



Explore a Career as an **AUTO BODY REPAIRER OR AUTO SERVICE TECHNICIAN**

Target Occupation Profile

What do Auto Body Repairer and Automotive Service Technicians do?

Auto body repairers and automotive service technicians inspect, maintain and repair electric, gas, hybrid, and alternative fuel vehicles. In smaller businesses, their duties may include a full range of repair and maintenance services. In larger businesses, they may specialize in certain areas, such as brakes, transmissions, or air conditioning systems. Auto techs work on traditional mechanical components, however, they must also be familiar with a growing number of electronic systems controlled primarily by computers and electronic components. Other integrated electronic systems, such as accident-avoidance sensors, are becoming common as well.

Training & Educational Opportunities

You will have plenty of opportunities for employment as an auto body repairer or automotive service technician once you've completed coursework in high school, trade school or college in automotive technology. This should include hands-on training that usually lasts six months to a year and provides intensive career preparation.

As an Auto Body Repairer or Automotive Service Technician you will:

- Explain to clients their automotive problems and the repairs done on their vehicles
- Follow checklists to ensure that all critical parts are examined
- Identify mechanical problems, often by using computerized diagnostic equipment
- Perform basic care and maintenance, including oil change, tune-up, and tire rotation
- Repair or replace worn parts, such as brake pads and wheel bearings
- Test parts and systems to ensure they are working properly

Auto Body Repairer and Automotive Service Technicians are in demand in Cook County!

Cook County employment of auto body repairers and automotive service technicians is expected to increase through the year 2020.

Auto Body Repairer or Automotive Service Technician

Training Providers

There are many training providers available in Cook County to supply you with the training you need for a career as an auto body repairer or automotive service technician.

To access a list of training providers for these occupations and many more, please visit Illinoisworknet.com and select the 'Training and Credentials' menu option to view 'WIOA Approved Training Programs.'



Types of Employers

There are many different types of employers of auto body repairers and automotive service technicians, including:

- Auto dealerships
- Automotive groups
- Private auto garages
- Transportation corporations
- Vehicle maintenance departments

Wages & Openings

Auto Body Repairer and Automotive Service Technician Employment Data for Cook County

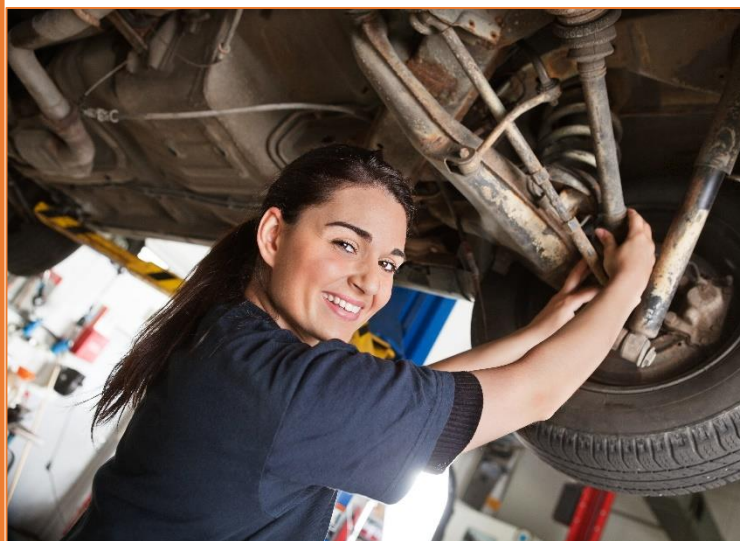
Average Starting Hourly Wage	\$11.07
Average Hourly Wage With Experience	\$23.24
Average Annual Job Openings Cook County	392
Average Annual Job Openings Chicago Metro	732

*Source: Emsi, 2017.2

Opportunities

After you receive your training as an auto body repairer or automotive service technician, you will have opportunities for specialization and advancement. Some opportunities include:

- Engine and Transmission Specialist
- Diagnostic Technician
- Diesel Mechanic
- Master Mechanic



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