

Auto Body Repairers



Occupational Profile

WHAT THEY DO

Repairs automobiles, trucks, buses, and other vehicles. Master mechanics repair virtually any vehicle part or specialize in the transmission system. Belongs to the Transportation, Distribution and Logistics cluster and Facility and Mobile Equipment Maintenance pathway.

SKILLS YOU NEED

Basic Skills:

- Active Listening
- Speaking
- Monitoring

Transferable Skills (applicable in other careers):

Medium level

- Coating or painting objects
- Following written repair work orders
- Observing and diagnosing mechanical problems
- Repairing mechanical objects
- Using mechanics hand and power tools
- Using welding and soldering machines and equipment

Workplace Skills:

Medium level

- Complex Problem Solving
- Equipment Maintenance
- Equipment Selection
- Installation
- Repairing
- Time Management
- Troubleshooting

Additional skills for this occupation may be found at <http://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/career-exploration-resources>

IS THIS FOR YOU?

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

- **Realistic** – You are a "doer". You like physical activities and projects. You like to find the answers to problems by doing hands-on work instead of talking about solutions.

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

- **Relationships**—It's very important to you that you have friendly co-workers. You would like to be allowed to use your best abilities. You want to see the results of your work and get a feeling of accomplishment.
- **Support**—It's very important to you to know the company stands behind its workers and has competent, considerate, and fair management.

Aptitudes reflect a person's ability to acquire skills and knowledge. The following aptitudes are important for success in the career:

- **General Learning Ability**
- **Spatial Perception**
- **Form Perception**
- **Manual Dexterity**

Source: <https://secure.ihaveaplaniowa.gov/>

ESTIMATED & PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT

Occupational Title	2012 Estimated Employment	2022 Projected Employment	2012-22 Employment Change	Annual Growth Rate (%)	Total Annual Openings
Total, All Occupations	1,758,205	1,955,480	197,275	1.1	61,665
Installation, Maintenance, & Repair Occupations	68,585	76,810	8,225	1.2	2,420
Automotive Body & Related Repairers	2,230	2,590	360	1.6	80

Source: <http://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/occupational-projections-0>

2015 WAGE & SALARY (\$)

Occupational Title	Average Wage	Average Salary	Entry Wage	Entry Salary	Experienced Wage	Experienced Salary
Total, All Occupations	19.77	41,122	9.55	19,858	24.88	51,755
Installation, Maintenance, & Repair Occupations	20.43	42,500	13.17	27,387	24.07	50,056
Automotive Body & Related Repairers	18.56	38,612	11.29	23,482	22.20	46,177

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EDUCATION & TRAINING

Education	Work Experience	Job Training
High School Diploma	None	Long-Term On-The-Job

Automotive technology is rapidly becoming more sophisticated, and most employers prefer applicants who have completed a formal training program in automotive body repair or refinishing. Most new repairers complete at least part of this training on the job. Many repairers, particularly in urban areas, need a national certification to advance past entry-level work. A high school diploma or GED is often all that is required to enter this occupation, but more specific education and training is needed to learn how to repair newer automobiles. Collision repair programs may be offered in high school or in postsecondary vocational schools and community colleges. Trade and technical school programs typically award certificates to graduates after 6 months to a year of collision repair study. Some community colleges offer 2-year programs in collision repair. Many of these schools also offer certificates for individual courses, so that students are able to take classes incrementally or as needed. Generally, it takes 3 to 4 years of hands-on training to become skilled in all aspects of body repair. Approved apprenticeship programs/sponsors in Iowa can be found at

http://access.bridges.com/ext/cp/custom_state_data/iowa_apprenticeship/4930210.htm

Source: <http://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/occupational-projections-0> and <https://secure.ihaveaplaniowa.gov/>

NATIONAL CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATE (NCRC)

Skill	Median Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	4
Locating Information	4
Reading for Information	4

This ACT-developed credential demonstrates achievement and a certain level of workplace employability skills. The greater the score, the greater the skill level (Bronze = 3, Silver = 4, Gold = 5, Platinum = 6).

Source: <http://www.act.org/workkeys/analysis/occup.html>

PRIMARY INDUSTRY SECTORS

(Where are Auto Body Repairers Employed?)

Repair and Maintenance
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers
Self Employed
Merchant Wholesalers
Truck Transportation

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