

# Licensing Statistics

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# Population by License Type

As of September 30, 2023

License <sup>1</sup>	Population
Automotive Repair Dealer	34,345
Smog Check Test-and-Repair Station	4,228
Smog Check Test-Only Station	1,979
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	32
STAR Station	4,081
Brake Station	713
Lamp Station	703
Smog Check Inspector	12,487
Smog Check Repair Technician	5,407
Brake Adjuster	656
Lamp Adjuster	644
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,275</b>

<sup>1</sup> Per Business and Professions Code section 23.7, and unless otherwise stated, “license” means license, certificate, registration, or other means to engage in a business or profession.

# License Processing – Initial Applications

License	Applications Received	Licenses Approved	Average Processing Time (Days)
Automotive Repair Dealer	802	547	14
Smog Check Test & Repair Station	49	37	14
Smog Check Test-Only Station	59	38	16
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	1	1	14
STAR Station	99	59	14
Brake Station	23	9	14
Lamp Station	24	8	15
Smog Check Inspector*	458	100	36
Smog Check Repair Technician*	194	39	43
Brake Adjuster*	241	27	22
Lamp Adjuster*	203	28	29
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,153</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>21</b>

\* Technician and adjuster processing times factor in up to 90 days for an applicant to take and pass the required licensure examination

# License Processing – Renewal Applications

License	Applications Received	Licenses Approved	Average Processing Time (Days)
Automotive Repair Dealer	9,159	8,178	5
Smog Check Test & Repair Station	1,187	1,040	5
Smog Check Test-Only Station	647	526	5
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	19	14	5
STAR Station*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brake Station	215	188	5
Lamp Station	207	181	5
Smog Check Inspector	1,655	1,573	5
Smog Check Repair Technician	700	670	5
Brake Adjuster**	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lamp Adjuster**	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,777</b>	<b>2,612</b>	<b>5</b>

\* STAR Certifications are not renewed

\*\* Brake and Lamp Adjuster re-applications are not renewed and considered new applications

# Top 10 Business Types

Business types are provided by automotive repair dealers upon licensure and renewal. This information is tied to the service category options displayed on BAR's [Auto Shop Locator](#).

As of September 30, 2023

Primary Business Type	Secondary Business Type
1. General Repair	1. General Repair
2. Auto Body and/or Paint Shop	2. Smog Check Station
3. Smog Check Station	3. Automotive Diagnostic Repair
4. Other	4. Other
5. Tire Shop	5. Tune Up/Oil Lube Shop
6. New/Used Car Dealer	6. Brake/Front End Alignment Shop
7. Mobile Automotive Repair	7. . Tire Shop
8. Transmission Repair Shop	8. Preventative Maintenance Services
9. Preventative Maintenance Services	9. . Engine Rebuilding/Repair
10. Tune Up/Oil Lube Shop	10. Mobile Automotive Repair

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