

More South Dakota Hot Careers

Beyond the
Top **30**

High Demand & High Wage Career

**Career Cluster: Transportation,
Distribution & Logistics**



Automotive Body and Related Repairers

Standard Occupational Code 49-3021

What They Do

Repair and refinish automobile bodies and straighten the frames of vehicles damaged by an accident, weather or vandalism. They inspect vehicles for damage and determine what repair work or replacement parts are needed. They may prepare cost estimates and plan or schedule the work needed.

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 Values are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career.

Support — Offer supportive management that stands behind employees.

Relationships — Provide service to others and work in a friendly, non-competitive environment.

Independence — Work on their own and make decisions.

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

Basic Skills You Need

- Repairing
- Troubleshooting
- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Monitoring
- Operations Monitoring

Education & Training

Some postsecondary education in an auto body repair 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 service technicians and mechanics are:

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

South Dakota Employment & Wages

2020 Workers	2030 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
881	959	78	8.9%	92	\$49,920	\$52,660

Additional References

Labor Market Information Center

www.dlr.sd.gov/lmic

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

www.onetonline.org

mySkills myFuture

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

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