofu, Yogurt, and Baby Food Meats		No minimum inventory requirement



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