

Licensing Statistics

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Q3

Licensing Program
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Bureau of Automotive Repair

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Population by License Type

As of March 31, 2025

License ¹	Population
Automotive Repair Dealer	34,994
Smog Check Test-and-Repair Station	4,057
Smog Check Test-Only Station	1,991
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	25
STAR Station	3,550
Vehicle Safety Systems Station	464
Smog Check Inspector	12,283
Smog Check Repair Technician	5,087
Vehicle Safety Systems Technician	702
Total	63,153

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	1161	1093	37
Smog Check Test & Repair Station	75	70	27
Smog Check Test-Only Station	103	74	21
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	2	1	3
STAR Station	110	69	5
Vehicle Safety Systems Station	53	48	40
Smog Check Inspector*	509	165	64
Smog Check Repair Technician*	206	64	80
Vehicle Safety Systems Technician*	101	50	71
Totals	2210	1565	

* 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	7,765	7,751	5
Smog Check Test & Repair Station	1,081	1,064	5
Smog Check Test-Only Station	451	446	5
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	5	5	5
STAR Station*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vehicle Safety Systems Station	0	0	N/A
Smog Check Inspector	1,487	1,465	5
Smog Check Repair Technician	671	625	5
Vehicle Safety Systems Technician	0	0	N/A
Totals	11,460	11,356	5

* STAR Certifications are not renewed

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 April 2, 2025

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

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