

The main indicators of the number of subjects

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1. Key points

As of March 1, 2025, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 537731 units, including 423411 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1814272, including 1727921 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2283656 units, including 2091705 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of March 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	537 731	423 411	1 814 272	1 727 921	30 533	22 101	2 283 656	2 091 705
Small	528 407	414 219	-	-	29 411	20 990	2 280 554	2 088 677
Medium	6 839	6 740	-	-	642	634	3 102	3 028
Large	2 485	2 452	-	-	480	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
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 February, compared to January 2025, there is a slight increase in the number of registered legal entities (by 0.2%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 1.9%. At the same time, there is a decrease in the number of operating legal entities - by 0.8%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 0.2%. 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 March 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 March 1, 2025, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (152342 or 28.3%), Astana (104348 or 19.4%), and Shymkent (29046 or 5.4%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2931 or 0.5%), Zhetisu (8408 or 1.6%) and Abay (8489 or 1.6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of March 1, 2025

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Total	537 731	423 411	45 344	201 659	176 408	4 180
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 128	18 229	1 402	7 106	9 721	106
Mining and Quarrying	5 696	4 795	523	1 516	2 756	41
Manufacturing industry	27 389	21 768	1 863	10 526	9 379	258
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 918	1 618	140	681	797	11
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 711	2 163	138	1 070	955	36
Construction	71 346	53 700	4 480	18 547	30 673	1 040
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	146 066	104 093	12 756	46 234	45 103	1 417
Transport and warehousing	22 560	17 933	1 795	8 437	7 701	192
Providing of accommodation and food services	10 808	8 576	1 175	4 112	3 289	39
Information and communication	18 766	15 473	2 090	7 349	6 034	56
Financial and insurance activities	7 825	5 578	536	2 624	2 418	118
Real estate transactions	26 750	22 910	2 088	14 142	6 680	148
Professional, scientific and technical activities	34 916	28 034	2 327	14 279	11 428	194
Administrative and support services activities	25 318	21 077	1 760	11 260	8 057	126
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 715	9 467	184	9 111	172	28
Education	30 972	28 742	1 667	20 868	6 207	135
Healthcare and social services	11 907	10 822	1 028	6 666	3 128	37
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7 916	6 531	748	3 302	2 481	35
Provision of other types of services	54 023	41 901	8 644	13 828	19 429	163
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	1	-	1	-	-

Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of March 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	537 731	25 972	456 905	469	10 982	54 854
Small	528 407	21 075	452 956	405	10 688	54 376
Medium	6 839	3 682	2 869	29	182	288
Large	2 485	1 215	1 080	35	112	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 February, compared to January 2025, there is a slight increase in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 0.5%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increase by 5.3%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 0.6%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 4.8%. 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 March 1, 2025 was 37.3%. In second place is «Provision of other types of services» (16.2%), in third place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (14.4%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 67.9% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship by type of activity

as of March 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	1 814 272	1 727 921	1 741 577	1 656 949	72 695	70 972
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	261 074	249 295	188 476	178 396	72 598	70 899
Mining and Quarrying	809	739	809	739	-	-
Manufacturing industry	93 548	89 129	93 539	89 121	9	8
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	621	581	621	581	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 106	2 028	2 105	2 027	1	1
Construction	58 497	54 934	58 495	54 933	2	1
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	677 019	645 054	677 006	645 044	13	10
Transport and warehousing	128 721	124 306	128 712	124 300	9	6
Providing of accommodation and food services	46 995	44 304	46 990	44 299	5	5
Information and communication	18 770	17 759	18 770	17 759	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	543	479	543	479	-	-
Real estate transactions	98 492	95 074	98 473	95 059	19	15
Professional, scientific and technical activities	31 725	30 061	31 725	30 061	-	-
Administrative and support services activities	42 288	40 418	42 276	40 406	12	12
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	119	113	119	113	-	-
Education	32 953	31 643	32 952	31 642	1	1
Healthcare and social services	10 985	10 513	10 985	10 513	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	15 625	14 723	15 624	14 722	1	1
Provision of other types of services	293 382	276 768	293 357	276 755	25	13

Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of March 1, 2025, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 30533 units, including 22101 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3856 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» (12650 or 41.4%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (4043 or 13.2%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2172 or 7.1%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of March 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	26 526	2 564	22 819	156	653	1 143
Small	25 444	2 305	22 041	134	621	1 098
Medium	620	134	455	12	13	31
Large	462	125	323	10	19	14

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of March 1, 2025

By dimension	Total	operating	Of them			in the process of liquidation
			including			
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Total	4 007	2 221	269	953	999	81
Small	3 967	2 183	268	918	997	80
Medium	22	20	1	18	1	1
Large	18	18	-	17	1	-

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

As of March 1, 2025, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 5.9% 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» – 35.9%, «Provision of other types of services» – 13.8%, «Construction» – 9.1%.

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

as of March 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	60 004	44 707	11 635	8 612
Russia	23 260	18 389	4 871	3 779
Uzbekistan	6 105	4 788	616	450
China	5 496	3 844	974	745
Türkiye	5 204	3 464	752	479
Kyrgyzstan	3 116	2 153	386	295
Azerbaijan	1 544	1 174	215	153
Ukraine	1 319	973	387	292
Germany	947	731	491	353
Belarus	914	754	189	145
Republic of Korea	876	582	164	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 March 1, 2025, the number of operating SMEs increased by 3.9% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 67.7%, legal entities of small business – 20.4%, peasant or farm enterprises – 11.8%, 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» – 14,1%. «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» – 13,3%.

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses

as of March 1, 2025

By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 283 656	2 091 705
Abay	58 811	54 793
Akmola	64 593	59 802
Aktobe	92 377	86 121
Almaty	153 925	146 214
Atyrau	68 225	63 471
Batys Kazakhstan	62 719	58 670
Zhambyl	117 522	105 096
Zhetysu	64 544	60 554
Karagandy	111 318	99 427
Kostanay	70 577	66 783
Kyzylorda	67 524	64 854
Mangystau	83 699	77 165
Pavlodar	62 843	56 918
Soltustik Kazakhstan	38 708	35 638
Turkistan	217 283	210 577
Ulytau	19 442	18 310
Shygyz Kazakhstan	69 380	63 311
Astana city	286 279	251 187
Almaty city	424 938	374 411
Shymkent city	148 949	138 403

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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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