

The main indicators of the number of subjects

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1. Key points

As of June 1, 2025, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 543725 units, including 423928 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1839358, including 1745211 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2314260 units, including 2109425 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of June 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	543 725	423 928	1 839 358	1 745 211	30 393	21 964	2 314 260	2 109 425
Small	534 416	414 756	-	-	29 270	20 852	2 311 201	2 106 443
Medium	6 830	6 726	-	-	649	642	3 059	2 982
Large	2 479	2 446	-	-	474	470	-	-

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 May, compared to April 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 2,3%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating legal entities - by 0,07%, 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 June 1, 2025. amounted to 27%. On the second place – «Construction» (13,4%), 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 June 1, 2025, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (154215 or 28,4%), Astana (105932 or 19,5%), and Shymkent (29377 or 5,4%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2949 or 0,5%), Zhetisu (8486 or 1,6%) and Abay (8524 or 1,6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of June 1, 2025

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Total	543 725	423 928	47 327	192 305	184 296	4 046
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 256	18 374	1 381	5 681	11 312	107
Mining and Quarrying	5 884	4 975	605	1 235	3 135	38
Manufacturing industry	27 760	21 996	1 692	10 105	10 199	249
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 915	1 613	125	567	921	11
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 743	2 176	141	937	1 098	38
Construction	72 631	54 499	5 010	15 854	33 635	991
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	147 028	103 671	13 519	45 066	45 086	1 373
Transport and warehousing	22 746	17 953	1 776	8 217	7 960	179
Providing of accommodation and food services	11 018	8 563	1 248	3 896	3 419	36
Information and communication	19 015	15 393	2 090	7 084	6 219	57
Financial and insurance activities	7 940	5 666	666	2 439	2 561	116
Real estate transactions	26 963	22 791	2 102	13 675	7 014	148
Professional, scientific and technical activities	35 279	28 009	2 441	13 628	11 940	188
Administrative and support services activities	25 502	20 831	1 806	10 734	8 291	121
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 728	9 474	238	8 927	309	30
Education	31 235	28 815	1 699	20 981	6 135	133
Healthcare and social services	12 154	11 007	1 093	6 909	3 005	36
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7 977	6 485	746	3 065	2 674	34
Provision of other types of services	54 950	41 636	8 949	13 304	19 383	161
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	1	-	1	-	-

Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of June 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	543 725	26 008	461 488	492	11 093	56 229
Small	534 416	21 080	457 584	428	10 802	55 752
Medium	6 830	3 721	2 822	29	178	287
Large	2 479	1 207	1 082	35	113	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 May, compared to April 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 5,5%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 0,2 %, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 5,3%. 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 June 1, 2025 was 36,9%. In second place is «Provision of other types of services» (15,9%), in third place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (14%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 66,8% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship by type of activity

as of June 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	1 839 358	1 745 211	1 766 615	1 673 436	72 743	71 775
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	258 248	248 324	185 632	176 618	72 616	71 706
Mining and Quarrying	814	726	814	726	-	-
Manufacturing industry	92 368	87 270	92 359	87 262	9	8
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	627	579	627	579	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 157	2 066	2 156	2 065	1	1
Construction	60 837	56 921	60 835	56 920	2	1
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	678 824	642 512	678 808	642 499	16	13
Transport and warehousing	148 457	143 809	148 448	143 802	9	7
Providing of accommodation and food services	48 384	45 609	48 379	45 604	5	5
Information and communication	19 173	18 105	19 173	18 105	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	629	564	629	564	-	-
Real estate transactions	99 921	95 872	99 902	95 860	19	12
Professional, scientific and technical activities	32 184	30 405	32 184	30 405	-	-
Administrative and support services activities	43 602	41 523	43 590	41 511	12	12
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	117	109	117	109	-	-
Education	33 647	32 181	33 646	32 180	1	1
Healthcare and social services	11 055	10 553	11 055	10 553	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	16 221	15 227	16 220	15 226	1	1
Provision of other types of services	292 093	272 856	292 041	272 848	52	8

Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of June 1, 2025, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 30393 units, including 21964 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3879 or 12,8%) and Astana (3530 or 11,6%), and in the Karaganda region (1918 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» (12591 or 41,4%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (4016 or 13,2%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2166 or 7,1%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of June 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	26 355	2 591	22 621	144	644	26 355
Small	25 271	2 318	21 858	122	615	25 271
Medium	627	144	447	12	12	627
Large	457	129	316	10	17	457

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of June 1, 2025

By dimension	Total	operating	Of them			in the process of liquidation
			including			
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Total	4 038	2 123	306	910	907	81
Small	3 999	2 086	305	878	903	80
Medium	22	20	1	17	2	1
Large	17	17	-	15	2	-

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

As of June 1, 2025, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 5,4% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership decreased by 0,3%.

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» – 35,5%, «Provision of other types of services» – 14,6%, «Construction» – 9%.

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

as of June 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	61 410	44 618	11 737	8 615
Russia	23 161	17 752	4 877	3 744
Uzbekistan	6 849	5 413	613	442
China	6 040	4 321	1 043	798
Türkiye	5 208	3 357	755	472
Kyrgyzstan	3 125	1 945	384	295
Azerbaijan	1 584	1 191	215	152
Ukraine	1 309	927	380	289
Germany	951	726	484	345
Belarus	911	735	194	152
Republic of Korea	879	560	164	108

* 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 June 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 68%, legal entities of small business – 20,4%, peasant or farm enterprises – 11,4%, 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» – 35,3%; «Provision of other types of services» – 13,9%. «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» – 12,9%.

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses

as of June 1, 2025

By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 314 260	2 109 425
Abay	58 960	54 787
Akmola	65 336	60 304
Aktobe	92 758	86 648
Almaty	157 974	148 182
Atyrau	68 893	63 838
Batys Kazakhstan	63 364	58 268
Zhambyl	118 014	105 712
Zhetysu	64 970	61 032
Karagandy	111 728	99 230
Kostanay	71 351	67 493
Kyzylorda	67 304	64 618
Mangystau	84 033	77 898
Pavlodar	63 483	56 781
Soltustik Kazakhstan	38 901	35 709
Turkistan	216 805	212 081
Ulytau	19 418	18 116
Shygys Kazakhstan	69 377	63 366
Astana city	295 179	254 439
Almaty city	436 927	382 744
Shymkent city	149 485	138 179

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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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