



Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics in 2 California Counties

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What is Lightcast Data?

Lightcast data is a hybrid dataset derived from official government sources such as the US Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and Bureau of Labor Statistics. Leveraging the unique strengths of each source, our data modeling team creates an authoritative dataset that captures more than 99% of all workers in the United States. This core offering is then enriched with data from online social profiles, resumé, and job postings to give you a complete view of the workforce.

Lightcast data is frequently cited in major publications such as *The Atlantic*, *Forbes*, *Harvard Business Review*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today*.



Report Parameters

1 Occupation

49-3023 Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics

2 Counties

6079 San Luis Obispo County, CA

6083 Santa Barbara County, CA

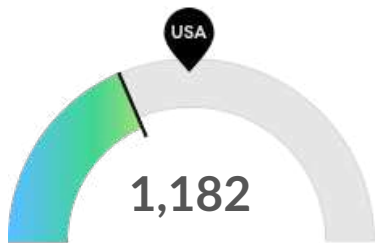
Class of Worker

QCEW Employees, Non-QCEW Employees, and Self-Employed

The information in this report pertains to the chosen occupation and geographical areas.

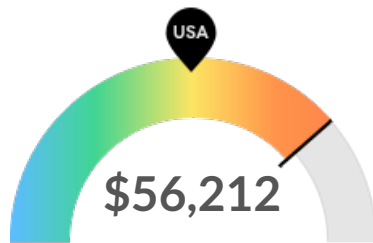
Executive Summary

Light Job Posting Demand Over a Thin Supply of Regional Jobs



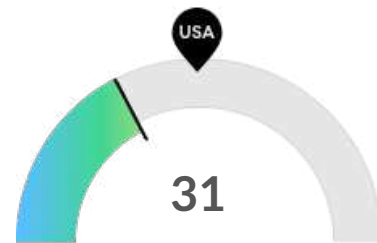
Jobs (2023)

Your area is not a hotspot for this kind of job. The national average for an area this size is 1,769* employees, while there are 1,182 here.



Compensation

Earnings are high in your area. The national median salary for Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics is \$44,763, compared to \$56,212 here.



Job Posting Demand

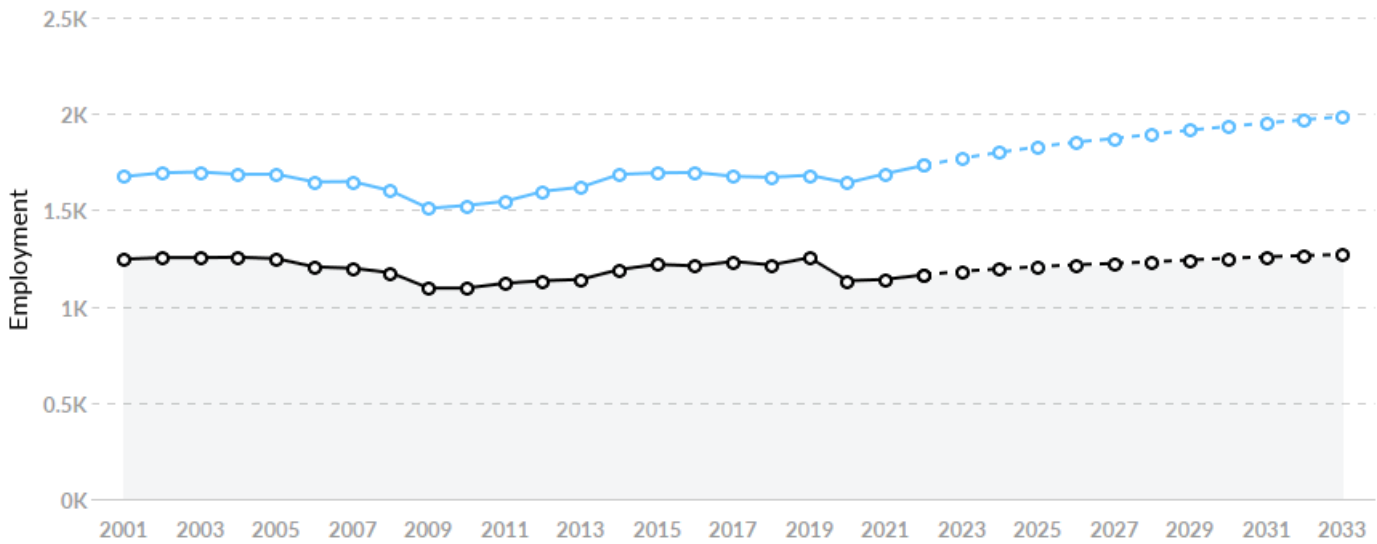
Job posting activity is low in your area. The national average for an area this size is 51* job postings/mo, while there are 31 here.

