

1. Key points
2. Dynamics of subjects
3. Glossary
4. Methodological explanations
5. Links to related publications
6. Useful links

1. Key points

As of November 1, 2023, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 530144 units, including 420304 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1774440, including 1679685 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2237311 units, including 2041977 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of November 1, 2023

	Legal entities		Subjects of individual entrepreneurship		Branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities		Subjects of small and medium business	
	registered	operating	registered	operating	registered	operating	registered	operating
Total	530 144	420 304	1 774 440	1 679 685	32 396	22 442	2 237 311	2 041 977
Small	520 986	411 287	-	-	31 264	21 324	2 233 601	2 033 272
Medium	6 679	6 570	-	-	633	624	3 020	2 940
Large	2 479	2 447	-	-	499	494	-	-

2. Dynamics of subjects

Annually, there is an increase in the number of registered legal entities by an average of 5%, so over the past ten years (2012-2022) their number has increased from 317926 to 507238 (by 189312 units or 59.5%). At the same time, it should be noted that the main growth occurs due to small legal entities, their number is steadily increasing every year by an average of 4.9%. Unlike small ones, the dynamics of medium and large legal entities is not stable. Over the past decade, against the background of the annual growth in the number of medium and large legal entities, in 2016, 2017 and 2019 their number was not significant, but decreased (by 1.3%, 1.4% and 3.1%, respectively).

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Republic of Kazakhstan	317 926	338 981	353 833	360 287	383 850	412 677	433 774	446 687	461 983	481 732	507 238
Small	309 499	330 435	344 994	351 229	374 912	403 862	424 796	437 988	453 343	472 777	497 995
Medium	6 095	6 113	6 364	6 572	6 502	6 432	6 490	6 297	6 235	6 494	6 685
Large	2 332	2 433	2 475	2 486	2 436	2 383	2 488	2 402	2 405	2 461	2 558

Dynamic tables:

[Number of registered legal entities of the Republic of Kazakhstan by sectors of the economy;](#)

[Number of registered legal entities of the Republic of Kazakhstan by region and dimension;](#)

[Number of operating legal entities of the Republic of Kazakhstan by region and dimension;](#)

[Number of registered small and medium businesses;](#)

[The main indicators of small business.](#)

Registered and operating legal entities

In October, compared to September 2023, there is a slight increase in the number of registered legal entities (by 0,1%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 5%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating legal entities - by 0,8% and 8,4%, respectively. Since the beginning of the year, by type of economic activity, the largest number of registered legal entities remains in the industry "Wholesale and retail trade; repair of cars and motorcycles", the share of which as of November 1, 2023. amounted to 27,8%. On the

second place - "Construction" (13.3%), on the third - "Provision of other types of services" (10%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 51% of all registered legal entities.

As of November 1, 2023, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (149427 or 28,2%) and Astana (100746 or 19%), and in the Karaganda region (29168 or 5,5%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (3035 or 0.6%), Abai (8323 or 1.6%) and Zhetisu (8361 or 1.6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of November 1, 2023

	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Republic of Kazakhstan	530 144	420 304	57 213	221 396	141 695	4 804
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 197	17 802	2 052	9 339	6 411	122
Mining and quarrying	5 352	4 408	665	1 622	2 121	51
Manufacturing industry	26 602	20 837	1 929	11 282	7 626	283
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 930	1 598	176	816	606	11
Water supply; collection, treatment and disposal of waste, activities for the elimination of pollution	2 831	2 232	178	1 212	842	43
Construction	70 342	53 194	6 150	20 732	26 312	1 218
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	147 407	108 545	16 322	53 547	38 676	1 635
Transport and warehousing	21 734	17 362	2 434	8 905	6 023	213
Provision of accommodation and food services	10 373	8 396	1 371	4 451	2 574	45
Information and communication	17 897	14 971	2 993	7 889	4 089	63
Financial and insurance activities	8 012	5 578	730	2 807	2 041	129
Operations with real estate	25 351	21 780	3 034	13 917	4 829	182
Professional, scientific and technical activities	34 849	28 271	3 121	16 341	8 809	206
Administrative and support services activities	25 245	21 159	2 546	12 872	5 741	149
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 561	9 283	157	8 997	129	40
Education	29 744	27 460	1 943	21 104	4 413	131
Public health and social services	10 862	9 747	942	6 617	2 188	59
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8 001	6 619	1 010	3 674	1 935	40
Provision of other types of services	52 853	41 061	9 460	15 271	16 330	184
Activities of households employing domestic workers; activities of households producing goods and services for their own consumption	-	-	-	-	-	-
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	1	-	1	-	-

Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of November 1, 2023

	Total	Including by forms and types of ownership				
		state	private total	of them		foreign
				with the participation of the state (without foreign participation)	joint ventures (with foreign participation)	
Republic of Kazakhstan	530 144	25 591	454 195	329	11 323	50 358
Small	520 986	20 844	450 286	261	11 036	49 856
Medium	6 679	3 582	2 802	31	179	295
Large	2 479	1 165	1 107	37	108	207

Spreadsheets:

[The main indicators of the number of subjects in the RK](#)

Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship (IE and JV)

In October, compared to September 2023, there is a slight increase in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 0,01%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 16,8%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 0,2% and

20%, respectively. Since the beginning of the year, by type of economic activity, the largest number of registered individual entrepreneurs remains in the industry “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of cars and motorcycles”, the share of which as of November 1, 2023 was 37,5%. In second place is “Provision of other types of services” (17,7%), in third place is “Agriculture, forestry and fisheries” (16%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 71,2% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship by type of activity

as of November 1, 2023

	Total		Including those operating:			
	registered	operating	in the form of personal business		in the form of a joint venture	
			registered	operating	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	1 774 440	1 679 685	1 701 895	1 607 961	72 545	71 724
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	284 001	274 315	211 563	202 679	72 438	71 636
Mining and quarrying	738	706	738	706	-	-
Manufacturing industry	101 227	96 086	101 218	96 077	9	9
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	605	566	605	566	-	-
Water supply; collection, treatment and disposal of waste, activities for the elimination of pollution	2 016	1 881	2 015	1 880	1	1
Construction	51 913	48 481	51 911	48 479	2	2
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	664 571	631 353	664 554	631 338	17	15
Transport and warehousing	81 683	75 797	81 672	75 789	11	8
Provision of accommodation and food services	44 750	41 747	44 746	41 743	4	4
Information and communication	18 101	16 919	18 101	16 919	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	554	497	554	497	-	-
Operations with real estate	86 516	82 290	86 494	82 272	22	18
Professional, scientific and technical activities	31 079	28 719	31 078	28 718	1	1
Administrative and support services activities	38 326	36 032	38 315	36 021	11	11
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	145	142	145	142	-	-
Education	28 124	26 433	28 123	26 432	1	1
Public health and social services	10 995	10 454	10 995	10 454	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	14 645	13 640	14 644	13 639	1	1
Provision of other types of services	314 451	293 627	314 424	293 610	27	17

Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of November 1, 2023, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 32396 units, including 22442 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3913 or 12,1%) and Astana (3739 or 11,5%), and in the Karaganda region (2133 or 6,6%). By types of economic activity, the largest number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities belong to the sectors “Provision of other types of services” (13078 or 40,4%), “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of cars and motorcycles” (4623 or 14,3%) and “Professional, scientific and technical activities” (2285 or 7,1%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of November 1, 2023.

	Total	Including by forms and types of ownership				
		state	private total	of them		foreign
				with the participation of the state (without foreign participation)	joint ventures (with foreign participation)	
Republic of Kazakhstan	28 315	2 496	24 501	208	722	1 318
Small	27 226	2 262	23 694	185	681	1 270

Medium	610	117	464	12	18	29
Large	479	117	343	11	23	19

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of November 1, 2023

	Total	of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Republic of Kazakhstan	4 081	2 459	379	1 019	1 061	82
Small	4 038	2 418	378	979	1 061	81
Medium	23	21	1	20	-	1
Large	20	20	-	20	-	-

Registered and operating legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with foreign and joint ownership

As of November 1, 2023, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 21,7% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership increased by 2,3%.

In terms of types of economic activity, the largest share of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with foreign and joint ownership falls on the sectors "Wholesale and retail trade; repair of cars and motorcycles" – 37%, "Provision of other types of services" – 12,1%, "Construction" – 9,5%.

Registered and operating legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with foreign and joint ownership by country *

as of November 1, 2023

	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	55 757	43 045	12 045	8 715
Russia	22 845	19 193	5 151	3 963
Türkiye	5 480	3 835	783	475
China	3 954	2 413	812	539
Uzbekistan	3 769	2 992	688	475
Kyrgyzstan	3 092	2 301	400	296
Ukraine	1 409	1 056	382	281
Azerbaijan	1 350	1 055	220	151
Germany	957	763	536	397
Republic of Korea	886	613	186	114
Belarus	829	711	185	140

* Top 10 countries by the largest number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities

Spreadsheets:

[Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with foreign and joint ownership](#)

[Registered and operating legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership](#)

[Registered and operating legal entities and branches with joint ownership](#)

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses

As of November 1, 2023, the number of operating SMEs increased by 14,2% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 66,8%, legal entities of small business – 20,6%, peasant or farm enterprises – 12,5%, legal entities of medium business – 0,1%.

