

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

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### 1. Key points

As of April 1, 2026, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 550751 units, including 440799 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1754076, including 1689741 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2235673 units, including 2068980 operating ones.

#### Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of April 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	550 751	440 799	1 754 076	1 689 741	28 882	21 700	2 235 673	2 068 980
Small	541 212	431 366	-	-	27 759	20 587	2 232 518	2 065 886
Medium	6 979	6 896	-	-	644	638	3 155	3 094
Large	2 560	2 537	-	-	479	475	-	-

\* The decrease in the indicator due to the transition of subjects of individual entrepreneurship to a special tax regime for the self-employed, introduced under the new Tax Code from January 1, 2026 (Article 718 of the Tax Code).

### 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;](#)

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#### Registered and operating legal entities

In March, compared to February 2026, there is a slight decrease in the number of registered legal entities (by 0,04%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 2,1%. At the same

time, there is an increase in the number of operating legal entities - by 0,2%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 3,8%. 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 April 1, 2026. amounted to 26,6%. 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 April 1, 2026, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (160026 or 29,1%), Astana (107787 or 19,6%), and Shymkent (29625 or 5,4%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2887 or 0,5%), Abay (8545 or 1,6%) and Zhetisu (8561 or 1,6%).

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

as of April 1, 2026

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	
Total	550 751	440 799	52 660	203 233	184 906	4 103
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 192	19 077	1 933	5 861	11 283	102
Mining and Quarrying	6 313	5 545	961	1 398	3 186	41
Manufacturing industry	28 593	23 502	2 149	10 905	10 448	240
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 902	1 647	161	586	900	15
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 776	2 287	189	1 014	1 084	37
Construction	74 024	57 596	6 220	20 105	31 271	1 036
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	146 474	106 646	15 096	45 868	45 682	1 441
Transport and warehousing	23 282	18 825	1 851	8 700	8 274	195
Providing of accommodation and food services	11 529	9 139	1 452	4 030	3 657	33
Information and communication	19 829	16 149	2 356	7 430	6 363	52
Financial and insurance activities	8 162	6 145	1 179	2 386	2 580	110
Real estate transactions	27 544	23 903	2 257	14 090	7 556	116
Professional, scientific and technical activities	36 236	29 436	2 902	14 764	11 770	181
Administrative and support services activities	26 127	21 530	1 802	11 601	8 127	133
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 723	9 519	226	8 961	332	26
Education	31 897	29 534	1 538	21 563	6 433	119
Healthcare and social services	12 820	11 704	1 088	7 397	3 219	34
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8 028	6 622	776	3 180	2 666	31
Provision of other types of services	54 299	41 993	8 524	13 394	20 075	161
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	-	-	-	-	-

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

as of April 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	550 751	25 925	463 856	526	11 141	60 970
Small	541 212	20 913	459 823	460	10 848	60 476
Medium	6 979	3 767	2 907	33	168	305
Large	2 560	1 245	1 126	33	125	189

### 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 March, compared to February 2026, there is a slight decrease in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 2,3%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number decrease by 3,6%. At the same time, there is an decrease in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 2,5%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number decreased by 2,6%. 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 April 1, 2026 was 37,3%. In second place is «Provision of other types of services» (14,2%), in third place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (14,1%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 65,5% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

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

as of April 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	1 754 076	1 689 741	1 681 857	1 618 346	72 219	71 395
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	247 490	240 101	175 375	168 781	72 115	71 320
Mining and Quarrying	678	599	678	599	-	-
Manufacturing industry	82 791	79 361	82 780	79 351	11	10
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	510	480	510	480	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 217	2 154	2 216	2 153	1	1
Construction	64 361	61 777	64 360	61 777	1	-
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	653 451	627 695	653 430	627 679	21	16
Transport and warehousing	156 633	153 353	156 625	153 346	8	7
Providing of accommodation and food services	51 306	49 449	51 302	49 445	4	4
Information and communication	20 743	20 029	20 743	20 029	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	615	565	615	565	-	-
Real estate transactions	89 606	87 035	89 584	87 019	22	16
Professional, scientific and technical activities	32 492	31 297	32 492	31 297	-	-
Administrative and support services activities	44 443	42 898	44 429	42 885	14	13
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	151	148	151	148	-	-
Education	31 553	30 466	31 552	30 466	1	-
Healthcare and social services	9 472	9 103	9 472	9 103	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	17 151	16 469	17 149	16 467	2	2
Provision of other types of services	248 413	236 762	248 394	236 756	19	6

\* The decrease in the indicator due to the transition of subjects of individual entrepreneurship to a special tax regime for the self-employed, introduced under the new Tax Code from January 1, 2026 (Article 718 of the Tax Code).

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

As of April 1, 2026, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 28882 units, including 21700 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3782 or 13,1%) and Astana (3429 or 11,9%), and in the Turkistan region (1834 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» (12008 or 41,6%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (3644 or 12,6%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2141 or 7,4%).

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

as of April 1, 2026

By dimension	Total	Including by forms and types of ownership		
		state	private total	foreign
			of them	

				with the participation of the state (without foreign participation)	joint ventures (with foreign participation)	
Total	25 020	2 643	21 257	114	588	1 120
Small	23 935	2 307	20 555	93	556	1 073
Medium	622	165	425	13	18	32
Large	463	171	277	8	14	15

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

as of April 1, 2026

By dimension	Total	Of them				in the process of liquidation
		operating	including		temporarily suspended activities	
			newly registered	active		
Total	3 862	2 134	376	893	865	76
Small	3 824	2 098	375	861	862	75
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 April 1, 2026, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 9,3% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership increased by 0,4%.

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» – 9,6%.

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

as of April 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	65 952	49 587	11 729	8 849
Russia	22 760	17 210	4 775	3 704
Uzbekistan	9 610	7 802	628	469
China	8 732	7 044	1 228	1 003
Türkiye	4 993	3 279	725	471
Kyrgyzstan	2 815	2 096	381	291
Azerbaijan	1 648	1 250	213	153
Ukraine	1 260	906	360	275
Germany	959	759	473	358
Belarus	915	729	184	148
Republic of Korea	871	556	155	100

\*\* 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 Branches 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 April 1, 2026, the number of operating SMEs decreased by 1,5% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of operating SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 69,9%, legal entities of small business – 18,2%, peasant or farm enterprises – 11,7%, 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» – 35,6%, «Provision of other types of services» – 12,5%, «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» – 12,4%.

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

as of April 1, 2026		
By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 235 673	2 068 980
Abay	54 994	51 941
Akmola	63 350	59 665
Aktobe	87 142	81 827
Almaty	158 737	145 559
Atyrau	64 511	60 488
Batys Kazakhstan	59 422	55 760
Zhambyl	110 803	105 252
Zhetysu	63 181	60 472
Karagandy	106 321	97 589
Kostanay	67 530	64 001
Kyzylorda	63 770	61 493
Mangystau	77 151	73 297
Pavlodar	60 748	55 897
Soltustik Kazakhstan	36 832	33 789
Turkistan	208 650	205 622
Ulytau	17 714	16 769
Shygys Kazakhstan	63 884	58 534
Astana city	295 075	262 574
Almaty city	431 062	381 598
Shymkent city	144 796	136 853

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### 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](#)

[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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