

The main indicators of the number of subjects

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1. Key points

As of September 1, 2025, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 549799 units, including 428987 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1898093, including 1805526 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2378414 units, including 2174309 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of September 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	549 799	428 987	1 898 093	1 805 526	30 462	22 022	2 378 414	2 174 309
Small	540 490	419 814	-	-	29 324	20 895	2 375 369	2 171 338
Medium	6 830	6 727	-	-	648	641	3 045	2 971
Large	2 479	2 446	-	-	490	486	-	-

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 August, compared to July 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 0,4%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 2,1%. 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 September 1, 2025. amounted to 26,9%. 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 September 1, 2025, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (156289 or 28,4%), Astana (107697 or 19,6%), and Shymkent (29776 or 5,4%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2971 or 0,5%), Zhetisu (8564 or 1,6%) and Abay (8584 or 1,6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of September 1, 2025

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Total	549 799	428 987	47 135	194 621	187 231	3 919
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 353	18 547	1 509	5 730	11 308	113
Mining and Quarrying	6 049	5 155	625	1 337	3 193	40
Manufacturing industry	28 119	22 398	1 589	10 301	10 508	234
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 935	1 634	121	567	946	13
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 783	2 222	150	957	1 115	38
Construction	73 849	55 790	5 342	16 354	34 094	954
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	148 149	104 455	13 237	45 528	45 690	1 316
Transport and warehousing	23 084	18 184	1 750	8 436	7 998	170
Providing of accommodation and food services	11 220	8 752	1 246	3 986	3 520	36
Information and communication	19 333	15 638	2 017	7 147	6 474	53
Financial and insurance activities	8 061	5 800	772	2 431	2 597	115
Real estate transactions	27 221	23 016	2 106	13 555	7 355	142
Professional, scientific and technical activities	35 665	28 317	2 506	13 826	11 985	185
Administrative and support services activities	25 696	20 993	1 776	10 781	8 436	123
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 728	9 474	239	8 953	282	30
Education	31 558	29 124	1 693	21 518	5 913	130
Healthcare and social services	12 401	11 267	1 164	7 137	2 966	35
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8 058	6 521	727	3 063	2 731	34
Provision of other types of services	55 536	41 699	8 566	13 013	20 120	158
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	1	-	1	-	-

Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of September 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	549 799	26 051	466 402	507	11 232	57 346
Small	540 490	21 106	462 516	443	10 941	56 868
Medium	6 830	3 733	2 807	30	175	290
Large	2 479	1 212	1 079	34	116	188

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[The main indicators of the number of entities in the Republic of Kazakhstan;](#)

Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship (IE and JV)

In August, compared to July 2025, there is a slight increase in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 1,3%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increase by 6,9%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 1,3%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 7,3%. 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 September 1, 2025 was 36,6%. In second place is «Provision of other types of services» (15,6%), in third place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (13,5%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 65,7% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship by type of activity

as of September 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	1 898 093	1 805 526	1 825 388	1 733 792	72 705	71 734
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	255 784	247 316	183 216	175 647	72 568	71 669
Mining and Quarrying	833	741	833	741	-	-
Manufacturing industry	94 020	88 948	94 012	88 941	8	7
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	640	597	640	597	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 228	2 133	2 227	2 132	1	1
Construction	64 832	60 905	64 831	60 905	1	-
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	694 041	657 555	694 027	657 544	14	11
Transport and warehousing	169 753	165 155	169 745	165 148	8	7
Providing of accommodation and food services	52 023	49 326	52 019	49 322	4	4
Information and communication	20 182	19 155	20 182	19 155	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	663	602	663	602	-	-
Real estate transactions	104 134	100 076	104 114	100 063	20	13
Professional, scientific and technical activities	33 154	31 379	33 154	31 379	-	-
Administrative and support services activities	45 918	43 870	45 905	43 857	13	13
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	127	118	127	118	-	-
Education	34 744	33 243	34 743	33 242	1	1
Healthcare and social services	11 207	10 713	11 207	10 713	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	16 965	15 962	16 964	15 961	1	1
Provision of other types of services	296 845	277 732	296 779	277 725	66	7

Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of September 1, 2025, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 30462 units, including 22022 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3932 or 12,9%) and Astana (3529 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» (12600 or 41,4%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (4011 or 13,2%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2204 or 7,2%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of September 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	26 392	2 629	22 607	141	650	1 156
Small	25 293	2 331	21 854	120	622	1 108
Medium	626	153	438	11	15	35
Large	473	145	315	10	13	13

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of September 1, 2025

By dimension	Total	operating	Of them			in the process of liquidation
			including			
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Total	4 070	2 143	323	900	920	80
Small	4 031	2 106	322	869	915	79
Medium	22	20	1	16	3	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 September 1, 2025, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 6% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership decreased by 0,02 %.

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» – 14,8%, «Construction» – 9%.

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

as of September 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	62 572	44 953	11 882	8 744
Russia	23 105	17 496	4 896	3 748
Uzbekistan	7 190	5 473	631	459
China	6 790	4 950	1 112	869
Türkiye	5 236	3 344	754	475
Kyrgyzstan	3 110	1 943	385	296
Azerbaijan	1 612	1 172	221	155
Ukraine	1 298	895	371	282
Germany	964	736	496	359
Belarus	914	731	192	150
Republic of Korea	891	564	163	107

* Top 10 countries by the largest number of registered legal entities, branches and branches of foreign legal entities

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[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 September 1, 2025, the number of operating SMEs increased by 6,4% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 69,1%, legal entities of small business – 20,1%, peasant or farm enterprises – 10,7%, 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» – 35,2%; «Provision of other types of services» – 13,8%. «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» – 12,1%.

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses

as of September 1, 2025

By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 378 414	2 174 309
Abay	59 941	55 815
Akmola	66 985	62 044
Aktobe	94 903	88 788
Almaty	164 575	155 159
Atyrau	70 606	65 594
Batys Kazakhstan	64 598	59 666
Zhambyl	119 983	109 049
Zhetysu	66 541	62 705
Karagandy	113 606	101 335
Kostanay	73 220	69 222
Kyzylorda	69 316	66 664
Mangystau	85 498	79 575
Pavlodar	64 643	57 377
Soltustik Kazakhstan	39 662	36 134
Turkistan	220 528	215 934
Ulytau	19 732	18 479
Shygyz Kazakhstan	70 172	63 678
Astana city	307 870	267 501
Almaty city	452 501	397 252
Shymkent city	153 534	142 338

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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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