

## **Oregon WIC Minimum Stock Requirements**

February 1, 2021

Use the Oregon WIC Food List to check which items will and will not count towards Minimum Stock Requirements (MSR).

Food Category	Food List page(s)	Required for All Stores		
Baby Cereal	Page 27	● 24 oz. total		
Baby Food Fruits and Vegetables	Page 26	<ul> <li>32 containers</li> <li>Must stock 2 kinds of fruits and 2 kinds of vegetables</li> </ul>		
Beans, Lentils, Peas – Canned or Dry	Page 17	<ul><li>4 lbs. dry or 16 cans or combination</li><li>Must stock 2 varieties</li></ul>		
Cereal – Cold and Hot	Pages 19-22	<ul> <li>6 containers total</li> <li>2 varieties of cold cereal, 1 variety of hot cereal, at least 1 must be whole grain</li> </ul>		
Cheese	Page 13	<ul> <li>4 packages total</li> <li>1 lb. packages</li> <li>Must stock 2 varieties</li> </ul>		
Eggs	Page 16	4 cartons total		
Fish – Canned	Page 18	• 30 oz. total		
Juice – Frozen or Shelf Stable	Pages 23-24	<ul> <li>8 containers total</li> <li>4 must be frozen (2 flavors)</li> <li>4 must be shelf-stable (2 flavors)</li> </ul>		
Milk	Page 10-11	<ul> <li>Gallons – 3 each of whole AND non-fat or 1%</li> <li>Half-gallons – 2 each of whole AND non-fat or 1%</li> <li>Quarts – 2 each of whole AND non-fat or 1%</li> </ul>		
Peanut Butter	Page 17	• 3 jars total		
Whole Grains and Whole Wheat Bread	Pages 6-9	<ul> <li>6 pounds total</li> <li>Must stock 3 varieties; 2 varieties must be in 16 oz. packages</li> <li>For example, 3 loaves bread, 2 packages brown rice, 1 package soft corn tortillas</li> </ul>		
Yogurt	Pages 14-15	2 containers low or non-fat     2 containers whole		

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Food Category Fruits and Vegetables (Pages 4-5 of Oregon WIC Food List)	<ul> <li>Peer Group 101 and 108</li> <li>10 different varieties of fruits and vegetables</li> <li>8 must be fresh (at least 2 fruits and 2 vegetables)</li> <li>2 may be frozen or canned</li> </ul>		Peer Group 102, 103, and 104  20 different varieties of fruits and vegetables  10 must be fresh (at least 2 fruits and 2 vegetables)  The additional 10 may be fresh or frozen or canned			
	Peer Group 101 and 108	Peer Group 102 and 103		Peer Group 104		
Infant Formula (Formula is not included in the Food List brochure)	● 6 cans ● 18 cans ● 30 cans Similac Advance powder ● 12.4 oz. size only					
No minimum inventory required 2% Milk, Acidophilus Milk, Dry Milk, Evaporated Milk, Lactose Free Milk, Goat Milk, Baby Food Meat, Soy						

## **Oregon WIC MSR Guidelines**

Beverage, Tofu, and all other infant formula besides Similac Advance Powder 12.4 oz.

- Use the Oregon WIC Food List to make sure the foods stocked in each category are allowable brands, types, and sizes.
- Stores must always meet MSR. Failure to do so may result in sanctions.
- Consider keeping additional inventory of foods to ensure you always meet WIC MSR.
- Only foods on the shelves and/or in shopper accessible areas count toward the MSR.
- Some WIC-eligible foods do not have MSR. For these foods, stock enough to meet WIC shoppers' needs.
- Post WIC Food shelf tags by all WIC foods. These 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.
- Stores with an in-store pharmacy are required to obtain any WIC formula as requested by a WIC shopper within 72 hours.

## **Stock Exception Process for Minimum Stock Requirements**

- Stores struggling to sell foods required to meet MSR may request a Stock Exception.
- Stock Exceptions are only valid for the individual store location requesting the exception.
- To qualify for a Stock Exception, you must:
  - 1. Have carried the food for at least 6-months (with proof through sales or with invoices).
  - 2. Fill out the Stock Exception Request Form by requesting one from the Oregon WIC Vendor Team.
- The Oregon WIC Vendor Team will consider the following to determine Stock Exception eligibility:
  - 1. Local WIC clinic input,
  - 2. Store's WIC sales data for the food(s) in question,
  - 3. The number of WIC shoppers near the store location currently prescribed the food(s) in question.
- Stock Exception Requests will be granted or denied in writing within 30 days of the request.

## **Questions? Contact the Oregon WIC Vendor Team:**

Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (except holidays)

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