

2025 Apportionment for the Wildlife Restoration Act (WR)

The Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937 and additional amendments created a federal manufacturers' excise tax on firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment. These funds are eligible to state and territorial fish and wildlife agencies for various purposes, including public hunting access, hunter education, wildlife management and research, R3 (recruitment, retention, and reactivation) activities, and the development, operation, and maintenance of target ranges.

This law is unique and essential for the conservation, management, and enhancement of wildlife and their habitats, ensuring safe hunting access in the United States for current and future generations.

What do these funds do?

Restore Wildlife

Biologists study, monitor, and manage over 500 species of wild birds and mammals with WR funds.

Support Target Shooting Facilities

Today, over 800 target ranges are operated and maintained using WR funds.

Educate the Public

Every year, over 1 million people receive hunter education supported by WR funds.

Conserve Public Land

Over 36 million acres are operated and maintained nationally for public access and habitat management.



State	Total 2025 WR
Alabama	\$20,753,141
Alaska	\$39,120,880
American Samoa	\$1,523,987
Arizona	\$24,808,517
Arkansas	\$15,700,387
California	\$29,213,717
Colorado	\$24,978,169
Connecticut	\$6,404,457
Delaware	\$5,396,808
Florida	\$16,847,924
Georgia	\$30,312,438
Guam	\$1,523,987
Hawaii	\$5,396,808
Idaho	\$18,217,527
Illinois	\$17,882,670
Indiana	\$14,921,612
Iowa	\$13,177,371
Kansas	\$17,617,914
Kentucky	\$15,058,779
Louisiana	\$19,354,345
Maine	\$10,318,816
Maryland	\$8,323,089
Massachusetts	\$8,696,186
Michigan	\$25,878,363
Minnesota	\$26,074,867
Mississippi	\$13,398,000
Missouri	\$24,087,458
Montana	\$24,116,820
N. Mariana Islands	\$1,523,987
Nebraska	\$16,223,341
Nevada	\$17,016,823
New Hampshire	\$5,396,808
New Jersey	\$8,696,186
New Mexico	\$19,375,099
New York	\$22,893,315
North Carolina	\$24,850,625
North Dakota	\$13,233,042
Ohio	\$17,769,075
Oklahoma	\$19,268,616
Oregon	\$21,783,103
Pennsylvania	\$33,061,757
Puerto Rico	\$4,022,067
Rhode Island	\$5,396,808
South Carolina	\$11,951,417
South Dakota	\$15,670,227
Tennessee	\$26,203,809
Texas	\$42,420,258
U.S. Virgin Islands	\$17,564,565
Utah	\$5,396,808
Vermont	\$1,523,987
Virginia	\$15,322,198
Washington	\$16,640,924
West Virginia	\$10,464,985
Wisconsin	\$25,658,081
Wyoming	\$15,959,747
Total	\$914,392,695



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Transforming Landscapes: The Impact of Wildlife Restoration (WR) Funds on Wildlife Conservation and Public Access



Restore Wildlife

WR funds have been a vital and consistent source of funding used to support the restoration of wild turkeys. Since 1973, wild turkey populations have grown by over 5 million nationally. WR funded projects include population assessments, disease management, habitat restoration, and harvest evaluations.



Conserve Public Lands

Nationally, over 36 million acres are operated and maintained using WR funds. These Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) and State Game Lands provide areas of habitat protection and public access for the opportunity to connect with nature, make memories, and share outdoor experiences.



Educate the Public

The National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) is one of the many programs focused on creating opportunities for public participation in outdoor pursuits. The NASP program is an in-school program focused on providing safe and informative archery education to students in grades 4-12.



Support Target Shooting Ranges

WR funds support the construction, operation, and maintenance of over 800 public target ranges in the United States. This represents a significant investment in safe, structured environments where the public may participate in all kinds of target shooting including firearms and archery.



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