

The main indicators of the number of subjects

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1. Key points

As of February 1, 2024, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 526663 units, including 423868 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1726176, including 1654396 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2186275 units, including 2020036 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of February 1, 2024

By dimension	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	526 663	423 868	1 726 176	1 654 396	32 017	22 432	2 186 275	2 020 036
Small	517 496	414 844	-	-	30 887	21 316	2 183 245	2 017 089
Medium	6 690	6 577	-	-	634	625	3 030	2 947
Large	2 477	2 447	-	-	496	491	-	-

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 353833 to 526290 (by 172457 units or 48.7%). 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).

By dimension	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Republic of Kazakhstan	353 833	360 287	383 850	412 677	433 774	446 687	461 983	481 732	507 238	526 290
Small	344 994	351 229	374 912	403 862	424 796	437 988	453 343	472 777	497 995	517 123
Medium	6 364	6 572	6 502	6 432	6 490	6 297	6 235	6 494	6 685	6 689
Large	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 active legal entities of the Republic of Kazakhstan by economic sectors](#)

[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 SME entities by region](#)

Registered and operating legal entities

In January 2024, compared to December 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 3.7%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating legal entities - by 0.6% and 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 February 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 50.8% of all registered legal entities.

As of February 1, 2024, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (148741 or 28,2%) and Astana (101181 or 19,2%), and in the Karaganda region (28683 or 5,4%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2977 or 0,6%), Zhetisu (8176 or 1.6%) and Abay (8294 or 1.6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of February 1, 2024

by type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Republic of Kazakhstan	526 663	423 868	58 679	199 418	165 771	4 709
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	20 974	17 923	1 859	8 121	7 943	118
Mining and Quarrying	5 346	4 444	661	1 502	2 281	51
Manufacturing industry	26 486	20 914	2 022	10 254	8 638	285
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 905	1 603	163	786	654	9
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 771	2 201	175	1 136	890	42
Construction	69 807	53 058	5 889	16 996	30 173	1 223
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	145 712	109 527	16 982	46 973	45 572	1 622
Transport and warehousing	21 714	17 412	2 403	8 068	6 941	207
Providing of accommodation and food services	10 403	8 532	1 460	4 031	3 041	41
Information and communication	17 995	15 291	3 041	7 166	5 084	62
Financial and insurance activities	7 878	5 611	810	2 739	2 062	124
Real estate transactions	25 298	21 972	3 172	12 982	5 818	165
Professional, scientific and technical activities	34 706	28 648	3 280	14 409	10 959	208
Administrative and support services activities	25 267	21 510	2 604	11 519	7 387	142
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 507	9 235	136	8 969	130	37
Education	29 880	27 820	2 054	20 238	5 528	127
Healthcare and social services	10 983	9 972	996	6 229	2 747	38
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7 982	6 693	1 029	3 527	2 137	37
Provision of other types of services	52 048	41 501	9 943	13 772	17 786	171
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	1	1	-	1	-	-

Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of February 1, 2024

By dimension	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	526 663	25 497	450 219	321	11 170	50 947
Small	517 496	20 742	446 309	257	10 891	50 445
Medium	6 690	3 582	2 814	30	173	294
Large	2 477	1 173	1 096	34	106	208

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[The main indicators of the number of entities in the Republic of Kazakhstan:](#)

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

In January 2024, compared to December 2023, there is a slight increase in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 0.4%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 6.2%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 0.9% and 8.9%, 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 February 1, 2024 was 37.3%. In second place is “Provision of other types of services” (17.2%), in third place is “Agriculture, forestry and fisheries” (16%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 70.5% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship by type of activity

as of February 1, 2024

by type of activity	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	1 726 176	1 654 396	1 653 601	1 582 604	72 575	71 792
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	276 495	268 089	204 021	196 380	72 474	71 709
Mining and Quarrying	776	745	776	745	-	-
Manufacturing industry	94 244	90 581	94 235	90 572	9	9
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	599	561	599	561	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	1 906	1 809	1 905	1 808	1	1
Construction	50 639	48 010	50 637	48 008	2	2
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	643 885	619 030	643 868	619 015	17	15
Transport and warehousing	87 834	82 990	87 825	82 984	9	6
Providing of accommodation and food services	44 048	41 709	44 044	41 705	4	4
Information and communication	17 465	16 506	17 465	16 506	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	515	476	515	476	-	-
Real estate transactions	89 678	86 368	89 659	86 353	19	15
Professional, scientific and technical activities	30 139	28 461	30 138	28 460	1	1
Administrative and support services activities	37 738	36 016	37 727	36 005	11	11
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	129	126	129	126	-	-
Education	27 786	26 670	27 785	26 669	1	1
Healthcare and social services	10 710	10 325	10 710	10 325	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	14 330	13 515	14 329	13 514	1	1
Provision of other types of services	297 260	282 409	297 234	282 392	26	17

Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of February 1, 2024, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 32017 units, including 22432 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3831 or 12%) and Astana (3729 or 11.6%), and in the Karaganda region (2140 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" (12953 or 40.5%), "Wholesale and retail trade; repair of cars and motorcycles" (4538 or 14.2%) and "Professional, scientific and technical activities" (2276 or 7.1%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of February 1, 2024.

By dimension	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	27 990	2 526	24 174	193	711	1 290
Small	26 903	2 287	23 374	170	675	1 242
Medium	612	121	462	13	16	29
Large	475	118	338	10	20	19

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of February 1, 2024

By dimension	Total	of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Republic of Kazakhstan	4 027	2 405	398	988	1 019	83
Small	3 984	2 364	398	947	1 019	82
Medium	22	20	-	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 February 1, 2024, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 15.5% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership increased by 0.5%.

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" – 9.4%.

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

as of February 1, 2024

By country	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	56 264	43 953	11 881	8 754
Russia	23 084	19 551	5 074	3 961
Türkiye	5 434	3 828	768	476
China	4 046	3 219	669	474
Uzbekistan	3 997	2 494	821	569
Kyrgyzstan	3 103	2 347	394	298
Ukraine	1 402	1 115	219	155
Azerbaijan	1 384	1 063	389	296

Germany	938	747	531	398
Republic of Korea	879	618	179	111
Belarus	846	746	187	145

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

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[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 February 1, 2024, the number of operating SMEs increased by 8% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 66.4%, legal entities of small business – 20.9%, peasant or farm enterprises – 12.1%, 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” – 35.7%; “Provision of other types of services” – 14.8%. “Agriculture, forestry and fisheries” – 14.4%.

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses

as of February 1, 2024		
By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 186 275	2 020 036
Abay	57 575	53 479
Akmola	62 846	58 630
Aktobe	91 713	84 056
Almaty	142 978	136 315
Atyrau	70 141	64 692
Batys Kazakhstan	62 468	57 889
Zhambyl	118 526	107 418
Zhetysu	63 465	59 234
Karagandy	109 932	100 260
Kostanay	68 774	65 451
Kyzylorda	69 626	66 061
Mangystau	84 061	79 249
Pavlodar	60 747	55 157
Soltustik Kazakhstan	38 233	35 299
Turkistan	209 826	206 056
Ulytau	19 467	18 577
Shygys Kazakhstan	69 586	63 105
Astana city	257 476	230 869
Almaty city	387 343	346 754
Shymkent city	141 492	131 485

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[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

[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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