

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

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1. Key points

As of February 1, 2026, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 550204 units, including 438787 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1846532, including 1770225 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2327159 units, including 2147715 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of February 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
Total	550 204	438 787	1 846 532	1 770 225	29 278	21 715	2 327 159	2 147 715
Small	540 662	429 362	-	-	28 157	20 604	2 324 006	2 144 628
Medium	6 973	6 880	-	-	643	637	3 153	3 087
Large	2 569	2 545	-	-	478	474	-	-

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
Total	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 January 2026, compared to December 2025, there is a slight increase in the number of registered legal entities (by 0,1%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 2,5%. There has been an increase in the number of operating legal entities - by 0,4% compared to December 2025, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 2,8%. 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 February 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 February 1, 2026, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (158604 or 28,8%), Astana (107394 or 19,5%), and Shymkent (30269 or 5,5%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2885 or 0,5%), Abay (8483 or 1,5%) and Zhetisu (8525 or 1,5%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of February 1, 2026

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	
Total	550 204	438 787	49 958	199 679	189 150	4 415
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 211	18 886	1 784	5 573	11 529	112
Mining and Quarrying	6 228	5 432	821	1 330	3 281	46
Manufacturing industry	28 491	23 228	1 896	10 573	10 759	250
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 935	1 658	149	565	944	15
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 787	2 284	176	968	1 140	39
Construction	73 652	56 883	5 520	19 821	31 542	1 116
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	146 948	106 753	14 442	45 289	47 022	1 544
Transport and warehousing	23 324	18 856	1 810	8 577	8 469	206
Providing of accommodation and food services	11 433	9 092	1 368	3 933	3 791	37
Information and communication	19 576	15 931	2 162	7 242	6 527	58
Financial and insurance activities	8 135	6 033	1 046	2 379	2 608	112
Real estate transactions	27 629	23 888	2 198	13 909	7 781	130
Professional, scientific and technical activities	36 044	29 182	2 721	14 388	12 073	192
Administrative and support services activities	26 075	21 575	1 765	11 266	8 544	142
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 722	9 496	210	8 955	331	30
Education	31 832	29 495	1 576	21 450	6 469	127
Healthcare and social services	12 763	11 660	1 103	7 294	3 263	36
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8 070	6 621	756	3 066	2 799	32
Provision of other types of services	54 348	41 833	8 455	13 100	20 278	191
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	1	-	1	-	-

Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of February 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)	
Total	550 204	25 988	464 870	518	11 149	59 346
Small	540 662	20 986	460 820	453	10 857	58 856
Medium	6 973	3 761	2 909	32	166	303
Large	2 569	1 241	1 141	33	126	187

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 January 2026, compared to December 2025, there is a slight decrease in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 1,8%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increase by 2,2%. There has been an increase in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 1,6% compared to December 2025, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 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 February 1, 2026 was 36,8%. In second place is «Provision of other types of services» (14,7%), in third place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (13,6%). 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 February 1, 2026

By type of activity	Total	Including those operating:
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	registered	operating	in the form of personal business		in the form of a joint venture	
			registered	operating	registered	operating
Total	1 846 532	1 770 225	1 774 247	1 698 858	72 285	71 367
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	250 411	242 285	178 264	170 989	72 147	71 296
Mining and Quarrying	747	668	747	668	-	-
Manufacturing industry	87 897	83 629	87 889	83 622	8	7
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	579	541	579	541	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 257	2 183	2 256	2 182	1	1
Construction	66 947	63 928	66 946	63 928	1	-
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	679 910	649 166	679 894	649 153	16	13
Transport and warehousing	173 419	169 987	173 411	169 980	8	7
Providing of accommodation and food services	53 374	51 230	53 369	51 225	5	5
Information and communication	20 893	20 040	20 893	20 040	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	661	607	661	607	-	-
Real estate transactions	96 652	93 722	96 629	93 705	23	17
Professional, scientific and technical activities	33 434	32 062	33 434	32 062	-	-
Administrative and support services activities	46 271	44 574	46 259	44 562	12	12
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	146	141	146	141	-	-
Education	33 320	31 974	33 319	31 973	1	1
Healthcare and social services	10 318	9 860	10 318	9 860	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	17 394	16 596	17 393	16 595	1	1
Provision of other types of services	271 902	257 032	271 840	257 025	62	7

Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of February 1, 2026, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 29278 units, including 21715 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3792 or 13%) and Astana (3518 or 12%), and in the Turkistan region (1830 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» (12102 or 41,3%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (3790 or 12,9%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2150 or 7,3%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of February 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)	
Total	25 320	2 630	21 571	123	605	1 119
Small	24 237	2 307	20 857	101	574	1 073
Medium	621	157	432	13	17	32
Large	462	166	282	9	14	14

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of February 1, 2026

By dimension	Total	operating	Of them			in the process of liquidation
			including			
			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	
Total	3 958	2 120	353	899	868	83
Small	3 920	2 084	352	867	865	82
Medium	22	20	1	18	1	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 February 1, 2026, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 7,9% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership increased by 0,9%.

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» – 35,8%, «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 February 1, 2026

Be country	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	64 423	48 057	11 754	8 810
Russia	22 771	17 300	4 790	3 716
Uzbekistan	8 491	6 797	630	463
China	8 392	6 671	1 195	963
Türkiye	5 024	3 275	733	470
Kyrgyzstan	2 800	2 038	383	286
Azerbaijan	1 624	1 237	218	158
Ukraine	1 265	908	364	273
Germany	957	757	478	354
Belarus	906	724	184	151
Republic of Korea	866	547	160	104

* 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 February 1, 2026, the number of operating SMEs increased by 3% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of operating SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 70,9%, legal entities of small business – 17,4%, peasant or farm enterprises – 11,5%, 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%, «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» – 12,2%.

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses

as of February 1, 2026

By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 327 159	2 147 715
Abay	57 566	54 320
Akmola	65 769	61 902
Aktobe	91 123	85 467
Almaty	164 443	152 614
Atyrau	67 724	63 331
Batys Kazakhstan	62 345	58 575
Zhambyl	115 520	107 785
Zhetysu	64 991	62 039
Karagandy	110 474	101 536
Kostanay	70 852	67 326
Kyzylorda	67 071	64 727
Mangystau	82 253	77 446
Pavlodar	63 151	57 013
Soltustik Kazakhstan	38 336	35 210
Turkistan	217 079	213 614
Ulytau	18 769	17 660
Shygys Kazakhstan	66 715	61 156
Astana city	305 119	268 723
Almaty city	447 809	396 567
Shymkent city	150 050	140 704

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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, 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, that is, they are 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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