

The main indicators of the number of entities in the Republic of Kazakhstan

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1. Key points

As of November 1, 2025, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 553479 units, including 434112 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1898678, including 1807780 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2382167 units, including 2181112 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of November 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	553 479	434 112	1 898 678	1 807 780	30 080	22 022	2 382 167	2 181 112
Small	543 881	424 648	-	-	28 931	20 883	2 378 979	2 177 996
Medium	7 003	6 902	-	-	656	650	3 188	3 116
Large	2 595	2 562	-	-	493	489	-	-

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 October, compared to September 2025, there is a slight increase in the number of registered legal entities (by 0,3%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 2,6%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating legal entities - by 0,6%, 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 November 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 50,3% of all registered legal entities.

As of November 1, 2025, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (157804 or 28,5%), Astana (108817 or 19,7%), and Shymkent (30048 or 5,4%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2943 or 0,5%), Zhetisu (8509 or 1,5%) and Abay (8639 or 1,6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of November 1, 2025

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	
Total	553 479	434 112	46 964	192 052	195 096	3 836
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 351	18 628	1 604	5 252	11 772	105
Mining and Quarrying	6 147	5 274	694	1 294	3 286	40
Manufacturing industry	28 322	22 704	1 722	10 082	10 900	224
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 960	1 667	137	540	990	14
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 805	2 250	158	937	1 155	40
Construction	74 147	56 327	5 284	17 867	33 176	944
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	148 637	105 455	13 117	43 954	48 384	1 287
Transport and warehousing	23 348	18 520	1 713	8 279	8 528	169
Providing of accommodation and food services	11 373	8 932	1 260	3 800	3 872	36
Information and communication	19 546	15 885	2 025	6 972	6 888	51
Financial and insurance activities	8 203	5 969	931	2 341	2 697	113
Real estate transactions	27 700	23 555	2 113	13 523	7 919	136
Professional, scientific and technical activities	36 002	28 805	2 498	13 541	12 766	183
Administrative and support services activities	26 033	21 392	1 672	10 784	8 936	118
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 722	9 471	218	8 981	272	30
Education	31 731	29 268	1 584	21 184	6 500	128
Healthcare and social services	12 574	11 446	1 064	7 127	3 255	36
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8 136	6 620	730	2 989	2 901	33
Provision of other types of services	55 741	41 943	8 440	12 604	20 899	149
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	1	-	1	-	-

Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of November 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	553 479	26 045	468 951	513	11 286	58 483
Small	543 881	21 067	464 836	446	10 989	57 978
Medium	7 003	3 755	2 944	30	178	304
Large	2 595	1 223	1 171	37	119	201

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

In October, compared to September 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 6%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 0,1%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 5,9%. 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 November 1, 2025 was 36,4%. In second place is «Provision of other types of services» (15,4%), in third place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (13,3%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 65,1% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship by type of activity

as of November 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	1 898 678	1 807 780	1 826 081	1 736 155	72 597	71 625
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	253 229	244 986	180 772	173 429	72 457	71 557
Mining and Quarrying	790	699	790	699	-	-
Manufacturing industry	91 424	86 442	91 416	86 435	8	7
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	624	579	624	579	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 227	2 134	2 226	2 133	1	1
Construction	66 453	62 602	66 452	62 602	1	-
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	690 956	654 878	690 941	654 866	15	12
Transport and warehousing	175 991	171 497	175 983	171 490	8	7
Providing of accommodation and food services	53 577	50 913	53 572	50 908	5	5
Information and communication	20 453	19 446	20 453	19 446	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	681	617	681	617	-	-
Real estate transactions	106 380	102 418	106 359	102 404	21	14
Professional, scientific and technical activities	33 390	31 650	33 390	31 650	-	-
Administrative and support services activities	46 526	44 535	46 513	44 522	13	13
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	129	120	129	120	-	-
Education	34 981	33 498	34 980	33 497	1	1
Healthcare and social services	11 111	10 630	11 111	10 630	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	17 191	16 196	17 190	16 195	1	1
Provision of other types of services	292 565	273 940	292 499	273 933	66	7

Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of November 1, 2025, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 30080 units, including 22022 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3928 or 13,1%) and Astana (3516 or 11,7%), and in the Turkistan region (1923 or 6,4%). 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» (12533 or 41,7%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (3902 or 13%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2187 or 7,3%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of November 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	26 010	2 617	22 253	135	620	1 140
Small	24 902	2 311	21 498	115	589	1 093
Medium	632	157	442	11	16	33
Large	476	149	313	9	15	14

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of November 1, 2025

By dimension	Total	operating	Of them			in the process of liquidation
			including			
			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	
Total	4 070	2 167	346	869	952	80
Small	4 029	2 128	345	835	948	79
Medium	24	22	1	19	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 November 1, 2025, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 7,3% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership increased by 0,7%.

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» – 14,9%, «Construction» – 8,9%.

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

as of November 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	63 693	45 931	11 906	8 831
Russia	23 048	17 464	4 865	3 743
Uzbekistan	7 590	5 707	635	468
China	7 378	5 501	1 147	907
Türkiye	5 244	3 358	747	478
Kyrgyzstan	3 177	2 022	385	293
Azerbaijan	1 635	1 186	223	156
Ukraine	1 299	899	372	284
Germany	970	745	496	362
Belarus	916	735	193	152
Republic of Korea	900	570	166	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 November 1, 2025, the number of operating SMEs increased by 5,2% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of operating SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 71,6%, legal entities of small business – 17%, peasant or farm enterprises – 11,2%, 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%; «Provision of other types of services» – 13,6%. «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» – 12%.

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses

as of November 1, 2025

By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 382 167	2 181 112
Abay	59 716	55 742
Akmola	67 306	62 456
Aktobe	94 468	88 457
Almaty	166 084	156 794
Atyrau	70 105	65 289
Batys Kazakhstan	64 094	59 220
Zhambyl	119 665	109 069
Zhetysu	66 466	62 799
Karagandy	113 370	101 589
Kostanay	72 940	69 087
Kyzylorda	68 925	66 247
Mangystau	84 785	78 980
Pavlodar	64 690	57 151
Soltustik Kazakhstan	39 457	36 018
Turkistan	219 914	215 406
Ulytau	19 567	18 376
Shygys Kazakhstan	69 742	63 452
Astana city	311 451	272 001
Almaty city	456 799	401 334
Shymkent city	152 623	141 645

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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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