

# The main indicators of the number of subjects

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## 1. Key points

As of February 1, 2025, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 536677 units, including 426867 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1805947, including 1718306 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2274387 units, including 2085357 operating ones.

### Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of February 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
<b>Total</b>	536 677	426 867	1 805 947	1 718 306	30 565	22 398	2 274 387	2 085 357
Small	527 354	417 674	-	-	29 454	21 299	2 271 271	2 082 313
Medium	6 845	6 746	-	-	630	622	3 116	3 044
Large	2 478	2 447	-	-	481	477	-	-

## 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
<b>Total</b>	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 January 2025, compared to December 2024, there is a slight increase in the number of registered legal entities (by 0.1%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 1.9%. There has been an increase in the number of operating legal entities - by 0.2% compared to December 2024, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 0.7%. 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 February 1, 2025. amounted to 27.2%. 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 50.5% of all registered legal entities.

As of February 1, 2025, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (151954 or 28.3%), Astana (103967 or 19.4%), and Shymkent (29263 or 5.5%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2922 or 0.5%), Zhetisu (8355 or 1.6%) and Abay (8482 or 1.6%).

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

as of February 1, 2025

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
<b>Total</b>	536 677	426 867	45 460	201 220	180 187	4 253
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 097	18 196	1 358	6 963	9 875	107
Mining and Quarrying	5 671	4 782	554	1 487	2 741	41
Manufacturing industry	27 310	21 745	1 865	10 412	9 468	262
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 912	1 621	139	676	806	10
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 702	2 159	136	1 061	962	35
Construction	71 188	53 858	4 505	18 546	30 807	1 071
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	146 074	106 661	13 159	46 916	46 586	1 444
Transport and warehousing	22 513	17 999	1 745	8 359	7 895	197
Providing of accommodation and food services	10 756	8 531	1 117	4 061	3 353	40
Information and communication	18 692	15 572	2 152	7 281	6 139	56
Financial and insurance activities	7 798	5 652	579	2 559	2 514	119
Real estate transactions	26 714	22 932	2 047	14 049	6 836	152
Professional, scientific and technical activities	34 833	28 155	2 276	14 147	11 732	199
Administrative and support services activities	25 271	21 221	1 777	11 167	8 277	126
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 712	9 462	182	9 112	168	28
Education	30 863	28 669	1 597	20 775	6 297	133
Healthcare and social services	11 814	10 757	945	6 622	3 190	37
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7 926	6 597	768	3 253	2 576	35
Provision of other types of services	53 830	42 297	8 559	13 773	19 965	161
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	1	-	1	-	-

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

as of February 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)	
<b>Total</b>	536 677	25 956	456 182	463	10 995	54 539
Small	527 354	21 079	452 216	397	10 703	54 059
Medium	6 845	3 673	2 882	30	183	290
Large	2 478	1 204	1 084	36	109	190

#### 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 January 2025, compared to December 2024, there is a slight increase in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 0.6%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increase by 4.6%. There has been an increase in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 0.7% compared to December 2024, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 3.9%. 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 February 1, 2025 was 37.5%. In second place is «Provision of other types of services» (16.3%), in third place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (14.5%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 68.3% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

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

as of February 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
<b>Total</b>	1 805 947	1 718 306	1 733 293	1 647 395	72 654	70 911
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	262 567	250 545	190 013	179 709	72 554	70 836
Mining and Quarrying	806	736	806	736	-	-
Manufacturing industry	94 142	89 687	94 133	89 679	9	8
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	621	580	621	580	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 114	2 036	2 113	2 035	1	1
Construction	58 152	54 538	58 150	54 537	2	1
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	676 800	644 463	676 785	644 451	15	12
Transport and warehousing	120 260	115 780	120 251	115 774	9	6
Providing of accommodation and food services	46 500	43 783	46 495	43 778	5	5
Information and communication	18 709	17 672	18 709	17 672	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	532	465	532	465	-	-
Real estate transactions	98 009	94 496	97 991	94 483	18	13
Professional, scientific and technical activities	31 639	29 963	31 639	29 963	-	-
Administrative and support services activities	41 827	39 929	41 816	39 918	11	11
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	118	113	118	113	-	-
Education	32 555	31 225	32 554	31 224	1	1
Healthcare and social services	10 982	10 498	10 982	10 498	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	15 538	14 631	15 537	14 630	1	1
Provision of other types of services	294 076	277 166	294 048	277 150	28	16

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

As of February 1, 2025, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 30565 units, including 22398 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3846 or 12.6%) and Astana (3525 or 11.5 %), and in the Karaganda region (1916 or 6.3%). 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» (12657 or 41.4%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (4052 or 13.3%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2165 or 7.1%).

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

as of February 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)	
<b>Total</b>	26 553	2 557	22 852	159	654	1 144
Small	25 482	2 300	22 082	135	622	1 100
Medium	608	131	446	13	13	31
Large	463	126	324	11	19	13

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

as of February 1, 2025

By dimension	Total	operating	Of them			in the process of liquidation
			including			
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
<b>Total</b>	4 012	2 324	289	989	1 046	81
Small	3 972	2 286	288	953	1 045	80
Medium	22	20	1	18	1	1
Large	18	18	-	18	-	-

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

As of February 1, 2025, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 6.1% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership decreased by 2%.

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» – 13.7%, «Construction» – 9.1%.

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

as of February 1, 2025

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>	59 695	45 211	11 649	8 718
Russia	23 231	18 765	4 889	3 831
Uzbekistan	5 915	4 590	623	460
China	5 378	3 783	968	746
Türkiye	5 240	3 542	748	482
Kyrgyzstan	3 110	2 156	386	301
Azerbaijan	1 531	1 180	212	152
Ukraine	1 319	985	389	299
Germany	941	741	495	358
Belarus	916	772	186	145
Republic of Korea	880	613	161	111

\* 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 February 1, 2025, the number of operating SMEs increased by 3.2% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 67.6%, legal entities of small business – 20.5%, peasant or farm enterprises – 11.9%, 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» – 13.5%.

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

as of February 1, 2025

By region	Registered	Operating
<b>Republic of Kazakhstan</b>	2 274 387	2 085 357
Abay	58 724	54 613
Akmola	64 363	59 462
Aktobe	92 776	86 346
Almaty	152 121	144 269
Atyrau	68 326	63 565
Batys Kazakhstan	62 774	58 614
Zhambyl	117 548	104 482
Zhetysu	64 366	60 517
Karagandy	111 463	99 314
Kostanay	70 299	66 450
Kyzylorda	68 326	65 521
Mangystau	83 843	77 229
Pavlodar	62 681	56 819
Soltustik Kazakhstan	38 667	35 552
Turkistan	217 146	210 341
Ulytau	19 447	18 289
Shygyys Kazakhstan	69 453	63 177
Astana city	282 779	250 515
Almaty city	420 562	372 501
Shymkent city	148 723	137 781

### 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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