*National average values are derived by taking the national value for Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics and scaling it down to account for the difference in overall workforce size between the nation and your area. In other words, the values represent the national average adjusted for region size.

Jobs

Regional Employment Is Lower Than the National Average

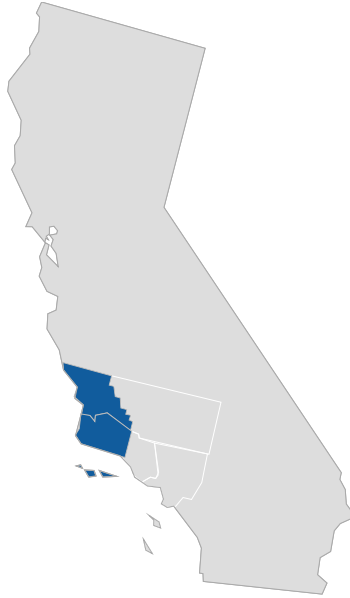
An average area of this size typically has 1,769* jobs, while there are 1,182 here. This lower than average supply of jobs may make it more difficult for workers in this field to find employment in your area.



Region	2023 Jobs	2033 Jobs	Change	% Change
● 2 California Counties	1,182	1,269	87	7.4%
● National Average	1,769	1,985	216	12.2%

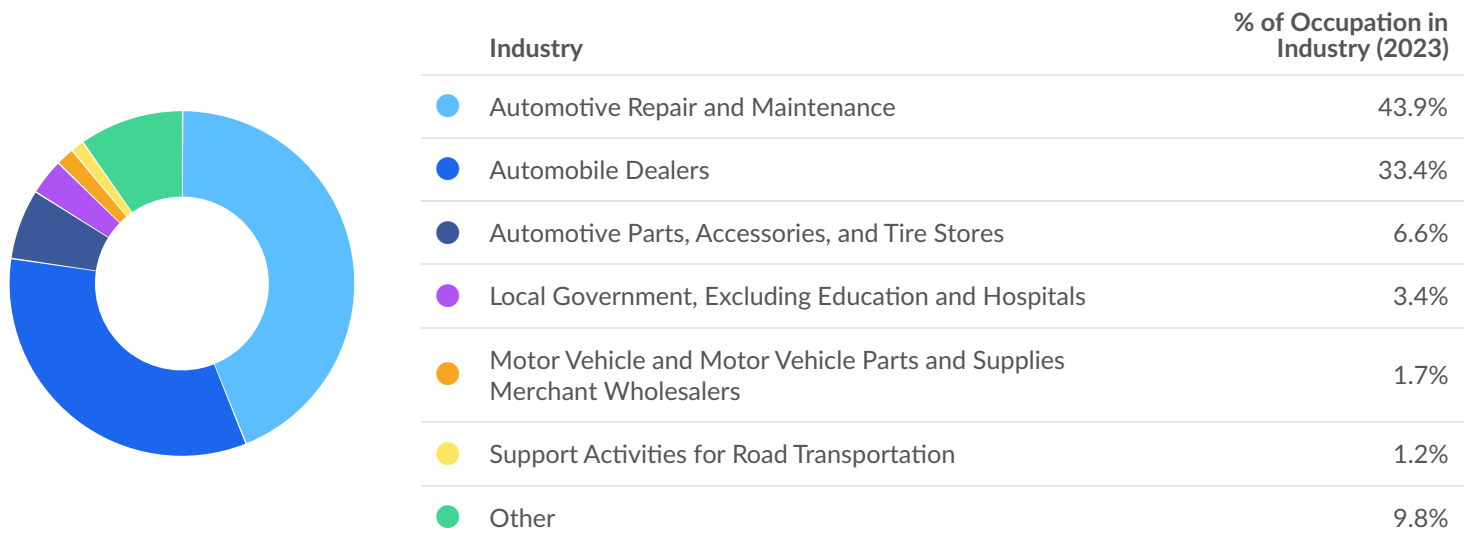
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Regional Breakdown



