

Licensing Statistics

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Q3

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Bureau of Automotive Repair

Population by License Type

As of March 31, 2023

License ¹	Population
Automotive Repair Dealer	34,233
Smog Check Test-and-Repair Station	4,300
Smog Check Test-Only Station	1,960
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	33
STAR Station	3,657
Brake Station	743
Lamp Station	733
Smog Check Inspector	13,134
Smog Check Repair Technician	5,893
Brake Adjuster	671
Lamp Adjuster	619
Total	34,233

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	808	767	35
Smog Check Test & Repair Station	67	59	22
Smog Check Test-Only Station	72	58	26
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	0	0	N/A
STAR Station	92	53	16
Brake Station	23	22	18
Lamp Station	23	23	17
Smog Check Inspector	498	178	65
Smog Check Repair Technician	237	76	62
Brake Adjuster	276	100	43
Lamp Adjuster	249	108	51
Totals	2,345	1,444	40

License Processing – Renewal Applications

License	Applications Received	Licenses Approved	Average Processing Time (Days)
Automotive Repair Dealer	9,667	8,210	5
Smog Check Test & Repair Station	1,469	1,144	5
Smog Check Test-Only Station	662	495	5
Smog Check Repair-Only Station	6	6	5
STAR Station	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brake Station	260	189	5
Lamp Station	264	190	5
Smog Check Inspector	1,672	1,536	5
Smog Check Repair Technician	763	693	5
Brake Adjuster	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*
Lamp Adjuster	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*
Totals	14,763	12,463	5

* 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 March 31, 2023

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 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. Engine Rebuilding/Repair
10. Tune Up/Oil Lube Shop	10. Mobile Automotive Repair

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