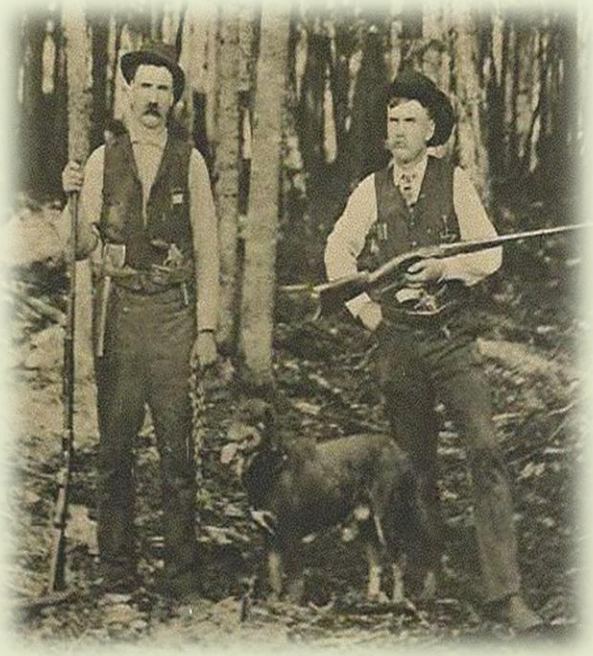


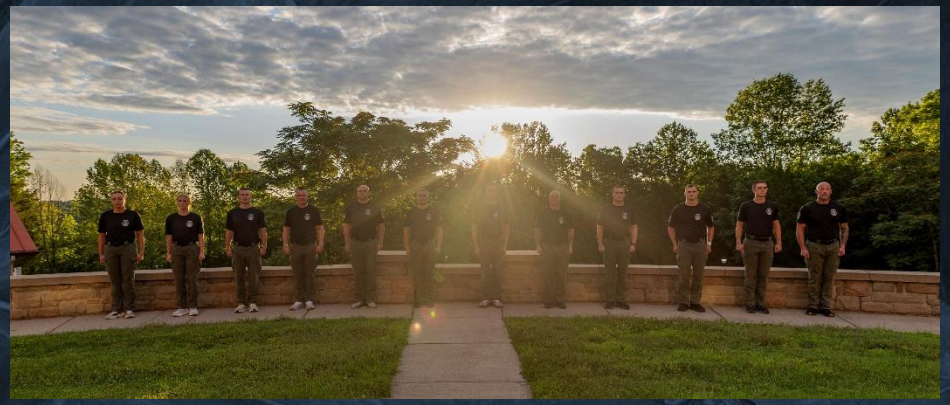
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1912-Present



Kentucky Game Wardens ..... the Commonwealth's oldest state law enforcement agency, serving since 1912







Camp KY Afield

Home of the Kentucky Game Warden Training Center







Kentucky Game Warden Salary Progression
2018 - 2026



7/16/2018	Count	Annual Gross Salaries	Annual Gross Salaries plus 58% Fringe
Conservation Officer Recruit	11	$327,692	$517,753
Conservation Officer I	11	$365,947	$578,196
Conservation Officer II	28	$1,026,119	$1,621,268
Conservation Officer Sgt.	17	$687,606	$1,086,417
Conservation Officer Lt.	6	$290,328	$458,718
Conservation Officer Cpt.	8	$427,588	$675,589
Conservation Officer Major	2	$113,545	$179,401
Colonel (Division Director)	1	$80,000	$126,400
Total LE Officer Count	**84**	**$3,318,825**	**$5,243,744**

7/16/2026	Count	Annual Gross Salaries	Annual Gross Salaries plus 58% Fringe
Game Warden Recruit	8	$425,817	$672,792
Game Warden I	29	$1,701,810	$2,688,860
Game Warden II	35	$2,208,328	$3,489,159
Master Game Warden	6	$433,220	$684,488
Game Warden Sgt.	18	$1,413,323	$2,233,050
Game Warden Lt.	12	$1,038,240	$1,640,419
Game Warden Cpt.	6	$638,008	$1,008,053
Game Warden Major	2	$242,667	$383,414
Colonel (Division Director)	1	$130,000	$205,400
Total LE GW Count	**117**	**$8,231,413**	**$13,005,635**



37%

Increase in Game Wardens from 2018 to 2026, bringing the total from 84 to 115

1179

Applicants in the most recent game warden recruit class posting compared to 577 in 2020

78%

Approximate increase in average salary of sworn-in game wardens

Wardens have completed trainings through various avenues such as:

- The FBI National Academy
- The National Conservation Law Enforcement Leadership Academy
- The Criminal Justice Executive Development Program at the Department of Criminal Justice Training