

The main indicators of the number of subjects

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1. Key points

As of December 1, 2023, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 528620 units, including 422130 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1760827, including 1671101 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2222306 units, including 2035147 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of December 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	528 620	422 130	1 760 827	1 671 101	32 240	22 371	2 222 306	2 035 147
Small	519 452	413 099	-	-	31 110	21 255	2 219 275	2 032 194
Medium	6 694	6 587	-	-	631	622	3 031	2 953
Large	2 474	2 444	-	-	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

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[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;](#)

Registered and operating legal entities

In November, compared to October 2023, there is a slight decrease in the number of registered legal entities (by 0,3%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 4,7%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating legal entities - by 0,4% and 7,6%, 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 December 1, 2023. amounted to 27,7%. On the second place - "Construction" (13,3%), on the third - "Provision of other types of services" (9,9%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 51% of all registered legal entities.

As of December 1, 2023, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (148452 or 28,1%) and Astana (101217 or 19,1%), and in the Karaganda region (29056 or 5,5%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (3009 or 0,6%), Zhetisu (8217 or 1.6%) and Abai (8284 or 1.6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of December 1, 2023

	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Republic of Kazakhstan	528 620	422 130	57 517	219 667	144 946	4 878
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 075	17 797	1 989	9 294	6 514	125
Mining and quarrying	5 328	4 425	647	1 580	2 198	50
Manufacturing industry	26 557	20 977	1 916	11 157	7 904	286
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 923	1 606	164	809	633	10
Water supply; collection, treatment and disposal of waste, activities for the elimination of pollution	2 812	2 229	170	1 182	877	44
Construction	70 128	53 438	6 186	20 058	27 194	1 244
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	146 652	108 962	16 440	53 481	39 041	1 670
Transport and warehousing	21 731	17 432	2 409	8 685	6 338	218
Provision of accommodation and food services	10 359	8 443	1 398	4 437	2 608	45
Information and communication	17 942	15 125	3 042	7 854	4 229	67
Financial and insurance activities	7 927	5 550	748	2 766	2 036	126
Operations with real estate	25 399	21 877	3 062	13 930	4 885	181
Professional, scientific and technical activities	34 759	28 410	3 158	16 219	9 033	213
Administrative and support services activities	25 236	21 278	2 507	12 865	5 906	146
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 535	9 257	144	8 981	132	38
Education	29 782	27 595	1 946	21 117	4 532	131
Public health and social services	10 919	9 829	961	6 621	2 247	59
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7 989	6 648	1 015	3 655	1 978	39
Provision of other types of services	52 566	41 251	9 615	14 975	16 661	186
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 December 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	528 620	25 555	452 653	323	11 265	50 412
Small	519 452	20 801	448 738	256	10 980	49 913
Medium	6 694	3 587	2 816	31	178	291
Large	2 474	1 167	1 099	36	107	208

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

In November, compared to October 2023, there is a slight decrease in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 0,8%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 12,8%. At the same time, there is an decrease in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 0,5% and 15,7%, 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 December 1, 2023 was 37,5%. In second place is “Provision of other types of services” (17,6%), in third place is “Agriculture, forestry and fisheries” (16,0%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 71,1% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship by type of activity

as of December 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	1 760 827	1 671 101	1 688 302	1 599 373	72 525	71 728
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	282 188	272 927	209 767	201 285	72 421	71 642
Mining and quarrying	754	724	754	724	-	-
Manufacturing industry	100 424	95 488	100 415	95 479	9	9
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	595	559	595	559	-	-
Water supply; collection, treatment and disposal of waste, activities for the elimination of pollution	1 991	1 862	1 990	1 861	1	1
Construction	51 748	48 555	51 746	48 553	2	2
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	660 440	628 982	660 423	628 967	17	15
Transport and warehousing	81 681	76 080	81 672	76 073	9	7
Provision of accommodation and food services	44 306	41 464	44 302	41 460	4	4
Information and communication	18 006	16 867	18 006	16 867	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	543	489	543	489	-	-
Operations with real estate	86 093	82 106	86 072	82 089	21	17
Professional, scientific and technical activities	30 764	28 544	30 763	28 543	1	1
Administrative and support services activities	38 277	36 136	38 266	36 125	11	11
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	145	142	145	142	-	-
Education	28 016	26 428	28 015	26 427	1	1
Public health and social services	11 012	10 501	11 012	10 501	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	14 557	13 599	14 556	13 598	1	1
Provision of other types of services	309 287	289 648	309 260	289 631	27	17

Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of December 1, 2023, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 32240 units, including 22371 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3840 or 11,9%) and Astana (3737 or 11,6%), 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” (13064 or 40,5%), “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of cars and motorcycles” (4685 or 14,2%) and “Professional, scientific and technical activities” (2272 or 7,0%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of December 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	28 190	2 496	24 379	202	710	1 315
Small	27 103	2 259	23 577	179	673	1 267
Medium	608	118	461	13	17	29
Large	479	119	341	10	20	19

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of December 1, 2023

	Total	of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Republic of Kazakhstan	4 050	2 444	382	1 001	1 061	82
Small	4 007	2 403	381	961	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 December 1, 2023, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 18,1% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership increased by 1,7%.

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" – 36,8%, "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 December 1, 2023

	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	55 777	43 449	11 975	8 764
Russia	22 965	19 406	5 130	3 972
Türkiye	5 448	3 857	774	475
China	3 935	2 429	811	554
Uzbekistan	3 815	3 068	679	472
Kyrgyzstan	3 065	2 292	399	303
Ukraine	1 397	1 063	378	282
Azerbaijan	1 355	1 065	225	156
Germany	956	766	531	397
Republic of Korea	879	618	182	116
Belarus	826	722	184	141

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

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

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses

As of December 1, 2023, the number of operating SMEs increased by 11,1% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 66,7%, legal entities of small business – 20,6%, peasant or farm enterprises – 12,6%, 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" – 36,0%; "Provision of other types of services" – 15,2%. "Agriculture, forestry and fisheries" – 14,4%.

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

as of December 1, 2023

	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 222 306	2 035 147
Abai	59 001	53 907
Akmola	63 393	58 495
Aktobe	95 552	86 444
Almaty	144 288	136 468
Atyrau	72 873	66 602
Batys Kazakhstan	63 918	58 531
Zhambyl	120 696	108 332
Zhetisu	64 678	59 721
Karaganda	112 018	100 354
Kostanai	69 263	65 213
Kyzylorda	73 975	69 636
Mangystau	87 825	81 960
Pavlodar	61 634	55 284
Soltustik Kazakhstan	38 378	35 193
Turkistan	215 558	211 244
Ulytau	20 379	19 084
Shygys Kazakhstan	71 537	63 897
Astana city	258 717	230 379
Almaty city	387 568	344 448
Shymkent city	141 055	129 955

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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.](#)

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