

The main indicators of the number of subjects

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1. Key points

As of May 1, 2025, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 541453 units, including 423630 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1830460, including 1741921 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2303260 units, including 2105823 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of May 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	541 453	423 630	1 830 460	1 741 921	30 454	21 897	2 303 260	2 105 823
Small	532 162	414 477	-	-	29 333	20 787	2 300 193	2 102 833
Medium	6 834	6 730	-	-	639	632	3 067	2 990
Large	2 457	2 423	-	-	482	478	-	-

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 April, compared to March 2025, there is a slight increase in the number of registered legal entities (by 0.4%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 2.2%. At the same time, there is a decrease in the number of operating legal entities - by 0.2%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number decreased 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 May 1, 2025. amounted to 27.1%. 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 May 1, 2025, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (153617 or 28.4%), Astana (105425 or 19.5%), and Shymkent (29234 or 5.4%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2938 or 0.5%), Zhetisu (8457 or 1.6%) and Abay (8492 or 1.6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of May 1, 2025

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Total	541 453	423 630	46 057	191 573	186 000	4 074
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 224	18 391	1 373	5 117	11 901	106
Mining and Quarrying	5 802	4 895	571	1 214	3 110	39
Manufacturing industry	27 642	22 023	1 672	9 973	10 378	248
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 917	1 615	121	568	926	12
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 734	2 182	139	924	1 119	38
Construction	72 169	54 006	4 813	16 489	32 704	1 008
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	146 716	103 766	13 229	44 848	45 689	1 368
Transport and warehousing	22 646	17 954	1 782	8 007	8 165	182
Providing of accommodation and food services	10 962	8 628	1 210	3 854	3 564	39
Information and communication	18 924	15 417	2 055	7 084	6 278	57
Financial and insurance activities	7 908	5 637	632	2 372	2 633	118
Real estate transactions	26 908	22 929	2 119	13 618	7 192	150
Professional, scientific and technical activities	35 165	28 039	2 392	13 528	12 119	188
Administrative and support services activities	25 448	21 025	1 757	10 624	8 644	124
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 701	9 444	207	9 007	230	29
Education	31 145	28 739	1 666	21 025	6 048	134
Healthcare and social services	12 078	10 940	1 076	6 844	3 020	35
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7 961	6 500	745	3 007	2 748	35
Provision of other types of services	54 402	41 499	8 498	13 469	19 532	164
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	1	-	1	-	-

Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of May 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	541 453	25 979	459 924	491	11 054	55 550
Small	532 162	21 063	456 020	429	10 767	55 079
Medium	6 834	3 713	2 834	28	176	287
Large	2 457	1 203	1 070	34	111	184

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 April, compared to March 2025, 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 6.2%. 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 5.6%. 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 May 1, 2025 was 37.1%. In second place is «Provision of other types of services» (16%), in third place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (14.2%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 67.2% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship by type of activity

as of May 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	1 830 460	1 741 921	1 757 709	1 670 655	72 751	71 266
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	259 290	248 645	186 630	177 444	72 660	71 201
Mining and Quarrying	811	729	811	729	-	-
Manufacturing industry	92 689	87 979	92 680	87 971	9	8
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	629	587	629	587	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 135	2 051	2 134	2 050	1	1
Construction	60 007	56 400	60 005	56 399	2	1
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	678 870	645 334	678 856	645 323	14	11
Transport and warehousing	140 981	136 604	140 972	136 597	9	7
Providing of accommodation and food services	47 916	45 255	47 911	45 250	5	5
Information and communication	19 052	18 044	19 052	18 044	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	609	545	609	545	-	-
Real estate transactions	99 495	95 909	99 476	95 897	19	12
Professional, scientific and technical activities	32 007	30 317	32 007	30 317	-	-
Administrative and support services activities	43 244	41 270	43 233	41 259	11	11
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	121	113	121	113	-	-
Education	33 496	32 097	33 495	32 096	1	1
Healthcare and social services	11 038	10 556	11 038	10 556	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	15 926	14 987	15 925	14 986	1	1
Provision of other types of services	292 144	274 499	292 125	274 492	19	7

Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of May 1, 2025, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 30454 units, including 21897 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3865 or 12.7%) and Astana (3530 or 11.6%), and in the Karaganda region (1919 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» (12635 or 41.5%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (4030 or 13.2%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2160 or 7.1%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of May 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	26 423	2 583	22 702	146	646	1 138
Small	25 342	2 317	21 933	124	616	1 092
Medium	617	138	446	12	12	33
Large	464	128	323	10	18	13

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of May 1, 2025

By dimension	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Total	4 031	2 110	289	911	910	81
Small	3 991	2 072	288	880	904	80
Medium	22	20	1	16	3	1
Large	18	18	-	15	3	-

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

As of May 1, 2025, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 5.3% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership decreased by 1.2%.

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» – 35.8%, «Provision of other types of services» – 14.1%, «Construction» – 9.1%.

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

as of May 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	60 719	44 351	11 700	8 611
Russia	23 218	17 988	4 868	3 747
Uzbekistan	6 337	4 934	616	446
China	5 853	4 141	1 024	785
Türkiye	5 209	3 384	748	470
Kyrgyzstan	3 125	2 041	390	301
Azerbaijan	1 579	1 194	216	152
Ukraine	1 316	941	380	285
Germany	950	729	487	346
Belarus	911	738	192	150
Republic of Korea	874	560	165	112

* 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 May 1, 2025, the number of operating SMEs increased by 4.5% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 67.9%, legal entities of small business – 20.4%, peasant or farm enterprises – 11.5%, 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» – 13.1%.

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses

as of May 1, 2025

By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 303 260	2 105 823
Abay	58 843	54 651
Akmola	65 028	60 031
Aktobe	92 232	86 089
Almaty	156 581	148 113
Atyrau	68 488	63 406
Batys Kazakhstan	63 074	59 167
Zhambyl	117 758	106 426
Zhetysu	64 707	60 705
Karagandy	111 514	98 933
Kostanay	70 895	66 979
Kyzylorda	67 287	64 482
Mangystau	83 592	77 378
Pavlodar	63 255	57 299
Soltustik Kazakhstan	38 763	35 652
Turkistan	217 037	211 573
Ulytau	19 402	18 126
Shygyys Kazakhstan	69 364	63 312
Astana city	292 431	255 908
Almaty city	433 031	378 872
Shymkent city	149 978	138 721

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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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