In terms of types of economic activity, the largest share of registered small and medium-sized businesses falls on the sectors "Wholesale and retail trade; repair of cars and motorcycles" – 35,9%; "Provision of other types of services" – 15,3%. "Agriculture, forestry and fisheries" – 14,3%.

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses by regions of the Republic of Kazakhstan

as of November 1, 2023

	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 237 311	2 041 977
Abai	59 608	54 264
Akmola	63 823	58 634
Aktobe	96 466	86 982
Almaty	144 643	136 433
Atyrau	73 661	67 223
Batys Kazakhstan	64 456	58 745
Zhambyl	121 782	109 330
Zhetysay	65 076	59 601
Karaganda	112 877	100 467
Kostanai	69 572	65 307
Kyzylorda	75 640	70 977
Mangystau	88 391	82 390
Pavlodar	62 030	55 577
Soltustik Kazakhstan	38 643	35 315
Turkistan	217 571	213 020
Ulytau	20 579	19 197
Shyngys Kazakhstan	72 330	64 638
Astana city	258 595	229 506
Almaty city	389 228	343 473
Shymkent city	142 340	130 898

Spreadsheets:

[Number of registered and operating SMEs in the Republic of Kazakhstan](#)

3. Glossary

Individual entrepreneurship - an independent, initiative activity of citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan, kandas, aimed at obtaining net income, based on the property of individuals themselves and carried out on behalf of individuals, at their risk and under their property responsibility. Individual entrepreneurship is carried out in the form of personal or joint entrepreneurship.

Personal entrepreneurship - carried out by one individual independently on the basis of property belonging to him by the right of ownership, as well as by virtue of another right that allows the use and (or) disposal of property.

Joint entrepreneurship - carried out by a group of individuals (individual entrepreneurs) on the basis of property belonging to them on the basis of common ownership, as well as by virtue of another right that allows joint use and (or) disposal of property.

Categories of business entities - depending on the average annual number of employees and average annual income, business entities are classified into the following categories: "subjects of small" business, including micro-entrepreneurship entities; subjects of medium business; subjects of large business. For the purposes of state statistics, only the criterion of the average annual number of employees is used.

Principal type of activity - a type of activity, the added value of which exceeds the added value of any other type of activity carried out by an economic entity;

Secondary type of activity - a type of activity, in addition to the main one, which is carried out with the aim of producing products (goods and services) for third parties.

4. Methodological explanations

All presented indicators are based on the Statistical Business Register, which contains information on legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities, as well as individual entrepreneurs that have been registered or re-registered with the registration authorities.

The proposed tables show the number of registered and operating legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities, individual entrepreneurs, as well as small and medium-sized businesses by size, by form of ownership, by region and type of activity.

The types of activities are presented in accordance with the current General Classifier of Types of Economic Activities (GCTEA). Entities carrying out several types of activities are accounted for by the main type that provides the greatest increase in value added.

Operating entities in the Statistical Business Register include:

- entities currently engaged in economic activity, ie. active;
- newly registered and not yet engaged in economic activity;

- entities that temporarily suspended their activities.

In accordance with the "Classifier of the dimension of legal entities, branches and representative offices, as well as individual entrepreneurship entities by the number of employees", 3 classes of entities are provided for in dimension, depending on the average annual number of employees:

- small (up to 100 people);
- medium (from 101 to 250 people);
- large (over 250 people).

Legal entities with branches are taken into account taking into account the headcount of all its branches.

5. Links to related publications

[The main indicators of the number of subjects in the Republic of Kazakhstan;](#)

[Age of legal entities;](#)

6. Useful links

[Entrepreneurial Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan.](#)

[On taxes and other obligatory payments to the budget \(Tax Code\)](#)

[On national registers of identification numbers.](#)

Responsible for the release: Department of Statistical Registers and Classifications	Department director: E. Bekberdiev Tel. +7 7172 74-90-58	Executor: A.Umirbaeva Tel. +7 7172 74-97-98 E-mail: ak.umirbaeva@aspire.gov.kz	Address: 010000, Astana Mangilik el avenue, 8 House of Ministries, entrance 4
---	--	--	---