

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

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1. Key points

As of December 1, 2025, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 552049 units, including 438640 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1899141, including 1820909 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2381350 units, including 2198251 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of December 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	552 049	438 640	1 899 141	1 820 909	29 820	21 913	2 381 350	2 198 251
Small	542 471	429 186	-	-	28 681	20 784	2 378 186	2 195 153
Medium	6 980	6 886	-	-	650	644	3 164	3 098
Large	2 598	2 568	-	-	489	485	-	-

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 November, compared to October 2025, there is a slight decrease 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 1%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 3,4%. 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 December 1, 2025. amounted to 26,8%. On the second place – «Construction» (13,4%), on the third – «Provision of other types of services» (10%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 50,2 % of all registered legal entities.

As of December 1, 2025, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (157839 or 28,6%), Astana (108732 or 19,7%), and Shymkent (30091 or 5,5%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2893 or 0,5%), Zhetisu (8459 or 1,5%) and Abay (8651 or 1,6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of December 1, 2025

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	
Total	552 049	438 640	48 003	198 653	191 984	4 664
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 275	18 812	1 689	5 641	11 482	121
Mining and Quarrying	6 157	5 338	741	1 340	3 257	49
Manufacturing industry	28 367	23 037	1 797	10 406	10 834	262
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 955	1 670	149	556	965	18
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 784	2 260	159	979	1 122	43
Construction	74 050	56 985	5 384	19 127	32 474	1 175
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	147 909	106 514	13 519	45 303	47 692	1 622
Transport and warehousing	23 320	18 800	1 713	8 597	8 490	214
Providing of accommodation and food services	11 381	9 037	1 294	4 018	3 725	40
Information and communication	19 579	16 045	2 113	7 225	6 707	60
Financial and insurance activities	8 165	6 018	971	2 431	2 616	118
Real estate transactions	27 694	23 876	2 132	13 947	7 797	161
Professional, scientific and technical activities	35 934	29 056	2 546	14 013	12 497	206
Administrative and support services activities	26 013	21 650	1 690	11 215	8 745	143
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 724	9 481	215	8 959	307	31
Education	31 766	29 421	1 630	21 340	6 451	128
Healthcare and social services	12 653	11 541	1 098	7 215	3 228	38
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8 112	6 659	740	3 149	2 770	36
Provision of other types of services	55 210	42 439	8 423	13 191	20 825	199
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	1	-	1	-	-

Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of December 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	552 049	26 044	467 332	520	11 217	58 673
Small	542 471	21 058	463 239	455	10 923	58 174
Medium	6 980	3 756	2 924	30	170	300
Large	2 598	1 230	1 169	35	124	199

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

In November, compared to October 2025, there is a slight increase in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 0,02%), 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 0,7%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 6,7%. 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 December 1, 2025 was 36,4%. In second place is «Provision of other types of services» (15,3%), in third place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (13,3%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 65% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship by type of activity

as of December 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	1 899 141	1 820 909	1 826 690	1 749 433	72 451	71 476
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	252 239	245 358	179 928	173 950	72 311	71 408
Mining and Quarrying	779	710	779	710	-	-
Manufacturing industry	90 744	86 388	90 736	86 381	8	7
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	625	586	625	586	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 247	2 173	2 246	2 172	1	1
Construction	67 223	64 150	67 222	64 150	1	-
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	690 764	658 898	690 749	658 886	15	12
Transport and warehousing	177 706	174 086	177 698	174 079	8	7
Providing of accommodation and food services	54 074	51 829	54 069	51 824	5	5
Information and communication	20 583	19 720	20 583	19 720	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	681	628	681	628	-	-
Real estate transactions	106 696	103 471	106 675	103 456	21	15
Professional, scientific and technical activities	33 465	31 976	33 465	31 976	-	-
Administrative and support services activities	46 730	44 957	46 717	44 944	13	13
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	137	130	137	130	-	-
Education	35 119	33 758	35 118	33 757	1	1
Healthcare and social services	11 129	10 674	11 129	10 674	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	17 323	16 450	17 322	16 449	1	1
Provision of other types of services	290 877	274 967	290 811	274 961	66	6

Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of December 1, 2025, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 29820 units, including 21913 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3855 or 12,9%) and Astana (3513 or 11,8%), and in the Turkistan region (1918 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» (12451 or 41,8%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (3853 or 12,9%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2166 or 7,3%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of December 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	25 813	2 610	22 070	131	610	1 133
Small	24 714	2 299	21 329	110	580	1 086
Medium	626	160	433	12	15	33
Large	473	151	308	9	15	14

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of December 1, 2025

By dimension	Total	operating	Of them			in the process of liquidation
			including			
			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	
Total	4 007	2 149	349	905	895	85
Small	3 967	2 111	348	872	891	84
Medium	24	22	1	19	2	1
Large	16	16	-	14	2	-

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

As of December 1, 2025, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 7,5% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership increased by 0,6%.

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» – 35,6%, «Provision of other types of services» – 14,7%, «Construction» – 8,9%.

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

as of December 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	63 813	47 119	11 827	8 849
Russia	22 906	17 533	4 823	3 758
Uzbekistan	7 885	6 186	632	467
China	7 716	5 977	1 155	921
Türkiye	5 171	3 336	745	480
Kyrgyzstan	3 006	2 081	379	283
Azerbaijan	1 640	1 230	224	161
Ukraine	1 289	922	371	282
Germany	965	754	489	361
Belarus	915	733	188	152
Republic of Korea	882	562	166	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 December 1, 2025, the number of operating SMEs increased by 6,1% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of operating SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 71,7%, 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» – 13,5%. «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» – 12%.

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses

as of December 1, 2025

By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 381 350	2 198 251
Abay	59 542	55 903
Akmola	67 364	63 054
Aktobe	94 025	88 137
Almaty	166 739	156 944
Atyrau	70 046	65 476
Batys Kazakhstan	63 919	59 949
Zhambyl	118 954	109 929
Zhetysu	66 179	63 080
Karagandy	113 062	103 299
Kostanay	73 027	69 252
Kyzylorda	68 774	66 269
Mangystau	84 616	79 520
Pavlodar	64 575	57 649
Soltustik Kazakhstan	39 280	35 953
Turkistan	219 927	216 100
Ulytau	19 391	18 381
Shygys Kazakhstan	69 461	63 473
Astana city	312 250	277 553
Almaty city	457 718	405 346
Shymkent city	152 501	142 984

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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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