

Licensing Statistics

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Population by License Type

As of December 31, 2023

License ¹	Population
Automotive Repair Dealer	34,300
Smog Check Test-and-Repair Station	4,190
Smog Check Test-Only Station	1,971
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	32
STAR Station	3,610
Brake Station	708
Lamp Station	697
Smog Check Inspector	12,425
Smog Check Repair Technician	5,329
Brake Adjuster	677
Lamp Adjuster	662
Total	64,601

¹ 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	867	812	24
Smog Check Test & Repair Station	62	52	20
Smog Check Test-Only Station	53	53	23
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	1	1	1
STAR Station	87	46	4
Brake Station	23	12	27
Lamp Station	11	12	35
Smog Check Inspector*	393	187	60
Smog Check Repair Technician*	174	81	57
Brake Adjuster*	307	63	40
Lamp Adjuster*	259	53	35
Totals	2,237	1,372	30

* 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	6,619	6,268	5
Smog Check Test & Repair Station	912	860	5
Smog Check Test-Only Station	410	392	5
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	5	4	5
STAR Station*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brake Station	146	138	5
Lamp Station	144	135	5
Smog Check Inspector	1,354	1,314	5
Smog Check Repair Technician	568	589	5
Brake Adjuster**	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lamp Adjuster**	N/A	N/A	N/A
Totals	10,158	9,700	5

* 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 December 31, 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. Auto Body and/or Paint Shop

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