

STATE OF THE SECTOR PATHWAY INFORMATION

Automotive Services

OVERVIEW

If you enjoy working on cars and aren't afraid of technology, then a career in the automotive service industry may be for you.

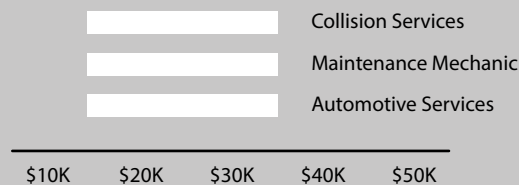
Mechanics work with all of a car's parts and systems, from the brakes and air conditioning to the belts, hoses and steering. In smaller garages or companies, a mechanic must be familiar with all of these systems to diagnose customers' problems, but at larger garages, technicians may specialize in particular areas. Mechanics must be able to use a range of tools -- jacks, screwdrivers, electronic diagnostic equipment, etc., and have strong problem-solving skills to find and repair problems.

Automotive service technicians, or mechanics, are in demand in a variety of settings, including gas station garages, car dealerships and government agencies. The field offers a range of possibilities and the opportunity to specialize, particularly for people who complete technological training and certification

CONSIDERING A CAREER IN AUTOMOTIVE?

Through the Louisiana Jump Start program, you can attain the following credentials while in high school:

AVERAGE SALARY RANGE BY CERTIFICATION



Talk with your counselor to learn more.

SAMPLE CAREER LADDERS

The 21st Century requires individuals to continuously learn and advance their skillsets. No matter what, you will need some additional training or certification beyond high school. Below are sample career ladders to help you think through your path from entry to high skill employment.

ADVANCED

Shop Floor Leader
Store Manager
Mechanical Engineer

HIGH SKILL

Lead Diesel Technician
Lead Mechanic
Automotive Engineer

MIDDLE SKILL

General Diesel Technician
Mechanic

ENTRY LEVEL

Technician Assistant
Automotive Body & Glass Repairer
Diesel Technician Assistant