County	2023 Jobs
Santa Barbara County, CA	618
San Luis Obispo County, CA	563

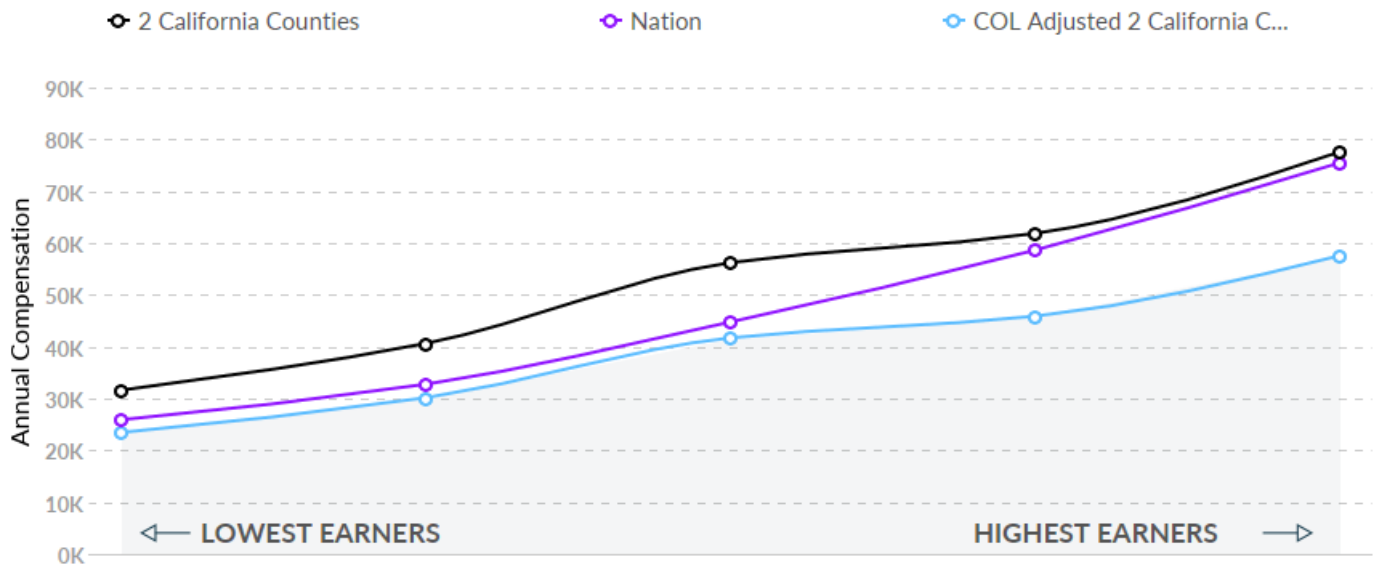
Most Jobs are Found in the Automotive Repair and Maintenance Industry Sector



Compensation

Regional Compensation Is 26% Higher Than National Compensation

For Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics, the 2021 median wage in your area is \$56,212, while the national median wage is \$44,763.



Job Posting Activity



188 Unique Job Postings

The number of unique postings for this job from Jan 2023 to Jun 2023.



