



South Dakota High Demand & High Wage Career

Career Cluster:
Supply Chain & Transportation



Automotive Body and Related Repairers

Standard Occupational Code 49-3021

What They Do

Fix and restore car frames, panels, glass, and exterior parts after accidents or damage. They handle tasks such as dent removal, part replacement, and painting. They work to return vehicles to their original condition.

Is This For You?

Work Interests are described in the following categories (compatible with Holland's Model). People who tend to succeed in this career are:

Realistic (Doers) — Prefer to work with objects, things, machines, tools, plants or animals. They have mechanical ability, enjoy being outdoors and working with their hands.

Conventional (Organizers) — Detail oriented and organized. They like to analyze data, keep financial records and do research. They can be counted on to be accurate and enjoy structure and closure.

Work Styles (personality tendencies) of people who perform well in this occupation have:

Attention to Detail — A tendency to be detail-oriented, organized, and thorough in completing work.

Dependability — A tendency to be reliable, responsible, and consistent in meeting work-related obligations.

Abilities reflect a person's aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge. The following abilities are important for success in the career.

- Arm-Hand Steadiness
- Manual Dexterity
- Visualization
- Finger Dexterity
- Information Ordering
- Near Vision
- Oral Comprehension
- Problem Sensitivity
- Visual Color Discrimination
- Category Flexibility
- Control Precision

Work Activities

- Updating and Using Relevant Knowledge
- Getting Information
- Making Decisions and Solving Problems
- Operating Vehicles, Mechanized Devices, or Equipment

Education & Training

Some postsecondary education in an auto body program, including hands-on training with current technology, is recommended.

A registered apprenticeship is another option for preparing for this occupation. To learn more, visit StartTodaySD.com or contact your local Job Service office to get started.

Recommended Levels* for the National Career Readiness Certificate

Applied Math	3
Workplace Documents	4
Graphic Literacy	3

*Using the median skill level.

Where They Work

The South Dakota industries which employ the largest number of automotive body repairers are:

- Repair and Maintenance
- Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers
- Self Employment
- Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods

South Dakota Employment & Wages

2024 Employment	2034 Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Openings	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
839	917	78	9.3%	80	\$49,460	\$55,280

Additional References

Labor Market Information Center
www.dlr.sd.gov/lmic

Career OneStop
www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online
www.onetonline.org

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<https://www.myskillsmyfuture.org/>

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