

The main indicators of the number of subjects

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1. Key points

As of April 1, 2025, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 539304 units, including 424506 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1819033, including 1734957 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2289818 units, including 2099642 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of April 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	539 304	424 506	1 819 033	1 734 957	26 513	22 101	2 289 818	2 099 642
Small	529 981	415 317	-	-	25 427	20 990	2 286 705	2 096 605
Medium	6 852	6 751	-	-	624	634	3 113	3 037
Large	2 471	2 438	-	-	462	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 March, compared to February 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 2.0%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating legal entities - by 0.2%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 0.06%. 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 April 1, 2025. amounted to 27.1%. On the second place - "Construction" (13.3%), on the third - "Provision of other types of services" (10.1%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 50.5% of all registered legal entities.

As of April 1, 2025, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (152915 or 28.4%), Astana (104798 or 19.4%), and Shymkent (29106 or 5.4%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2929 or 0.5%), Zhetisu (8436 or 1.6%) and Abay (8480 or 1.6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of April 1, 2025

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Total	539 304	424 506	46 473	200 858	177 175	4 134
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 185	18 317	1 455	6 866	9 996	105
Mining and Quarrying	5 738	4 844	548	1 496	2 800	40
Manufacturing industry	27 520	21 934	1 684	10 532	9 718	255
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 922	1 627	124	656	847	11
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 713	2 168	137	1 040	991	36
Construction	71 669	53 748	4 718	18 275	30 755	1 031
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	146 320	104 438	13 302	46 201	44 935	1 392
Transport and warehousing	22 584	17 962	1 822	8 387	7 753	185
Providing of accommodation and food services	10 883	8 654	1 241	4 089	3 324	39
Information and communication	18 824	15 473	2 112	7 335	6 026	58
Financial and insurance activities	7 885	5 645	606	2 620	2 419	119
Real estate transactions	26 821	22 959	2 129	14 093	6 737	148
Professional, scientific and technical activities	35 027	28 089	2 378	14 181	11 530	191
Administrative and support services activities	25 353	21 074	1 784	11 216	8 074	126
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 675	9 426	182	9 075	169	28
Education	31 057	28 822	1 682	20 992	6 148	136
Healthcare and social services	11 968	10 888	1 052	6 742	3 094	36
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7 937	6 521	767	3 275	2 479	35
Provision of other types of services	54 222	41 916	8 750	13 786	19 380	163
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	1	-	1	-	-

Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of April 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	539 304	25 950	458 174	477	11 032	55 180
Small	529 981	21 060	454 220	414	10 742	54 701
Medium	6 852	3 684	2 879	28	179	289
Large	2 471	1 206	1 075	35	111	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 March, compared to February 2025, there is a slight increase in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 0.2%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increase by 5.4%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 0.4%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 5.0%. 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 April 1, 2025 was 37.2%. In second place is «Provision of other types of services» (16.1%), in third place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (14.3%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 67.6% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship by type of activity

as of April 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	1 819 033	1 734 957	1 746 305	1 663 939	72 728	71 018
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	259 929	248 366	187 292	177 416	72 637	70 950
Mining and Quarrying	815	747	815	747	-	-
Manufacturing industry	92 851	88 571	92 842	88 563	9	8
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	628	590	628	590	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 115	2 039	2 114	2 038	1	1
Construction	58 963	55 493	58 961	55 492	2	1
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	676 533	645 361	676 519	645 350	14	11
Transport and warehousing	135 212	130 894	135 203	130 887	9	7
Providing of accommodation and food services	47 324	44 705	47 319	44 700	5	5
Information and communication	18 850	17 885	18 850	17 885	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	570	509	570	509	-	-
Real estate transactions	98 763	95 465	98 744	95 450	19	15
Professional, scientific and technical activities	31 774	30 156	31 774	30 156	-	-
Administrative and support services activities	42 653	40 844	42 642	40 833	11	11
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	124	118	124	118	-	-
Education	33 182	31 904	33 181	31 903	1	1
Healthcare and social services	10 988	10 535	10 988	10 535	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	15 673	14 784	15 672	14 783	1	1
Provision of other types of services	292 086	275 991	292 067	275 984	19	7

Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of April 1, 2025, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 30529 units, including 22128 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3859 or 12.6%) and Astana (3528 or 11.5%), and in the Turkistan region (1926 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» (12660 or 41.4%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (4050 or 13.2%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2169 or 7.1%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of April 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	26 513	2 573	22 802	155	653	1 138
Small	25 427	2 309	22 024	133	621	1 094
Medium	624	138	455	12	13	31
Large	462	126	323	10	19	13

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of April 1, 2025

By dimension	Total	operating	Of them			in the process of liquidation
			including			
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Total	4 016	2 230	281	957	992	81
Small	3 976	2 192	280	922	990	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 April 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 April 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	60 334	44 904	11 685	8 650
Russia	23 251	18 366	4 880	3 781
Uzbekistan	6 215	4 892	612	448
China	5 650	4 000	1 006	778
Türkiye	5 200	3 439	754	478
Kyrgyzstan	3 114	2 081	387	295
Azerbaijan	1 562	1 186	214	153
Ukraine	1 317	970	384	288
Germany	945	727	489	351
Belarus	916	758	188	145
Republic of Korea	877	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 April 1, 2025, the number of operating SMEs increased by 4.0% 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 – 11.6%, 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» – 35.4%; «Provision of other types of services» – 13.9%. «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» – 13.2%.

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses

as of April 1, 2025

By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 289 818	2 099 642
Abay	58 776	54 861
Akmola	64 719	60 034
Aktobe	92 009	85 887
Almaty	154 985	147 411
Atyrau	68 276	63 648
Batys Kazakhstan	62 854	58 871
Zhambyl	117 550	105 346
Zhetysu	64 554	60 659
Karagandy	111 185	99 535
Kostanay	70 601	66 910
Kyzylorda	67 131	64 538
Mangystau	83 448	77 002
Pavlodar	62 959	57 019
Soltustik Kazakhstan	38 711	35 706
Turkistan	216 563	209 991
Ulytau	19 328	18 231
Shygys Kazakhstan	69 265	63 394
Astana city	288 979	253 065
Almaty city	428 719	378 683
Shymkent city	149 206	138 851

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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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