

Licensing Statistics

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Licensing Program
July 31, 2025



Bureau of Automotive Repair

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Population by License Type

As of July 1, 2025

License ¹	Population
Automotive Repair Dealer	35,233
Smog Check Test-and-Repair Station	4,025
Smog Check Test-Only Station	2,011
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	27
STAR Station	3,534
Vehicle Safety Systems Station	487
Smog Check Inspector	12,315
Smog Check Repair Technician	5,072
Vehicle Safety Systems Technician	750
Total	63,454

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	1,098	757	30
Smog Check Test & Repair Station	58	38	24
Smog Check Test-Only Station	75	46	28
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	0	0	N/A
STAR Station	81	55	3
Vehicle Safety Systems Station	63	31	30
Smog Check Inspector*	509	95	58
Smog Check Repair Technician*	175	39	66
Vehicle Safety Systems Technician*	86	25	42
Totals	2,064	1,031	35

* 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	10,261	9,435	5
Smog Check Test & Repair Station	968	920	5
Smog Check Test-Only Station	572	495	5
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	5	6	5
STAR Station*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vehicle Safety Systems Station	0	70	5
Smog Check Inspector	1,545	1,473	5
Smog Check Repair Technician	673	611	5
Vehicle Safety Systems Technician	4	4	5
Totals	14,028	13,014	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 July 1, 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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