

Bureau of Automotive Repair – Licensing statistics

Fiscal year 2026-27

Quarter 1 (July 1, 2026-September 30, 2026)

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Population by license type

As of September 30, 2026

License ¹	Population
Automotive repair dealer	36,297
Smog Check test-and-repair station	3,971
Smog Check test-only station	1,998
Smog Check repair-only station	20
STAR station	3,433
Vehicle safety systems inspection station	592
Smog Check inspector	12,645
Smog Check repair technician	5,005
Vehicle safety systems technician	882
Total	64,843

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 September 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. Mobile automotive repair	6. Auto body / paint shop
7. New / used car dealer	7. Other
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	1,140	937	30
Smog Check test-and-repair station	79	73	27
Smog Check test-only station	87	57	31
Smog Check repair-only station	1	0	2
STAR station	99	63	5
Vehicle safety systems inspection station	56	41	29
Smog Check inspector	540	229	29
Smog Check repair technician	179	60	32
Vehicle safety systems technician	74	51	31
Total	2,255	1,511	24

License processing – Renewal applications

License	Applications received	Licenses approved	Average processing time (days)
Automotive repair dealer	8,020	7,971	5
Smog Check test-and-repair station	884	868	5
Smog Check test-only station	486	474	5
Smog Check repair-only station	6	5	5
STAR station	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vehicle safety systems inspection station	122	118	5
Smog Check inspector	1,339	1,294	5
Smog Check repair technician	536	506	5
Vehicle safety systems technician	123	116	5
Total	11,516	11,352	5

PSI examination pass rate

Test dates: July 1, 2026 – September 30, 2026

Examination ³	Passed	% Passed	Failed	% Failed	Number of exams
Smog Check inspector	225	30.5%	512	69.4%	737
Smog Check repair technician	62	35.0%	115	64.9%	177
Vehicle safety systems technician	50	54.3%	42	45.6%	92
Total	337	33.4%	669	66.5%	1,006

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.