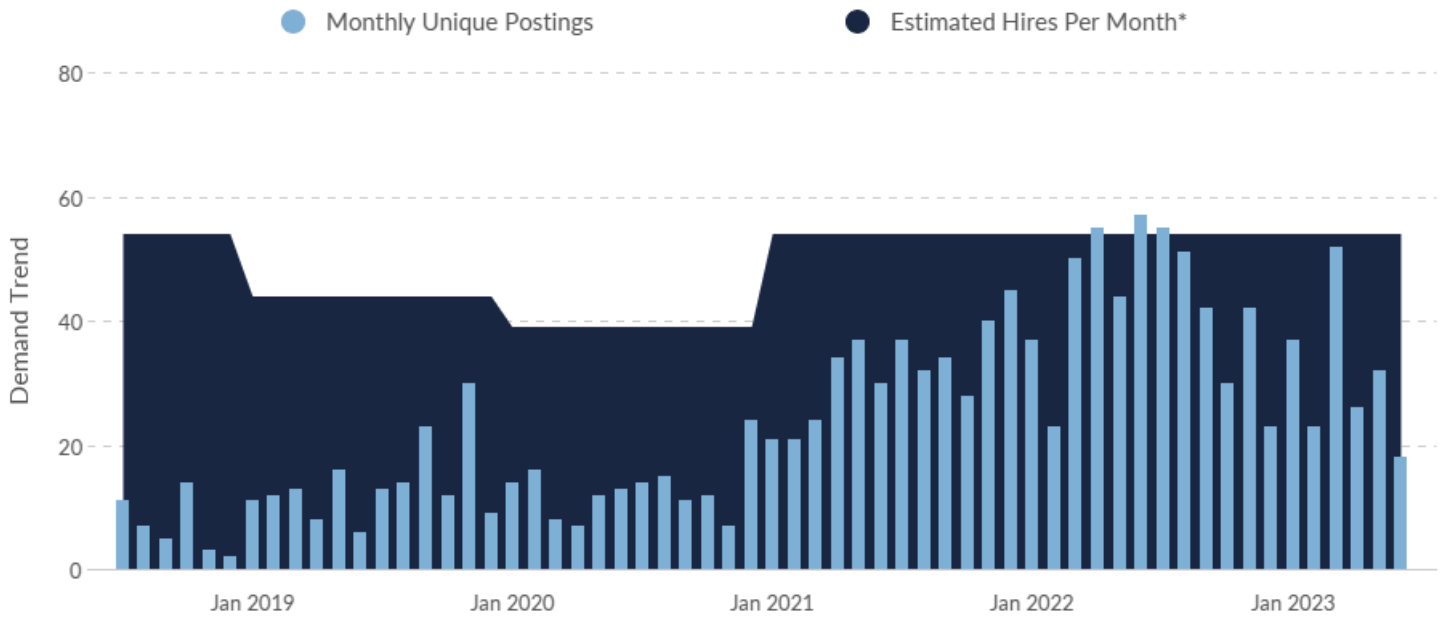
68 Employers Competing

All employers in the region who posted for this job from Jan 2023 to Jun 2023.



36 Day Median Duration

Posting duration is 3 days longer than what's typical in the region.



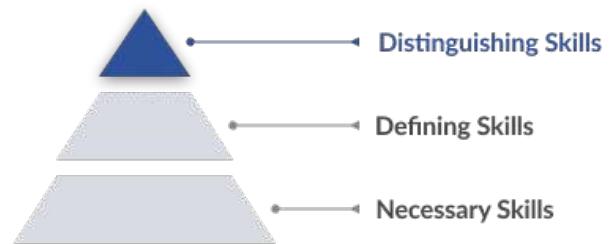
Occupation	Avg Monthly Postings (Jan 2023 - Jun 2023)	Avg Monthly Hires (Jan 2023 - Jun 2023)
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	31	54

*A hire is reported by the Quarterly Workforce Indicators when an individual's Social Security Number appears on a company's payroll and was not there the quarter before. Lightcast hires are calculated using a combination of Lightcast jobs data, information on separation rates from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), and industry-based hires data from the Census Bureau.

Top Companies	Unique Postings	Top Job Titles	Unique Postings
Jiffy Lube	21	Automotive Technicians	23
Big Brand Tire & Service	7	Lube Technicians	11
Ken Garff Automotive Group	7	Automotive Assistant Managers	6
Range Generation Next	6	Quick Lube Technicians	6
Walmart	6	Automotive Brake and Alignmen...	5
Herc Rentals	5	Field Service Mechanics	5
The Mobile Oil Changers	5	Oil Change Technicians	5
Santa Barbara Auto Group	4	Automotive Technicians/Mecha...	4
Santa Maria Chrysler Dodge Jee...	4	Ford Technicians	4
Seek Thermal	4	Lead Roofers	4

Top Distinguishing Skills by Demand

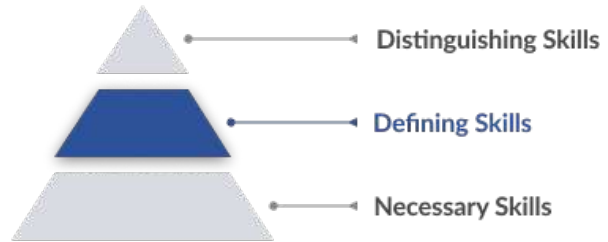
An occupation's Distinguishing Skills are the advanced skills that are called for occasionally. An employee with these skills is likely more specialized and able to differentiate themselves from others in the same role.



