

Licensing Statistics

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Licensing Program
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Bureau of Automotive Repair

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Population by License Type

As of December 31, 2024

License ¹	Population
Automotive Repair Dealer	34,755
Smog Check Test-and-Repair Station	4,117
Smog Check Test-Only Station	2,002
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	27
STAR Station	4,008
Vehicle Safety Systems Station	435
Smog Check Inspector	12,369
Smog Check Repair Technician	5,164
Vehicle Safety Systems Technician	656
Total	63,533

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	625	442	44
Smog Check Test & Repair Station	49	38	3
Smog Check Test-Only Station	34	36	35
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	0	0	0
STAR Station	68	32	5
Vehicle Safety Systems Station	46	41	59
Smog Check Inspector*	282	117	64
Smog Check Repair Technician*	118	36	77
Vehicle Safety Systems Technician	77	46	63
Totals	1,299	788	39

* 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	8,506	8,118	5
Smog Check Test & Repair Station	1,026	985	5
Smog Check Test-Only Station	618	594	5
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	8	8	5
STAR Station*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vehicle Safety Systems Station	0	0	N/A
Smog Check Inspector	1,316	1,316	5
Smog Check Repair Technician	589	589	5
Vehicle Safety Systems Technician	0	0	N/A
Totals	12,055	11,610	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 January 10, 2025

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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