

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

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## 1. Key points

As of March 1, 2026, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 550969 units, including 439998 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1795633, including 1732830 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2277151 units, including 211377 operating ones.

### Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of March 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	550 969	439 998	1 795 633	1 732 830	29 144	21 707	2 277 151	2 111 377
Small	541 421	430 563	-	-	28 023	20 596	2 273 996	2 108 286
Medium	6 981	6 892	-	-	643	637	3 155	3 091
Large	2 567	2 543	-	-	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 February, compared to January 2026, 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%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating legal entities - by 0,3%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 3,9%. 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 March 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 49,9% of all registered legal entities.

As of March 1, 2026, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (159151 or 28,9%), Astana (107767 or 19,6%), and Shymkent (30327 or 5,5%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2870 or 0,5%), Abay (8517 or 1,5%) and Zhetisu (8580 or 1,6%).

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

as of March 1, 2026

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	
Total	550 969	439 998	51 310	203 195	185 493	4 303
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 253	18 987	1 873	5 845	11 269	108
Mining and Quarrying	6 271	5 489	905	1 372	3 212	43
Manufacturing industry	28 600	23 395	2 058	10 845	10 492	247
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 909	1 643	154	584	905	15
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 780	2 278	177	1 012	1 089	39
Construction	73 602	56 951	5 703	20 288	30 960	1 084
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	147 004	106 895	14 792	45 884	46 219	1 503
Transport and warehousing	23 341	18 895	1 849	8 736	8 310	204
Providing of accommodation and food services	11 494	9 131	1 412	4 031	3 688	35
Information and communication	19 763	16 083	2 299	7 382	6 402	58
Financial and insurance activities	8 168	6 094	1 117	2 413	2 564	111
Real estate transactions	27 649	23 959	2 257	14 102	7 600	123
Professional, scientific and technical activities	36 195	29 348	2 831	14 717	11 800	189
Administrative and support services activities	26 133	21 613	1 808	11 599	8 206	139
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 735	9 511	219	8 965	327	30
Education	31 903	29 535	1 518	21 542	6 475	126
Healthcare and social services	12 796	11 687	1 101	7 396	3 190	36
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8 053	6 633	770	3 179	2 684	32
Provision of other types of services	54 319	41 871	8 467	13 303	20 101	181
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	-	-	-	-	-

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

as of March 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	550 969	25 971	465 108	525	11 138	59 890
Small	541 421	20 958	461 069	461	10 845	59 394
Medium	6 981	3 768	2 905	32	165	308
Large	2 567	1 245	1 134	32	128	188

#### 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 February, compared to January 2026, there is a slight decrease in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 2,8%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number decrease by 1%. At the same time, there is an decrease in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 2,1%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 0,3%. 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 March 1, 2026 was 37,1%. In second place is «Provision of other types of services» (14,4%), in third place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (13,9%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 65,4% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

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

as of March 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
Total	1 795 633	1 732 830	1 723 427	1 661 477	72 206	71 353
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	249 054	242 134	176 951	170 854	72 103	71 280
Mining and Quarrying	678	606	678	606	-	-
Manufacturing industry	85 238	81 827	85 227	81 817	11	10
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	515	483	515	483	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 207	2 143	2 206	2 142	1	1
Construction	65 154	62 728	65 153	62 728	1	-
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	667 030	641 944	667 010	641 929	20	15
Transport and warehousing	164 972	161 870	164 964	161 863	8	7
Providing of accommodation and food services	52 080	50 285	52 076	50 281	4	4
Information and communication	20 900	20 191	20 900	20 191	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	612	560	612	560	-	-
Real estate transactions	91 795	89 288	91 773	89 272	22	16
Professional, scientific and technical activities	32 659	31 471	32 659	31 471	-	-
Administrative and support services activities	45 182	43 702	45 169	43 690	13	12
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	151	148	151	148	-	-
Education	32 232	31 119	32 231	31 119	1	-
Healthcare and social services	9 618	9 241	9 618	9 241	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	17 279	16 593	17 278	16 592	1	1
Provision of other types of services	258 277	246 497	258 256	246 490	21	7

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

As of March 1, 2026, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 29144 units, including 21707 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3786 or 13%) and Astana (3516 or 12,1%), and in the Turkistan region (1838 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» (12061 or 41,4%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (3754 or 12,9%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2158 or 7,4%).

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

as of March 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	25 205	2 645	21 444	124	603	1 116
Small	24 122	2 314	20 738	102	571	1 070
Medium	621	163	426	13	18	32
Large	462	168	280	9	14	14

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

as of March 1, 2026

By dimension	Total	Of them including				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	
Total	3 939	2 121	365	900	856	83
Small	3 901	2 085	364	868	853	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 March 1, 2026, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 8,2% 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» – 9,1%.

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

as of March 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	64 945	48 518	11 741	8 819
Russia	22 774	17 271	4 770	3 703
Uzbekistan	8 744	7 017	631	465
China	8 557	6 830	1 202	971
Türkiye	5 032	3 282	735	473
Kyrgyzstan	2 786	2 055	384	291
Azerbaijan	1 633	1 237	216	157
Ukraine	1 265	904	365	276
Germany	957	758	477	354
Belarus	913	730	184	150
Republic of Korea	864	548	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 March 1, 2026, the number of operating SMEs increased by 0,9% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of operating SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 70,3%, legal entities of small business – 17,8%, peasant or farm enterprises – 11,8%, 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» – 35,5%, «Provision of other types of services» – 12,7%, «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» – 12,4%.

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

as of March 1, 2026

By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 277 151	2 111 377
Abay	56 134	53 070
Akmola	64 367	60 707
Aktobe	88 614	83 356
Almaty	161 474	151 135
Atyrau	65 850	61 853
Batys Kazakhstan	60 908	57 244
Zhambyl	113 247	107 474
Zhetysu	64 078	61 307
Karagandy	108 321	99 860
Kostanay	68 855	65 420
Kyzylorda	64 941	62 690
Mangystau	79 192	75 070
Pavlodar	61 944	57 161
Soltustik Kazakhstan	37 506	34 481
Turkistan	212 318	209 100
Ulytau	18 146	17 205
Shygyz Kazakhstan	65 123	59 795
Astana city	300 314	266 942
Almaty city	438 380	388 526
Shymkent city	147 439	138 981

#### 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, 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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