

The main indicators of the number of subjects

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1. Key points

As of May 1, 2024, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 529917 units, including 424399 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1724079, including 1650210 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2187012 units, including 2015768 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of May 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	529 917	424 399	1 724 079	1 650 210	31 913	22 484	2 187 012	529 917
Small	520 748	415 374	-	-	30 789	21 374	2 183 988	520 748
Medium	6 689	6 575	-	-	624	617	3 024	6 689
Large	2 480	2 450	-	-	498	493	-	2 480

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
Total	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 April, compared to March 2024, there is a slight increase in the number of registered legal entities (by 0.3%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 2.7%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating legal entities - by 0.04%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 1.9%. 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 May 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 May 1, 2024, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (150220 or 28.4%) and Astana (101861 or 19.2%), and in the Karaganda region (28808 or 5.4%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2963 or 0.6%), Zhetisu (8272 or 1.6%) and Abay (8337 or 1.6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of May 1, 2024

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Total	529 917	424 399	55 942	204 997	163 460	5 054
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 143	18 113	1 573	8 636	7 904	115
Mining and Quarrying	5 461	4 549	558	1 630	2 361	50
Manufacturing industry	26 713	21 009	1 631	10 717	8 661	305
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 906	1 607	121	822	664	9
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 761	2 159	137	1 193	829	42
Construction	70 441	53 246	5 457	18 363	29 426	1 298
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	145 994	108 350	16 401	47 488	44 461	1 787
Transport and warehousing	21 855	17 460	2 330	8 421	6 709	232
Providing of accommodation and food services	10 463	8 531	1 444	4 114	2 973	49
Information and communication	18 269	15 505	3 100	7 393	5 012	72
Financial and insurance activities	7 849	5 587	791	2 789	2 007	125
Real estate transactions	25 638	22 242	3 048	13 364	5 830	163
Professional, scientific and technical activities	34 797	28 652	3 308	14 750	10 594	223
Administrative and support services activities	25 128	21 277	2 476	11 703	7 098	154
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 556	9 305	186	8 970	149	30
Education	30 088	28 034	2 032	20 491	5 511	125
Healthcare and social services	11 140	10 142	988	6 389	2 765	40
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7 987	6 688	1 007	3 604	2 077	41
Provision of other types of services	52 727	41 942	9 354	14 159	18 429	194
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	1	1	-	1	-	-

Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of May 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)	
Total	529 917	25 540	451 993	276	11 146	52 384
Small	520 748	20 774	448 085	228	10 867	51 889
Medium	6 689	3 593	2 802	21	169	294
Large	2 480	1 173	1 106	27	110	201

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 April, compared to March 2024, there is a slight decrease in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 0.1%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 0.6%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 0.1%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 2.2%. 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 May 1, 2024 was 37.3%. In second place is «Provision of other types of services» (17%), in third place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (15.8%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 70.1% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship by type of activity

as of May 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
Total	1 724 079	1 650 210	1 651 365	1 578 293	72 714	71 917
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	271 688	263 082	199 071	191 240	72 617	71 842
Mining and Quarrying	768	729	768	729	-	-
Manufacturing industry	90 784	86 955	90 776	86 947	8	8
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	603	565	603	565	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	1 948	1 842	1 947	1 841	1	1
Construction	51 633	48 705	51 631	48 703	2	2
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	643 742	618 009	643 726	617 996	16	13
Transport and warehousing	89 971	85 124	89 962	85 118	9	6
Providing of accommodation and food services	44 922	42 493	44 918	42 489	4	4
Information and communication	17 635	16 624	17 635	16 624	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	509	464	509	464	-	-
Real estate transactions	94 088	90 693	94 070	90 680	18	13
Professional, scientific and technical activities	30 479	28 766	30 478	28 765	1	1
Administrative and support services activities	38 454	36 721	38 442	36 709	12	12
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	126	122	126	122	-	-
Education	28 892	27 805	28 891	27 804	1	1
Healthcare and social services	10 761	10 372	10 761	10 372	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	14 628	13 796	14 627	13 795	1	1
Provision of other types of services	292 448	277 343	292 424	277 330	24	13

Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of May 1, 2024, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 31913 units, including 22484 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3821 or 12%) and Astana (3732 or 11.7%), and in the Karaganda region (2137 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» (12923 or 40.5%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (4491 or 14.1%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2245 or 7%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of May 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)	
Total	27 904	2 535	24 089	184	693	1 280
Small	26 822	2 299	23 292	162	660	1 231
Medium	604	115	458	13	15	31
Large	478	121	339	9	18	18

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of May 1, 2024

By dimension	Total	of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Total	4 009	2 401	400	981	1 020	80
Small	3 967	2 361	400	941	1 020	79
Medium	22	20	-	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 May 1, 2024, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 12.4% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership decreased by 0.4%.

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» – 12.5%, «Construction» – 9.4%.

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

as of May 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	57 673	44 906	11 839	8 696
Russia	23 498	19 811	5 024	3 902
Türkiye	5 461	3 820	766	467
China	4 595	3 643	678	484
Uzbekistan	4 168	2 653	849	594
Kyrgyzstan	3 153	2 296	395	303
Ukraine	1 459	1 172	216	148
Azerbaijan	1 392	1 065	394	297
Germany	943	752	527	393
Republic of Korea	892	623	173	107
Belarus	879	774	187	147

* 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 May 1, 2024, the number of operating SMEs increased by 2.1% 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» – 14.6%. «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» – 14.2%.

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses

as of May 1, 2024

By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 187 012	2 015 768
Abay	57 218	53 155
Akmola	63 169	58 576
Aktobe	90 731	82 684
Almaty	143 838	136 738
Atyrau	67 986	62 663
Batys Kazakhstan	61 892	57 486
Zhambyl	117 312	106 118
Zhetysay	63 294	59 517
Karagandy	109 944	100 420
Kostanay	68 584	64 963
Kyzylorda	66 805	63 416
Mangystau	82 514	77 536
Pavlodar	60 937	55 378
Soltustik Kazakhstan	38 181	35 391
Turkistan	208 902	204 348
Ulytau	19 150	18 256
Shyys Kazakhstan	69 199	62 802
Astana city	261 755	232 840
Almaty city	393 153	352 837
Shymkent city	142 448	130 644

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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:ë

- 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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