

OFFICER TITLES, AGENCIES, AND SALARIES

This table provides data concerning wildlife and conservation officers in the United States: average entry-level salaries, titles, and administrative organizations that feature each wildlife law enforcement division. As noted in the table, the use of the term “game warden” has diminished in recent years.

State	Entry-Level Salary	Title	Administrative Agency
Alabama	\$35,589	Conservation Enforcement Officer	Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources <i>http://www.outdooralabama.com/</i>
Alaska	\$54,048	Wildlife Trooper	Alaska Department of Public Safety <i>http://dps.alaska.gov/</i>
Arizona	\$33,435	Wildlife Manager	Arizona Game and Fish Department <i>https://www.azgfd.com/</i>
Arkansas	\$33,861	Wildlife Officer	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission <i>http://www.agfc.com/Pages/default.aspx</i>
California	\$39,204	Wildlife Officer	California Department of Fish and Wildlife <i>https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/</i>
Colorado	\$38,160	Wildlife Manager	Colorado Parks and Wildlife <i>http://cpw.state.co.us/</i>
Connecticut	\$42,467	Environmental Conservation Officer	Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection <i>http://www.ct.gov/deep/site/default.asp</i>
Delaware	\$31,068	Natural Resources Police Officer	Delaware Division of Natural Resources and Environmental Control <i>http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/Pages/Portal.aspx</i>
Florida	\$36,223	Law Enforcement Officer	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission <i>http://myfwc.com/</i>
Georgia	\$32,418	Conservation Ranger	Georgia Department of Natural Resources <i>http://www.gadnr.org/</i>
Hawaii	\$42,952	Conservation Enforcement	Hawaii Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement

		Officer	http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/docare/
Idaho	\$38,209	Conservation Officer	Idaho Fish and Game https://idfg.idaho.gov/hunt
Illinois	\$50,460	Conservation Police Officer	Illinois Department of Natural Resources https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/Pages/default.aspx
Indiana	\$40,320	Conservation Officer	Indiana Department of Natural Resources http://www.in.gov/dnr/
Iowa	\$38,780	Conservation Officer	Iowa Department of Natural Resources http://www.iowadnr.gov/
Kansas	\$40,000	Natural Resource Officer	Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism http://ksoutdoors.com/
Kentucky	\$29,124	Conservation Officer	Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources http://fw.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx
Louisiana	\$27,564	Wildlife Enforcement Agent	Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/
Maine	\$38,189	Game Warden	Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife http://www.state.me.us/ifw/
Maryland	\$35,000	Natural Resources Police	Maryland Department of Natural Resources http://dnr.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx
Massachusetts	\$53,350	Environmental Police Officer	Massachusetts Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs http://www.mass.gov/eea/
Michigan	\$32,912	Conservation Officer	Michigan Department of Natural Resources http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/
Minnesota	\$51,198	Conservation Officer	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/index.html
Mississippi	\$22,905	Conservation Officer	Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks https://www.mdwfp.com/

Missouri	\$36,084	Conservation Agent	Missouri Department of Conservation <i>https://mdc.mo.gov/</i>
Montana	\$41,163	Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Warden	Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks <i>http://fwp.mt.gov/</i>
Nebraska	\$43,513	Conservation Officer	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission <i>http://outdoornebraska.gov/</i>
Nevada	\$40,507	Game Warden	Nevada Department of Wildlife <i>http://www.ndow.org/</i>
New Hampshire	\$42,952	Conservation Officer	New Hampshire Fish and Game <i>http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/</i>
New Jersey	\$45,000	Conservation Officer	New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife <i>http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/</i>
New Mexico	\$26,228	Conservation Officer	New Mexico Department of Game and Fish <i>http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/</i>
New York	\$53,304	Environmental Conservation Officer	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation <i>http://www.dec.ny.gov/</i>
North Carolina	\$46,000	Wildlife Enforcement Officer	North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission <i>http://www.ncwildlife.org/</i>
North Dakota	\$43,200	Game Warden	North Dakota Game and Fish Department <i>https://gf.nd.gov/</i>
Ohio	\$40,310	Wildlife Officer	Ohio Department of Natural Resources <i>http://ohiodnr.gov/</i>
Oklahoma	\$38,334	Game Warden	Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation <i>https://www.wildlifedepartment.com/</i>
Oregon	\$55,080	Fish and Wildlife Trooper	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife <i>http://www.dfw.state.or.us/</i>
Pennsylvania	\$38,995	Wildlife Conservation Officer	Pennsylvania Game Commission <i>http://www.pgc.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx</i>
Rhode Island	\$44,577	Environmental Police Officer	Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

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South Carolina	\$32,551	Law Enforcement Officer	South Carolina Department of Natural Resources http://www.dnr.sc.gov/
South Dakota	\$34,032	Conservation Officer	South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks http://gfp.sd.gov/
Tennessee	\$36,070	Wildlife Officer	Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency https://www.tn.gov/twra/
Texas	\$40,344	Game Warden	Texas Parks and Wildlife http://tpwd.texas.gov/
Utah	\$34,673	Conservation Officer	Utah Division of Wildlife Resources https://wildlife.utah.gov/
Vermont	\$33,590	Game Warden	Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/
Virginia	\$35,500	Conservation Police Officer	Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/
Washington	\$52,080	Fish and Wildlife Officer	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife http://wdfw.wa.gov/
West Virginia	\$31,726	Natural Resources Police Officer	West Virginia Division of Natural Resources http://www.wvdnr.gov/
Wisconsin		Conservation Warden	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources http://dnr.wi.gov/
Wyoming	\$41,448	Game Warden	Wyoming Game and Fish Department https://wgfd.wyo.gov/

Source: Author interviews with agency personnel and human resource officers, as well as research on department websites, during 2016. Salaries, officer titles, and employing agencies for 2013 were obtained from GameWardenEDU.org.
