

# The main indicators of the number of subjects

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## 1. Key points

As of January 1, 2024, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 526290 units, including 421209 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1719279, including 1638998 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2178951 units, including 2002199 operating ones.

### Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of January 1, 2024

	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
<b>Total</b>	526 290	421 209	1 719 279	1 638 998	32 062	22 305	2 178 951	2 002 199
Small	517 123	412 186	-	-	30 931	21 188	2 175 927	1 999 259
Medium	6 689	6 575	-	-	632	623	3 024	2 940
Large	2 478	2 448	-	-	499	494	-	-

## 2. Dynamics of subjects

Annually, there is an increase in the number of registered legal entities by an average of 4,5%, so over the past ten years (2013-2023) their number has increased from 338981 to 526290 (by 187309 units or 55,3%). 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 4,6%. 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).

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Republic of Kazakhstan</b>	338 981	353 833	360 287	383 850	412 677	433 774	446 687	461 983	481 732	507 238	526 290
Small	330 435	344 994	351 229	374 912	403 862	424 796	437 988	453 343	472 777	497 995	517 123
Medium	6 113	6 364	6 572	6 502	6 432	6 490	6 297	6 235	6 494	6 685	6 689
Large	2 433	2 475	2 486	2 436	2 383	2 488	2 402	2 405	2 461	2 558	2 478

### 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;](#)

### Registered and operating legal entities

In December, compared to November 2023, there is a slight decrease in the number of registered legal entities (by 0,4%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 3,6%. At the same time, there is an decrease in the number of operating legal entities - by 0,2% and 5,5%, 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 January 1, 2024. 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 50,9% of all registered legal entities.

As of January 1, 2024, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (148244 or 28,2%) and Astana (100990 or 19,2%), and in the Karaganda region (28737 or 5,5%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2969 or 0,6%), Zhetisu (8288 or 1,6%) and Abai (8281 or 1,6%).

### Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of January 1, 2024

	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
<b>Republic of Kazakhstan</b>	526 290	421 209	56 632	198 516	166 061	4 786
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	20 990	17 809	1 825	7 987	7 997	120
Mining and quarrying	5 331	4 429	644	1 464	2 321	51
Manufacturing industry	26 482	20 858	1 929	10 157	8 772	288
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 910	1 599	156	773	670	9
Water supply; collection, treatment and disposal of waste, activities for the elimination of pollution	2 781	2 211	171	1 112	928	42
Construction	69 792	52 722	5 756	17 197	29 769	1 234
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	145 813	108 795	16 321	46 785	45 689	1 656
Transport and warehousing	21 681	17 293	2 305	8 100	6 888	212
Provision of accommodation and food services	10 357	8 469	1 390	4 002	3 077	42
Information and communication	17 922	15 132	2 942	7 098	5 092	64
Financial and insurance activities	7 897	5 567	777	2 734	2 056	124
Operations with real estate	25 299	21 903	3 110	12 957	5 836	166
Professional, scientific and technical activities	34 612	28 428	3 125	14 288	11 015	212
Administrative and support services activities	25 164	21 331	2 512	11 405	7 414	145
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 512	9 241	114	8 988	139	36
Education	29 780	27 669	1 952	20 125	5 592	130
Public health and social services	10 916	9 887	986	6 145	2 756	40
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7 978	6 658	1 003	3 484	2 171	37
Provision of other types of services	52 072	41 207	9 614	13 714	17 879	178
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 January 1, 2024

	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)	
<b>Republic of Kazakhstan</b>	526 290	25 507	450 245	325	11 210	50 538
Small	517 123	20 750	446 336	259	10 931	50 037
Medium	6 689	3 587	2 809	30	173	293
Large	2 478	1 170	1 100	36	106	208

#### Spreadsheets:

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

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

In December, compared to November 2023, there is a slight decrease in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 2,4%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 8,5%. At the same time, there is an decrease in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 1,9% and 11,1%, 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 January 1, 2024 was 37,5%. In second place is “Provision of other types of services” (17,4%), in third place is “Agriculture, forestry and fisheries” (16,2%). 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 January 1, 2024

