

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

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## 1. Key points

As of January 1, 2026, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 549669 units, including 436864 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1880246, including 1799836 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2360325 units, including 2175605 operating ones.

### Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of January 1, 2026

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
<b>Total</b>	549 669	436 864	1 880 246	1 799 836	29 476	21 687	2 360 325	2 175 605
Small	540 095	427 411	-	-	28 345	20 566	2 357 172	2 172 520
Medium	6 978	6 883	-	-	651	645	3 153	3 085
Large	2 596	2 570	-	-	480	476	-	-

## 2. Dynamics of subjects

Annually, there is an increase in the number of registered legal entities by an average of 4,1%, so over the past ten years (2016-2025) their number has increased from 383850 to 549669 (by 165819 units or 43,2%). 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 4,1%. 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 2017, 2019, 2020 and 2023 their number was not significant, but decreased (by 1,4%, 3,1%, 0,7% and 0,8%, respectively).

### Dynamics of subjects

By dimension	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Total</b>	383 850	412 677	433 774	446 687	461 983	481 732	507 238	526 290	536 241	549 669
Small	374 912	403 862	424 796	437 988	453 343	472 777	497 995	517 123	526 826	540 095
Medium	6 502	6 432	6 490	6 297	6 235	6 494	6 685	6 689	6 919	6 978
Large	2 436	2 383	2 488	2 402	2 405	2 461	2 558	2 478	2 496	2 596

### 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 December, compared to November 2025, there is a slight decrease in the number of registered legal entities (by 0,4%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 2,5%. At the same time, there is an decrease in the number of operating legal entities - by 0,4%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 2,5%. 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 January 1, 2026. amounted to 26,7%. On the second place – «Construction» (13,4%), on the third – «Provision of other types of services» (9,9%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 50% of all registered legal entities.

As of January 1, 2026, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (158032 or 28,8%), Astana (107448 or 19,5%), and Shymkent (30166 or 5,5%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2876 or 0,5%), Zhetisu (8496 or 1,5%) and Abay (8534 or 1,6%).

### Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of January 1, 2026

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	
<b>Total</b>	549 669	436 864	48 551	199 834	188 479	4 563
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 198	18 785	1 733	5 907	11 145	116
Mining and Quarrying	6 178	5 374	747	1 374	3 253	48
Manufacturing industry	28 387	23 056	1 791	10 562	10 703	257
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 950	1 666	143	561	962	17
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 783	2 267	172	982	1 113	41
Construction	73 572	56 568	5 369	19 408	31 791	1 148
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	146 956	106 294	14 004	45 407	46 883	1 597
Transport and warehousing	23 331	18 823	1 764	8 639	8 420	213
Providing of accommodation and food services	11 375	9 081	1 333	4 079	3 669	38
Information and communication	19 574	15 912	2 098	7 266	6 548	60
Financial and insurance activities	8 133	6 012	1 003	2 422	2 587	115
Real estate transactions	27 586	23 761	2 149	13 936	7 676	141
Professional, scientific and technical activities	35 899	28 954	2 621	14 186	12 147	200
Administrative and support services activities	25 901	21 377	1 702	11 251	8 424	147
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 716	9 480	203	8 953	324	30
Education	31 757	29 427	1 507	21 373	6 547	127
Healthcare and social services	12 721	11 602	1 096	7 220	3 286	39
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8 071	6 604	742	3 202	2 660	32
Provision of other types of services	54 580	41 820	8 374	13 105	20 341	197
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	1	-	1	-	-

### Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of January 1, 2026

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)	
<b>Total</b>	549 669	26 012	464 800	512	11 157	58 857
Small	540 095	21 013	460 719	448	10 863	58 363
Medium	6 978	3 761	2 915	31	169	302
Large	2 596	1 238	1 166	33	125	192

#### 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 November, compared to November 2025, there is a slight decrease in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 1%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increase by 4,8%. At the same time, there is an decrease in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 1,2%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 5,5%. 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 January 1, 2026 was 36,4%. In second place is «Provision of other types of services» (15,1%), in third place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (13,3%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 64,8% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

## Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship by type of activity

as of January 1, 2026

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
<b>Total</b>	1 880 246	1 799 836	1 807 953	1 728 480	72 293	71 356
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	251 070	241 981	178 912	170 694	72 158	71 287
Mining and Quarrying	783	712	783	712	-	-
Manufacturing industry	89 217	84 715	89 209	84 708	8	7
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	613	577	613	577	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 249	2 166	2 248	2 165	1	1
Construction	67 615	64 518	67 614	64 518	1	-
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	684 367	652 494	684 353	652 483	14	11
Transport and warehousing	177 026	173 432	177 018	173 425	8	7
Providing of accommodation and food services	54 004	51 818	53 999	51 813	5	5
Information and communication	20 645	19 797	20 645	19 797	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	676	621	676	621	-	-
Real estate transactions	104 883	101 737	104 860	101 720	23	17
Professional, scientific and technical activities	33 452	31 981	33 452	31 981	-	-
Administrative and support services activities	46 793	45 026	46 780	45 013	13	13
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	143	137	143	137	-	-
Education	34 709	33 253	34 708	33 252	1	1
Healthcare and social services	10 947	10 479	10 947	10 479	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	17 366	16 515	17 365	16 514	1	1
Provision of other types of services	283 688	267 877	283 628	267 871	60	6

### Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of January 1, 2026, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 29476 units, including 21687 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3794 or 12,9%) and Astana (3515 or 11,9%), and in the Turkistan region (1874 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» (12226 or 41,5%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (3821 or 13%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2154 or 7,3%).

### Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of January 1, 2026

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)	
<b>Total</b>	25 511	2 624	21 763	128	607	1 124
Small	24 420	2 305	21 038	107	577	1 077
Medium	627	156	438	12	15	33
Large	464	163	287	9	15	14

### Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of January 1, 2026

By dimension	Total	operating	Of them			in the process of liquidation
			including			
			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	
<b>Total</b>	3 965	2 108	341	901	866	84
Small	3 925	2 070	340	868	862	83
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 January 1, 2026, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 7,4% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership increased by 0,5%.

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» – 33,9%, «Provision of other types of services» – 12,7%, «Construction» – 8,6%.

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

as of January 1, 2026

Be country	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
<b>Republic of Kazakhstan</b>	63 946	47 425	11 764	8 784
Russia	22 821	17 348	4 798	3 719
Uzbekistan	8 209	6 528	631	465
China	8 081	6 356	1 171	940
Türkiye	5 051	3 272	736	473
Kyrgyzstan	2 849	2 017	382	282
Azerbaijan	1 620	1 226	218	157
Ukraine	1 272	909	363	274
Germany	962	755	484	355
Belarus	908	726	183	150
Republic of Korea	871	551	162	105

\* 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 January 1, 2026, the number of operating SMEs increased by 5% 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 – 17,1%, 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» – 34,9%; «Provision of other types of services» – 13,3%. «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» – 12%.

### Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses

as of January 1, 2026

By region	Registered	Operating
<b>Republic of Kazakhstan</b>	2 360 325	2 175 605
Abay	58 673	55 160
Akmola	66 924	62 657
Aktobe	92 866	86 781
Almaty	165 586	152 640
Atyrau	69 146	64 702
Batys Kazakhstan	63 277	59 404
Zhambyl	117 054	108 557
Zhetysu	65 731	62 675
Karagandy	112 114	102 712
Kostanay	72 435	68 749
Kyzylorda	68 152	65 698
Mangystau	83 751	78 741
Pavlodar	64 093	57 193
Soltustik Kazakhstan	38 978	35 623
Turkistan	218 681	214 958
Ulytau	19 137	17 948
Shygys Kazakhstan	68 429	62 523
Astana city	308 564	273 330
Almaty city	455 191	403 597
Shymkent city	151 543	141 957

**Spreadsheets:**

[Number of registered and operating SMEs in the RK](#)

**3. Glossary**

Individual entrepreneurship - an independent, initiative activity of citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan, kandas, 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](#)

[The number of registered and operating individual entrepreneurs under the age of 35 and legal entities owned \(100%\) by persons under the age of 35](#)

**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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