

# Licensing Statistics

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# Population by License Type

As of June 30, 2024

License <sup>1</sup>	Population
Automotive Repair Dealer	35,064
Smog Check Test-and-Repair Station	4,175
Smog Check Test-Only Station	1,993
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	29
STAR Station	3,603
Brake Station	694
Lamp Station	682
Vehicle Safety Systems Station	48
Smog Check Inspector	12,382
Smog Check Repair Technician	5,237
Brake Adjuster	683
Lamp Adjuster	688
Vehicle Safety Systems Technician	452
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,730</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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	933	729	47
Smog Check Test & Repair Station	38	39	41
Smog Check Test-Only Station	41	42	50
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	1	2	183
STAR Station	70	36	5
Brake Station	0	7	61
Lamp Station	0	7	61
Vehicle Safety Systems Station	389	203	42
Smog Check Inspector*	422	162	59
Smog Check Repair Technician*	180	71	58
Brake Adjuster*	6	17	63
Lamp Adjuster*	5	23	70
Vehicle Safety Systems Technician	568	451	11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,653</b>	<b>1,789</b>	<b>39</b>

\* 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	9,077	8,839	5
Smog Check Test & Repair Station	934	905	5
Smog Check Test-Only Station	448	505	5
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	6	6	5
STAR Station*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brake Station	151	148	5
Lamp Station	152	146	5
Vehicle Safety Systems Station	0	0	N/A
Smog Check Inspector	1,316	1,316	5
Smog Check Repair Technician	589	589	5
Brake Adjuster**	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lamp Adjuster**	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vehicle Safety Systems Technician	0	0	N/A
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12,673</b>	<b>12,454</b>	<b>5</b>

\* STAR Certifications are not renewed

\*\* Brake and Lamp Adjuster re-applications are not renewed and considered new applications

# 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 June 30, 2024

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

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