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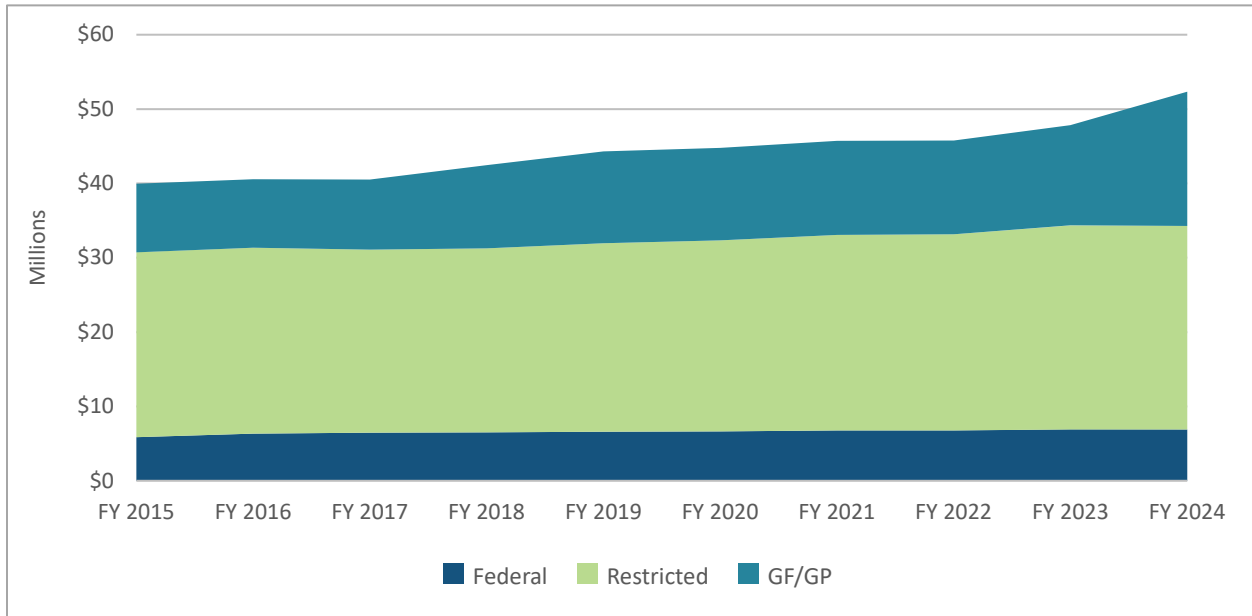
## CONSERVATION OFFICERS

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### Background

The [Law Enforcement Division](#) in the [Department of Natural Resources](#) is responsible for enforcing laws related to wildlife and fisheries; public recreation, including state parks, state trails, and forests; and motorized activities, including off-road vehicles and snowmobiles. Division funding was relatively stable through FY 2013, after which general fund/general purpose (GF/GP) funding increased for conservation officer academies, pay parity raises, and equipment over the last decade. These investments increased gross appropriations for law enforcement to the current level of \$52.3 million.



### Conservation Officers

The number of commissioned [conservation officers](#) (COs) was relatively stable through FY 2013. Officer academies in FY 2014, FY 2015, FY 2018, and FY 2022 increased the number of commissioned COs above 200.

