

Bureau of Automotive Repair – Licensing statistics

Fiscal year 2025-26

Quarter 4 (April 1, 2026-June 30, 2026)

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Population by license type

As of June 30, 2026

License ¹	Population
Automotive repair dealer	35,390
Smog Check test-and-repair station	3,957
Smog Check test-only station	1,983
Smog Check repair-only station	25
STAR station	3,462
Vehicle safety systems inspection station	567
Smog Check inspector	12,469
Smog Check repair technician	4,970
Vehicle safety systems technician	847
Total	63,670

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 June 30, 2026

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	1,239	1,121	24
Smog Check test-and-repair station	100	99	22
Smog Check test-only station	63	61	30
Smog Check repair-only station	1	0	6
STAR station	71	67	4
Vehicle safety systems inspection station	49	48	28
Smog Check inspector	560	218	33
Smog Check repair technician	151	66	29
Vehicle safety systems technician	76	35	25
Total	2,310	1,715	22

License processing – Renewal applications

License	Applications received	Licenses approved	Average processing time (days)
Automotive repair dealer	10,258	10,116	5
Smog Check test-and-repair station	994	988	5
Smog Check test-only station	514	511	5
Smog Check repair-only station	6	4	5
STAR station	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vehicle safety systems inspection station	141	137	5
Smog Check inspector	1,383	1,322	5
Smog Check repair technician	567	519	5
Vehicle safety systems technician	165	144	5
Total	14,028	13,741	5

PSI examination pass rate

Test dates: April 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026

Examination ³	Passed	% Passed	Failed	% Failed	Number of exams
Smog Check inspector	218	32.01%	463	67.99%	681
Smog Check repair technician	63	50.80%	61	49.19%	124
Vehicle safety systems technician	36	47.37%	40	52.63%	76
Total	317	35.98%	564	64.02%	881

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.