Skill	Salary Boosting	Job Postings Requesting
Tire Balancing And Rotation		15
Engine Repair		9
Tire Repairs		5
Batteries		1
Automotive Technologies		1

Top Defining Skills by Demand

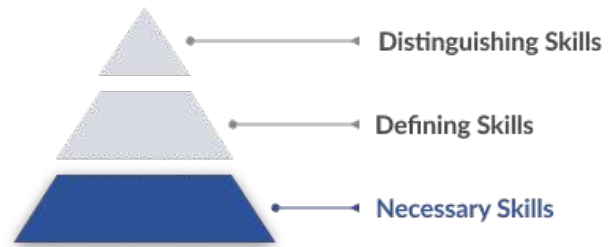
An occupation's Defining Skills represent the day-to-day tasks and responsibilities of the job. An employee needs these skills to qualify for and perform successfully in this occupation.



Skill	Salary Boosting	Job Postings Requesting
Valid Driver's License	✘	104
Changing Oil	✘	36
Automotive Services	✔	29
Brakes	✘	28
Vehicle Inspection	✘	27
Suspension (Vehicle)	✘	25
Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Certification	✘	24
Vehicle Maintenance	✘	16
Tires	✘	12
Transmission	✔	12

Top Necessary Skills by Demand

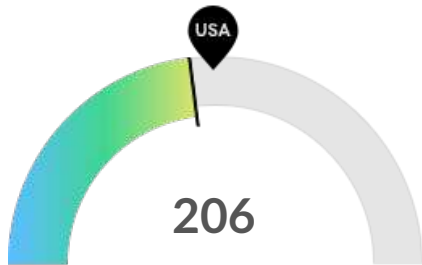
An occupation's Necessary Skills are the specialized skills required for that job and relevant across other similar jobs. An employee needs these skills as building blocks to perform the more complex Defining Skills.



Skill	Salary Boosting	Job Postings Requesting
Hand Tools	✘	23
Oil And Gas	✘	18
HVAC	✘	7

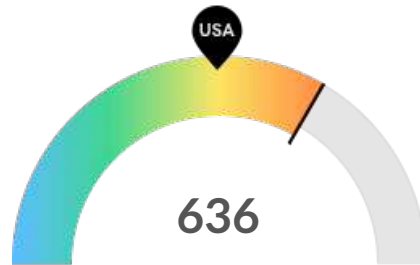
Demographics

Retirement Risk Is Low, While Overall Diversity Is High



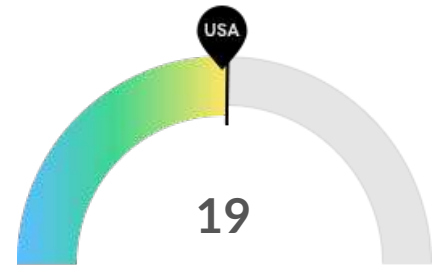
Retiring Soon

Retirement risk is low in your area. The national average for an area this size is 231* employees 55 or older, while there are 206 here.



Racial Diversity

Racial diversity is high in your area. The national average for an area this size is 399* racially diverse employees, while there are 636 here.

