

The main indicators of the number of subjects

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1. Key points

As of April 1, 2024, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 528410 units, including 424223 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1725703, including 1651768 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2187241 units, including 2017379 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of April 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	528 410	424 223	1 725 703	1 651 768	31 970	22 510	2 187 241	2 017 379
Small	519 229	415 188	-	-	30 841	21 395	2 184 193	2 014 418
Medium	6 703	6 587	-	-	632	623	3 048	2 961
Large	2 478	2 448	-	-	497	492	-	-

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 March, compared to February 2024, there is a slight increase in the number of registered legal entities (by 0.2%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 2.9%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating legal entities - by 0.4%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 2.4%. 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; car and motorcycle repair», the share of which as of April 1, 2024, amounted to 27.6%. 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 April 1, 2024, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (149571 or 28.3%) and Astana (101606 or 19.2%), and in the Karaganda region (28755 or 5.4%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2964 or 0.6%), Zhetisu (8221 or 1.6%) and Abay (8316 or 1.6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of April 1, 2024

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Republic of Kazakhstan	528 410	424 223	59 259	202 234	162 730	5 096
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 083	18 030	1 767	8 501	7 762	121
Mining and Quarrying	5 415	4 495	614	1 582	2 299	54
Manufacturing industry	26 635	20 944	1 879	10 529	8 536	306
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 906	1 601	142	802	657	9
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 770	2 170	156	1 161	853	43
Construction	70 080	53 101	5 789	17 825	29 487	1 298
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	145 701	108 836	17 232	47 109	44 495	1 790
Transport and warehousing	21 806	17 458	2 445	8 201	6 812	236
Providing of accommodation and food services	10 455	8 562	1 533	4 032	2 997	51
Information and communication	18 134	15 418	3 152	7 249	5 017	72
Financial and insurance activities	7 848	5 589	845	2 740	2 004	125
Real estate transactions	25 536	22 189	3 221	13 204	5 764	167
Professional, scientific and technical activities	34 737	28 614	3 377	14 580	10 657	229
Administrative and support services activities	25 108	21 269	2 569	11 578	7 122	158
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 535	9 277	168	8 962	147	32
Education	30 036	27 988	2 132	20 366	5 490	131
Healthcare and social services	11 092	10 094	1 032	6 287	2 775	40
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7 974	6 672	1 054	3 553	2 065	41
Provision of other types of services	52 558	41 915	10 152	13 972	17 791	193
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	1	1	-	1	-	-

Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of April 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	528 410	25 551	451 109	276	11 149	51 750
Small	519 229	20 792	447 187	230	10 866	51 250
Medium	6 703	3 585	2 822	20	173	296
Large	2 478	1 174	1 100	26	110	204

Spreadsheets:

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

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

In March, compared to February 2024, there is a slight increase in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 0.1%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 2.6%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 0.2%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 4.4%. 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; car and motorcycle repair», the share of which as of April 1, 2024 was 37.3%. In second place is «Provision of other types of services» (17.1%), in third place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (15.8%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 70.2% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship by type of activity

as of April 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	1 725 703	1 651 768	1 653 018	1 579 862	72 685	71 906
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	273 125	264 469	200 541	192 645	72 584	71 824
Mining and Quarrying	763	724	763	724	-	-
Manufacturing industry	91 481	87 630	91 473	87 622	8	8
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	594	558	594	558	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	1 910	1 804	1 909	1 803	1	1
Construction	51 004	48 172	51 002	48 170	2	2
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	644 285	618 532	644 269	618 519	16	13
Transport and warehousing	89 895	84 973	89 886	84 967	9	6
Providing of accommodation and food services	44 597	42 175	44 593	42 171	4	4
Information and communication	17 584	16 586	17 584	16 586	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	508	466	508	466	-	-
Real estate transactions	93 075	89 700	93 056	89 685	19	15
Professional, scientific and technical activities	30 321	28 591	30 320	28 590	1	1
Administrative and support services activities	38 148	36 382	38 136	36 370	12	12
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	125	122	125	122	-	-
Education	28 688	27 592	28 687	27 591	1	1
Healthcare and social services	10 763	10 364	10 763	10 364	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	14 467	13 643	14 466	13 642	1	1
Provision of other types of services	294 370	279 285	294 343	279 267	27	18

Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of April 1, 2024, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 31970 units, including 22510 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3825 or 12%) and Astana (3739 or 11.7%), and in the Karaganda region (2142 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» (12925 or 40.4%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (4520 or 14.1%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2255 or 7.1%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of April 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	27 954	2 538	24 130	185	706	1 286
Small	26 866	2 297	23 331	163	670	1 238
Medium	611	120	461	13	16	30
Large	477	121	338	9	20	18

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of April 1, 2024

By dimension	Total	of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Republic of Kazakhstan	4 016	2 402	416	974	1 012	82
Small	3 975	2 363	416	935	1 012	81
Medium	21	19	-	19	-	1
Large	20	20	-	20	-	-

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

As of April 1, 2024, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 13 % compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership decreased by 0.1%.

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; car and motorcycle repair» – 36.6%, «Provision of other types of services» – 12.4%, «Construction» – 9.3%.

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

as of April 1, 2024

Be country	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	57 052	44 568	11 855	8723
Russia	23 321	19 735	5 051	3935
Türkiye	5 447	3 823	765	467
China	4 378	3 458	669	482
Uzbekistan	4 088	2 577	833	577
Kyrgyzstan	3 125	2 366	395	301
Ukraine	1 434	1 152	217	152
Azerbaijan	1 391	1 071	393	300
Germany	938	748	529	395
Republic of Korea	891	628	174	107
Belarus	865	763	186	145

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

Spreadsheets:

[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 April 1, 2024, the number of operating SMEs increased by 4% 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 – 21%, 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; car and motorcycle repair» – 35.7%; «Provision of other types of services» – 14.7%. «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» – 14.3%.

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses

as of April 1, 2024

By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 187 241	2 017 379
Abay	57 435	53 262
Akmola	63 163	58 794
Aktobe	91 094	82 968
Almaty	143 683	136 669
Atyrau	68 514	63 144
Batys Kazakhstan	62 192	57 720
Zhambyl	117 843	106 701
Zhetysu	63 392	59 513
Karagandy	110 045	100 533
Kostanay	68 793	65 468
Kyzylorda	67 455	63 962
Mangystau	83 014	77 980
Pavlodar	60 862	55 190
Soltustik Kazakhstan	38 358	35 461
Turkistan	208 873	204 408
Ulytau	19 325	18 408
Shygyz Kazakhstan	69 478	62 895
Astana city	260 384	233 511
Almaty city	391 813	351 086
Shymkent city	141 525	129 706

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

[Age of legal entities](#)

[The number of registered and operating individual entrepreneurs under the age of 35 and legal entities owned \(100%\) by persons under the age of 35](#)

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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