	Total		Including those operating:			
	registered	operating	in the form of personal business		in the form of a joint venture	
			registered	operating	registered	operating
<b>Republic of Kazakhstan</b>	1 719 279	1 638 998	1 646 800	1 567 308	72 479	71 690
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	278 973	269 898	206 596	198 292	72 377	71 606
Mining and quarrying	763	734	763	734	-	-
Manufacturing industry	96 169	92 004	96 160	91 995	9	9
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	591	554	591	554	-	-
Water supply; collection, treatment and disposal of waste, activities for the elimination of pollution	1 933	1 823	1 932	1 822	1	1
Construction	50 870	48 010	50 868	48 008	2	2
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	644 624	616 742	644 607	616 727	17	15
Transport and warehousing	79 935	74 699	79 926	74 693	9	6
Provision of accommodation and food services	43 444	40 880	43 440	40 876	4	4
Information and communication	17 591	16 549	17 591	16 549	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	524	479	524	479	-	-
Operations with real estate	85 336	81 691	85 316	81 675	20	16
Professional, scientific and technical activities	30 028	28 096	30 027	28 095	1	1
Administrative and support services activities	37 683	35 778	37 672	35 767	11	11
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	138	135	138	135	-	-
Education	27 168	25 838	27 167	25 837	1	1
Public health and social services	10 710	10 275	10 710	10 275	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	14 259	13 377	14 258	13 376	1	1
Provision of other types of services	298 540	281 436	298 514	281 419	26	17

### Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of January 1, 2024, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 32062 units, including 22305 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3821 or 11,9%) and Astana (3721 or 11,6%), and in the Karaganda region (2136 or 6,7%). 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” (12997 or 40,5%), “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of cars and motorcycles” (4554 or 14,2%) and “Professional, scientific and technical activities” (2250 or 7%).

### Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of January 1, 2024.

	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)	
<b>Republic of Kazakhstan</b>	28 036	2 500	24 235	200	706	1 301
Small	26 949	2 261	23 435	177	669	1 253
Medium	609	121	459	13	17	29
Large	478	118	341	10	20	19

## Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of January 1, 2024

	Total	of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
<b>Republic of Kazakhstan</b>	4 026	2 395	387	989	1 019	83
Small	3 982	2 353	386	948	1 019	82
Medium	23	21	1	20	-	1
Large	21	21	-	21	-	-

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

As of January 1, 2024, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 16,1% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership increased by 0,9%.

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" – 37,8%, "Provision of other types of services" – 13,1%, "Construction" – 9,6%.

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

as of January 1, 2024

	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
<b>Republic of Kazakhstan</b>	55 865	43 421	11 916	8 740
Russia	23 009	19 444	5 091	3 954
Türkiye	5 431	3 806	767	474
China	3 964	2 460	818	559
Uzbekistan	3 889	3 047	676	472
Kyrgyzstan	3 076	2 316	397	301
Ukraine	1 384	1 056	386	290
Azerbaijan	1 359	1 062	224	157
Germany	943	748	531	399
Republic of Korea	877	615	180	113
Belarus	836	732	183	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 January 1, 2024, the number of operating SMEs increased by 10,1% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 66,2%, legal entities of small business – 21%, peasant or farm enterprises – 12,7%, 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%. "Agriculture, forestry and fisheries" – 14,5%.

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

as of January 1, 2024

	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 178 951	2 002 199
Abai	57 925	53 269
Akmola	62 503	57 919
Aktobe	92 112	83 819
Almaty	141 877	134 628
Atyrau	70 866	65 045
Batys Kazakhstan	62 642	57 653
Zhambyl	118 621	106 779
Zhetisu	63 584	58 914
Karaganda	109 615	99 190
Kostanai	67 997	64 286
Kyzylorda	71 147	67 180
Mangystau	84 971	79 742
Pavlodar	60 689	54 578
Soltustik Kazakhstan	37 977	34 891
Turkistan	210 898	206 855
Ulytau	19 858	18 791
Shygys Kazakhstan	69 702	62 616
Astana city	254 999	227 386
Almaty city	381 950	340 132
Shymkent city	139 018	128 526

**Spreadsheets:**

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

**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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