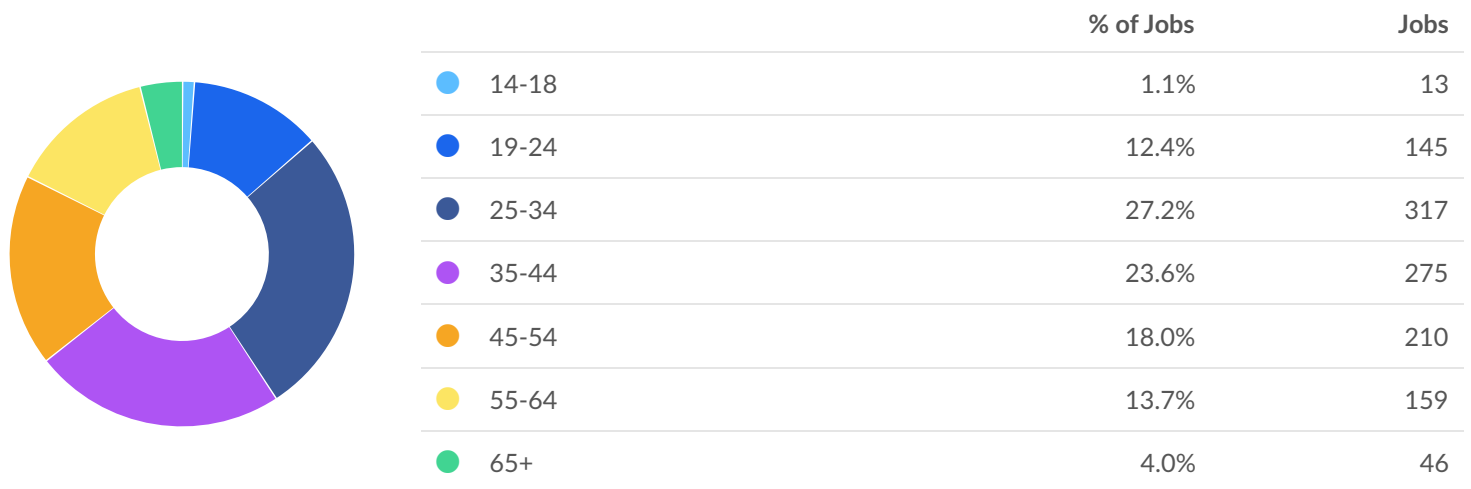


Gender Diversity

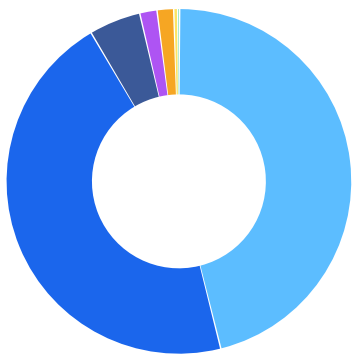
Gender diversity is about average in your area. The national average for an area this size is 19* female employees, while there are 19 here.

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Occupation Age Breakdown

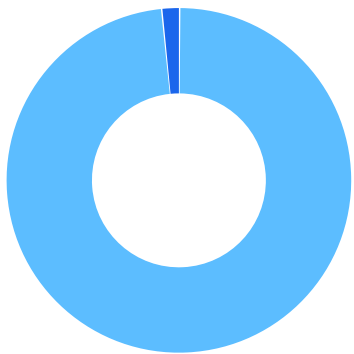


Occupation Race/Ethnicity Breakdown



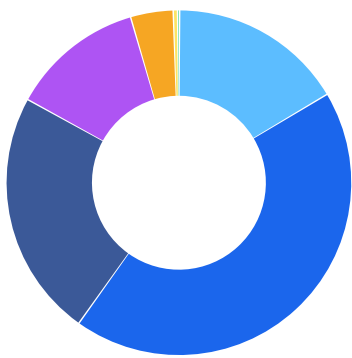
	% of Jobs	Jobs
● Hispanic or Latino	46.0%	536
● White	45.4%	529
● Asian	4.8%	56
● Black or African American	1.6%	19
● Two or More Races	1.5%	18
● American Indian or Alaska Native	0.4%	4
● Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.2%	2

Occupation Gender Breakdown



	% of Jobs	Jobs
● Males	98.3%	1,145
● Females	1.7%	19

National Educational Attainment



	% of Jobs
● Less than high school diploma	16.4%
● High school diploma or equivalent	43.4%
● Some college, no degree	23.2%
● Associate's degree	12.5%
● Bachelor's degree	4.0%
● Master's degree	0.4%
● Doctoral or professional degree	0.2%

Occupational Programs



2 Programs

Of the programs that can train for this job, 2 have produced completions in the last 5 years.



75 Completions (2021)

The completions from all regional institutions for all degree types.



138 Openings (2021)

The average number of openings for an occupation in the region is 74.

CIP Code	Top Programs	Completions (2021)
47.0604	Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	60 <div style="width: 60%;"></div>
47.0603	Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician	15 <div style="width: 15%;"></div>

Top Schools	Completions (2021)
Allan Hancock College	38 <div style="width: 38%;"></div>
Cuesta College	26 <div style="width: 26%;"></div>
Santa Barbara City College	11 <div style="width: 11%;"></div>

Appendix A

Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics (SOC 49-3023):

Diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automotive vehicles. Excludes Automotive Body and Related Repairers (49-3021), Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists (49-3031), and Electronic Equipment Installers and Repairers, Motor Vehicles (49-2096).

Sample of Reported Job Titles:

- Transmission Rebuilder
- Lube Tech (Lubrication Technician)
- Automotive Technician (Auto Tech)
- Automobile Technician (Auto Tech)
- Service Technician (Service Tech)
- Quick Service Technician (Quick Service Tech)
- Mechanic
- Heavy Line Technician (Heavy Line Tech)
- Diagnostic Technician (Diagnostic Tech)
- Automotive Service Technician (Auto Service Tech)

Related O*NET Occupation:

Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics (49-3023.00)