

Bureau of Automotive Repair – Licensing statistics

Fiscal year 2025 - 2026

Quarter 2 (October 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025)

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Population by license type

As of December 31, 2025

License ¹	Population
Automotive repair dealer	35,396
Smog Check test-and-repair station	3,992
Smog Check test-only station	2,031
Smog Check repair-only station	23
STAR station	3,505
Vehicle safety systems inspection station	538
Smog Check inspector	12,334
Smog Check repair technician	4,955
Vehicle safety systems technician	819
Total	63,593

Top 10 business types

Business types are provided by automotive repair dealers upon licensure and renewal. The service categories are displayed on BAR's [Auto Shop Locator](#).

As of December 31, 2025

Primary business type	Secondary business type
1. General Repair	1. General Repair
2. Auto Body / 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
6. New / Used Car Dealer	6. Other
7. Mobile Automotive Repair	7. Auto Body / Paint Shop
8. Tune Up / Oil and Lube Shop	8. Brake / Front End Alignment Shop
9. Glass Shop	9. Tune Up / Oil and Lube Shop
10. Transmission Repair Shop	10. Mobile Automotive Repair

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) ²
Automotive repair dealer	1,001	787	32
Smog Check test-and-repair station	87	68	29
Smog Check test-only station	68	40	39
Smog Check repair-only station	1	1	5
STAR station	78	50	3
Vehicle safety systems inspection station	43	35	31
Smog Check inspector	479	186	44
Smog Check repair technician	139	84	43
Vehicle safety systems technician	69	37	36
Total	1,965	1,288	29

License processing – Renewal applications

License	Applications received	Licenses approved	Average processing time (days)
Automotive repair dealer	7,428	7,378	5
Smog Check test-and-repair station	976	960	5
Smog Check test-only station	451	451	5
Smog Check repair-only station	4	4	5
STAR station	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vehicle safety systems inspection station	129	129	5
Smog Check inspector	1,505	1,431	5
Smog Check repair technician	653	579	5
Vehicle safety systems technician	86	86	5
Total	11,232	11,018	5

PSI examination pass rate

Test dates: October 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

Examination ³	Passed	% Passed	Failed	% Failed	Number of exams
Smog Check inspector	187	31.75	402	68.25	589
Smog Check repair technician	83	62.41	50	37.59	133
Vehicle safety systems technician	36	51.43	34	48.57	70
Total	306	38.64	486	61.36	792

² Processing time includes up to 90 days for individual license applicants to take and pass the required examination.

³ BAR partners with PSI Services LLC to administer its licensing examinations.