

Explore a Career as an **AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNICIAN OR MECHANIC**

What do Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics do?

Automotive service technicians and mechanics 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.

Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics are in demand in Livingston County!

Livingston County employment of automotive service technicians and mechanics is expected to grow through 2032.

Training & Educational Opportunities

You will have plenty of opportunities for employment as an automotive service technician or mechanic once you've completed a certificate or associate degree in automotive technology. This should include hands-on training that usually lasts six months to two years and provides intensive career preparation.

As an Automotive Service Technician or Mechanic, 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

Automotive Technician or Repairer

Training Providers

The following certified training providers offer programs to train for a career as an automotive technician or repairer:

- Illinois Central College
- Illinois Valley Community College
- Joliet Junior College
- Kankakee Community College
- Parkland College

Career scholarships may be available if you qualify.



Types of Employers

There are many different types of employers of automotive service technicians and mechanics, including:

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

Wages & Openings

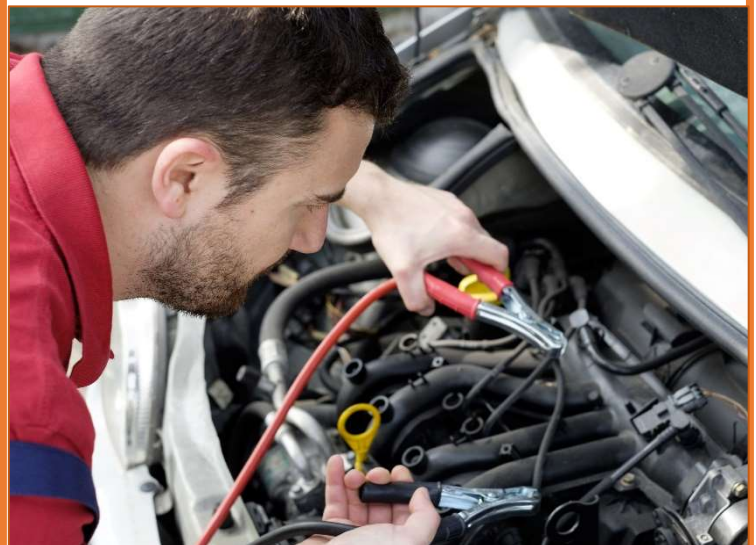
Automotive Technician and Repairer Employment Data for Livingston County

Average Starting Hourly Wage	\$16.04
Average Hourly Wage With Experience	\$26.69
Average Annual Job Openings Livingston County Area	55
Annual Job Openings Bloomington Peoria Region	150

Opportunities

After you receive your training as an automotive technician or repairer, 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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