

The main indicators of the number of subjects

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1. Key points

As of September 1, 2024, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 537215 units, including 419999 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1776322, including 1682687 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2245651 units, including 2043760 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of September 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	537 215	419 999	1 776 322	1 682 687	31 887	22 223	2 245 651	2 043 760
Small	528 092	411 037	-	-	30 789	21 139	2 242 650	2 040 852
Medium	6 681	6 556	-	-	614	604	3 001	2 908
Large	2 442	2 406	-	-	484	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).

Dynamics of subjects

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 August, compared to July 2024, there is a slight increase in the number of registered legal entities (by 0.4%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 2%. At the same time, there is an decrease in the number of operating legal entities - by 0.2%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 1.6%. 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 September 1, 2024. amounted to 27.5%. On the second place - "Construction" (13.3%), on the third - "Provision of other types of services" (10%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 50.8% of all registered legal entities.

As of September 1, 2024, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (152519 or 28.4%), Astana (103537 or 19.3%), and Shymkent (29107 or 5.4%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2952 or 0.5%), Zhetisu (8331 or 1.6%) and Abay (8425 or 1.6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of September 1, 2024

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Total	537 215	419 999	49 170	211 356	159 473	4 807
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 324	18 153	1 572	8 786	7 795	115
Mining and Quarrying	5 591	4 574	520	1 662	2 392	47
Manufacturing industry	27 273	21 186	1 778	10 866	8 542	292
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 958	1 645	144	820	681	9
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 770	2 136	133	1 205	798	35
Construction	71 653	52 686	5 249	17 624	29 813	1 233
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	147 662	105 901	13 481	53 303	39 117	1 664
Transport and warehousing	22 240	17 485	1 952	8 321	7 212	223
Providing of accommodation and food services	10 707	8 427	1 140	4 671	2 616	47
Information and communication	18 557	15 368	2 542	7 317	5 509	71
Financial and insurance activities	7 863	5 491	636	2 803	2 052	122
Real estate transactions	26 171	22 248	2 562	13 649	6 037	171
Professional, scientific and technical activities	35 019	28 057	2 830	14 606	10 621	212
Administrative and support services activities	25 125	20 774	2 084	11 488	7 202	144
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 702	9 447	226	9 056	165	29
Education	30 491	28 195	1 905	20 912	5 378	124
Healthcare and social services	11 444	10 365	1 002	6 593	2 770	39
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8 026	6 591	854	3 618	2 119	42
Provision of other types of services	53 638	41 269	8 560	14 055	18 654	188
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 September 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	537 215	25 798	457 701	299	11 193	53 716
Small	528 092	21 001	453 859	257	10 922	53 232
Medium	6 681	3 612	2 778	19	166	291
Large	2 442	1 185	1 064	23	105	193

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 August, compared to July 2024, 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 increase by 0.3%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 0.04%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 0.6%. 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 September 1, 2024 was 37.6 %. In second place is «Provision of other types of services» (16.8%), in third place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (15.3%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 69.7% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship by type of activity

as of September 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	1 776 322	1 682 687	1 703 565	1 612 224	72 757	70 463
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	271 656	259 676	199 008	189 296	72 648	70 380
Mining and Quarrying	808	743	808	743	-	-
Manufacturing industry	96 361	91 765	96 353	91 758	8	7
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	636	592	636	592	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 061	1 950	2 060	1 949	1	1
Construction	55 456	51 690	55 454	51 688	2	2
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	667 547	634 042	667 531	634 029	16	13
Transport and warehousing	93 137	87 685	93 128	87 679	9	6
Providing of accommodation and food services	46 099	43 102	46 095	43 098	4	4
Information and communication	18 213	17 067	18 213	17 067	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	524	463	524	463	-	-
Real estate transactions	96 524	92 169	96 506	92 156	18	13
Professional, scientific and technical activities	31 220	29 222	31 219	29 221	1	1
Administrative and support services activities	40 396	38 296	40 384	38 284	12	12
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	118	110	118	110	-	-
Education	30 676	29 372	30 675	29 371	1	1
Healthcare and social services	10 933	10 444	10 933	10 444	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	15 352	14 399	15 351	14 398	1	1
Provision of other types of services	298 605	279 900	298 569	279 878	36	22

Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of September 1, 2024, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 31887 units, including 22223 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3848 or 12.1%) and Astana (3716 or 11.7%), and in the Karaganda region (2129 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» (12975 or 40.7%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (4465 or 14%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2235 or 7%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of September 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	27 857	2 579	24 014	173	692	1 264
Small	26 796	2 335	23 242	150	661	1 219
Medium	595	122	443	13	13	30
Large	466	122	329	10	18	15

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of September 1, 2024

By dimension	Total	operating	Of them			in the process of liquidation
			including			
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Total	4 030	2 283	324	908	1 051	82
Small	3 993	2 248	324	873	1 051	81
Medium	19	17	-	17	-	1
Large	18	18	-	18	-	-

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

As of September 1, 2024, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 8.5% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership decreased by 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» – 36.4%, «Provision of other types of services» – 12.7%, «Construction» – 9.5%.

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

as of September 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	59 010	44 016	11 885	8 620
Russia	23 639	19 197	5 039	3 832
Türkiye	5 496	3 649	768	477
China	4 980	3 662	651	476
Uzbekistan	4 674	3 062	902	650
Kyrgyzstan	3 250	2 178	391	290
Ukraine	1 515	1 147	219	149
Azerbaijan	1 389	1 017	394	292
Germany	936	724	514	372
Republic of Korea	904	602	177	110
Belarus	900	761	194	151

* 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 September 1, 2024, the number of operating SMEs increased by 0.8% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 66.9%, legal entities of small business – 20.8%, peasant or farm enterprises – 12.2%, 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» – 35.9%; «Provision of other types of services» – 15%. «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» – 13.9%.

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses

as of September 1, 2024

By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 245 651	2 043 760
Abay	58 517	54 254
Akmola	64 252	58 942
Aktobe	92 853	84 226
Almaty	148 159	139 993
Atyrau	68 457	62 368
Batys Kazakhstan	63 063	57 788
Zhambyl	119 370	105 307
Zhetysu	64 512	60 164
Karagandy	112 036	101 622
Kostanay	69 479	65 379
Kyzylorda	69 374	65 857
Mangystau	84 039	77 101
Pavlodar	62 442	56 566
Soltustik Kazakhstan	38 852	35 768
Turkistan	216 749	208 440
Ulytau	19 637	18 548
Shygys Kazakhstan	70 091	62 927
Astana city	271 335	237 572
Almaty city	405 823	358 227
Shymkent city	146 611	132 711

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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, 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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