

# The main indicators of the number of subjects

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## 1. Key points

As of December 1, 2024, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 537915 units, including 424007 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1799467, including 1707051 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2269158 units, including 2071305 operating ones.

### Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of December 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
<b>Total</b>	537 915	424 007	1 799 467	1 707 051	31 537	22 377	2 269 158	2 071 305
Small	528 484	414 723	-	-	30 430	21 282	2 265 925	2 068 155
Medium	6 945	6 832	-	-	618	610	3233	3150
Large	2 486	2 452	-	-	489	485	-	-

## 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
<b>Total</b>	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 November, compared to October 2024, there is a slight decrease in the number of registered legal entities (by 0.3%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 1.8%. 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 0.4%. 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 December 1, 2024. amounted to 27.4%. 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 50.7% of all registered legal entities.

As of December 1, 2024, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (152523 or 28.4%), Astana (103802 or 19.3%), and Shymkent (29392 or 5.5%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2914 or 0.5%), Zhetisu (8367 or 1.6%) and Abay (8483 or 1.6%).

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

as of December 1, 2024

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
<b>Total</b>	537 915	424 007	49 481	223 118	151 408	4 489
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 204	18 120	1 559	9 240	7 321	112
Mining and Quarrying	5 657	4 705	537	1 739	2 429	45
Manufacturing industry	27 323	21 579	1 928	11 443	8 208	273
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 931	1 625	149	783	693	10
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 741	2 159	135	1 218	806	35
Construction	71 413	53 251	4 974	21 076	27 201	1 154
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	147 155	106 246	14 309	54 145	37 792	1 529
Transport and warehousing	22 494	17 812	1 952	9 183	6 677	204
Providing of accommodation and food services	10 753	8 502	1 164	4 725	2 613	42
Information and communication	18 677	15 487	2 477	7 944	5 066	62
Financial and insurance activities	7 843	5 608	619	2 896	2 093	121
Real estate transactions	26 708	22 894	2 334	14 688	5 872	158
Professional, scientific and technical activities	34 950	28 041	2 659	15 726	9 656	205
Administrative and support services activities	25 388	21 183	1 986	12 412	6 785	133
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 668	9 417	196	9 071	150	28
Education	30 754	28 482	1 944	21 594	4 944	123
Healthcare and social services	11 616	10 515	973	6 955	2 587	38
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7 966	6 577	830	3 667	2 080	37
Provision of other types of services	53 673	41 803	8 756	14 612	18 435	180
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	1	-	1	-	-

### Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of December 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)	
<b>Total</b>	537 915	25 818	457 990	296	11 071	54 107
Small	528 484	20 980	453 895	251	10 775	53 609
Medium	6 945	3 650	2 993	25	187	302
Large	2 486	1 188	1 102	20	109	196

#### 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 November, compared to October 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 2.2%. At the same time, there is an decrease in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 0.03%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 2.1%. 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 December 1, 2024 was 37.4 %. In second place is «Provision of other types of services» (16.4%), in third place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (14.9%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 68.7% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

## Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship by type of activity

as of December 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
<b>Total</b>	1 799 467	1 707 051	1 726 750	1 637 002	72 717	70 049
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	267 566	252 663	194 942	182 684	72 624	69 979
Mining and Quarrying	812	747	812	747	-	-
Manufacturing industry	95 021	90 527	95 012	90 519	9	8
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	625	584	625	584	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 096	2 010	2 095	2 009	1	1
Construction	57 418	53 723	57 416	53 721	2	2
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	673 084	640 214	673 069	640 201	15	13
Transport and warehousing	113 465	108 560	113 456	108 554	9	6
Providing of accommodation and food services	46 105	43 277	46 101	43 273	4	4
Information and communication	18 527	17 487	18 527	17 487	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	526	457	526	457	-	-
Real estate transactions	97 734	94 157	97 716	94 144	18	13
Professional, scientific and technical activities	31 634	29 816	31 633	29 815	1	1
Administrative and support services activities	41 271	39 294	41 259	39 282	12	12
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	116	110	116	110	-	-
Education	31 883	30 560	31 882	30 559	1	1
Healthcare and social services	10 923	10 430	10 923	10 430	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	15 459	14 552	15 458	14 551	1	1
Provision of other types of services	295 202	277 883	295 182	277 875	20	8

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

As of December 1, 2024, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 31537 units, including 22377 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3845 or 12.2%) and Astana (3680 or 11.7%), and in the Karaganda region (2139 or 6.8%). 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» (12900 or 40.9%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (4342 or 13.8%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2203 or 7%).

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

as of December 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)	
<b>Total</b>	27 508	2 583	23 711	175	685	1 214
Small	26 441	2 332	22 938	152	653	1 171
Medium	596	126	439	13	13	31
Large	471	125	334	10	19	12

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

as of December 1, 2024

By dimension	Total	operating	Of them			in the process of liquidation
			including			
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
<b>Total</b>	4 029	2 324	344	911	1 069	81
Small	3 989	2 286	343	874	1 069	80
Medium	22	20	1	19	-	1
Large	18	18	-	18	-	-

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

As of December 1, 2024, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 6.4% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership decreased by 1.8%.

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» – 36.2%, «Provision of other types of services» – 13.1%, «Construction» – 9.3%.

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

as of December 1, 2024

Be country	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
<b>Republic of Kazakhstan</b>	59 350	44 537	11 756	8 667
Russia	23 428	18 979	4 957	3 834
Türkiye	5 363	3 576	765	473
China	5 400	3 994	633	469
Uzbekistan	5 036	3 431	932	698
Kyrgyzstan	3 202	2 232	389	300
Ukraine	1 518	1 160	211	147
Azerbaijan	1 354	992	394	297
Germany	946	741	509	372
Belarus	922	781	187	143
Republic of Korea	904	612	166	104

\* 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 December 1, 2024, the number of operating SMEs increased by 1.8% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 67.3%, legal entities of small business – 20.6%, peasant or farm enterprises – 12%, 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» – 14.2%. «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» – 13.7%.

### Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses

as of December 1, 2024

By region	Registered	Operating
<b>Republic of Kazakhstan</b>	2 269 158	2 071 305
Abay	58 795	54 380
Akmola	64 493	59 442
Aktobe	93 396	86 211
Almaty	151 512	141 499
Atyrau	68 514	63 136
Batys Kazakhstan	62 799	58 147
Zhambyl	118 365	104 278
Zhetysu	64 804	60 675
Karagandy	111 666	102 038
Kostanay	70 038	66 041
Kyzylorda	68 848	65 711
Mangystau	83 750	76 793
Pavlodar	62 708	56 790
Soltustik Kazakhstan	38 680	35 541
Turkistan	216 917	209 045
Ulytau	19 541	18 438
Shygys Kazakhstan	70 142	63 144
Astana city	279 359	247 198
Almaty city	416 653	366 266
Shymkent city	148 178	136 532

### 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, 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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