

The main indicators of the number of subjects

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1. Key points

As of January 1, 2025, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 536241 units, including 426096 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1794381, including 1705517 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2262392 units, including 2071657 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of January 1, 2025

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	536 241	426 096	1 794 381	1 705 517	31 368	22 447	2 262 392	2 071 657
Small	526 826	416 815	-	-	30 248	21 339	2 259 185	2 068 522
Medium	6 919	6 818	-	-	631	623	3 207	3 135
Large	2 496	2 463	-	-	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 (2015-2024) their number has increased from 360287 to 536241 (by 175954 units or 48.8%). 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	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total	360 287	383 850	412 677	433 774	446 687	461 983	481 732	507 238	526 290	536 241
Small	351 229	374 912	403 862	424 796	437 988	453 343	472 777	497 995	517 123	526 826
Medium	6 572	6 502	6 432	6 490	6 297	6 235	6 494	6 685	6 689	6 919
Large	2 486	2 436	2 383	2 488	2 402	2 405	2 461	2 558	2 478	2 496

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 December, compared to November 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 1.9%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating legal entities - by 0.5%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 1.2%. 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 January 1, 2025. amounted to 27.3%. 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 50.6% of all registered legal entities.

As of January 1, 2025, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (151787 or 28.3%), Astana (103572 or 19.3%), and Shymkent (29457 or 5.5%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2910 or 0.5%), Zhetisu (8322 or 1.6%) and Abay (8468 or 1.6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of January 1, 2025

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Total	536 241	426 096	50 066	221 784	154 246	4 344
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 104	18 133	1 570	9 210	7 353	110
Mining and Quarrying	5 675	4 780	595	1 732	2 453	44
Manufacturing industry	27 313	21 729	2 021	11 407	8 301	264
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 917	1 626	157	762	707	10
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 715	2 164	143	1 199	822	34
Construction	71 139	53 653	4 978	20 995	27 680	1 111
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	146 255	106 727	14 544	53 472	38 711	1 477
Transport and warehousing	22 475	17 905	1 932	9 067	6 906	198
Providing of accommodation and food services	10 719	8 516	1 174	4 652	2 690	41
Information and communication	18 644	15 529	2 439	7 894	5 196	59
Financial and insurance activities	7 792	5 618	678	2 800	2 140	119
Real estate transactions	26 686	22 972	2 353	14 637	5 982	155
Professional, scientific and technical activities	34 777	28 105	2 654	15 649	9 802	205
Administrative and support services activities	25 243	21 215	1 977	12 321	6 917	128
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 686	9 436	193	9 088	155	28
Education	30 743	28 531	1 813	21 693	5 025	122
Healthcare and social services	11 708	10 623	1 038	6 949	2 636	37
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7 928	6 585	804	3 650	2 131	35
Provision of other types of services	53 721	42 248	9 003	14 606	18 639	167
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	1	-	1	-	-

Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of January 1, 2025

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	536 241	25 903	456 013	466	11 031	54 325
Small	526 826	21 051	451 947	400	10 735	53 828
Medium	6 919	3 655	2 965	32	188	299
Large	2 496	1 197	1 101	34	108	198

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 December, compared to November 2024, there is a slight decrease in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 0.3%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increase by 4.4%. At the same time, there is an decrease 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 4.1%. 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 January 1, 2025 was 37.4 %. In second place is «Provision of other types of services» (16.3%), in third place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (14.8%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 68.5% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship by type of activity

as of January 1, 2025

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	1 794 381	1 705 517	1 721 786	1 635 393	72 595	70 124
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	265 556	252 755	193 052	182 699	72 504	70 056
Mining and Quarrying	803	739	803	739	-	-
Manufacturing industry	94 105	89 708	94 096	89 700	9	8
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	625	585	625	585	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 086	2 005	2 085	2 004	1	1
Construction	57 730	54 107	57 728	54 105	2	2
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	670 749	638 484	670 734	638 471	15	13
Transport and warehousing	116 261	111 488	116 252	111 482	9	6
Providing of accommodation and food services	46 047	43 242	46 043	43 238	4	4
Information and communication	18 575	17 539	18 575	17 539	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	525	457	525	457	-	-
Real estate transactions	97 408	93 849	97 390	93 836	18	13
Professional, scientific and technical activities	31 503	29 736	31 502	29 735	1	1
Administrative and support services activities	41 391	39 451	41 380	39 440	11	11
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	117	112	117	112	-	-
Education	31 891	30 540	31 890	30 539	1	1
Healthcare and social services	10 891	10 402	10 891	10 402	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	15 427	14 536	15 426	14 535	1	1
Provision of other types of services	292 691	275 782	292 672	275 775	19	7

Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of January 1, 2025, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 31368 units, including 22447 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3846 or 12.3%) and Astana (3649 or 11.6%), and in the Karaganda region (2141 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» (12864 or 41%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (4260 or 13.6%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2195 or 7%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of January 1, 2025

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	27 357	2 585	23 571	174	677	1 201
Small	26 278	2 332	22 788	151	645	1 158
Medium	608	128	449	12	13	31
Large	471	125	334	11	19	12

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of January 1, 2025

By dimension	Total	operating	Of them			in the process of liquidation
			including			
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Total	4 011	2 323	340	868	1 115	81
Small	3 970	2 284	339	830	1 115	80
Medium	23	21	1	20	-	1
Large	18	18	-	18	-	-

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

As of January 1, 2025, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 6.6% 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%, «Provision of other types of services» – 13.5%, «Construction» – 9.1%.

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

as of January 1, 2025

Be country	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	59 537	44 995	11 708	8 723
Russia	23 289	18 861	4 934	3 849
Uzbekistan	5 731	4 407	624	464
China	5 280	3 676	947	725
Türkiye	5 260	3 538	755	480
Kyrgyzstan	3 162	2 202	390	304
Azerbaijan	1 518	1 162	210	151
Ukraine	1 325	985	391	301
Germany	942	739	505	368
Belarus	916	773	187	145
Republic of Korea	888	603	162	107

* 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 January 1, 2025, the number of operating SMEs increased by 3.5% 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 – 20.5%, 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» – 35.6%; «Provision of other types of services» – 14.2%. «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» – 13.6%.

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses

as of January 1, 2025

By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 262 392	2 071 657
Abay	58 511	54 157
Akmola	64 177	59 196
Aktobe	92 420	85 725
Almaty	151 138	142 846
Atyrau	68 324	63 180
Batys Kazakhstan	62 417	58 073
Zhambyl	117 439	103 880
Zhetysu	64 376	60 419
Karagandy	110 920	101 596
Kostanay	69 884	65 909
Kyzylorda	68 336	65 258
Mangystau	83 307	76 571
Pavlodar	62 450	56 412
Soltustik Kazakhstan	38 577	35 437
Turkistan	216 185	208 732
Ulytau	19 422	18 327
Shygys Kazakhstan	69 738	62 757
Astana city	279 854	248 284
Almaty city	417 039	367 784
Shymkent city	147 878	137 114

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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](#)

[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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