

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

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1. Key points

As of May 1, 2026, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 547956 units, including 441982 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1661111, including 1597167 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2139777 units, including 1977452 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of May 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	547 956	441 982	1 661 111	1 597 167	28 663	21 683	2 139 777	1 977 452
Small	538 475	432 606	-	-	27 539	20 569	2 136 672	1 974 406
Medium	6 939	6 858	-	-	645	639	3 105	3 046
Large	2 542	2 518	-	-	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;](#)

[Number of active legal entities of the Republic of Kazakhstan by economic sectors](#)

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Registered and operating legal entities

In April, compared to March 2026, there is a slight decrease in the number of registered legal entities (by 0,5%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 1,2%. 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 4,3%. 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 May 1,

2026. amounted to 26,5%. 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 49,7% of all registered legal entities.

As of May 1, 2026, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (161362 or 29,4%), Astana (103634 or 18,9%), and Shymkent (29563 or 5,4%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2890 or 0,5%), Abay (8582 or 1,6%) and Zhetisu (8594 or 1,6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of May 1, 2026

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	
Total	547 956	441 982	54 572	191 693	195 717	3 960
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 180	19 167	1 994	4 329	12 844	102
Mining and Quarrying	6 390	5 642	1 067	1 142	3 433	41
Manufacturing industry	28 529	23 581	2 243	10 329	11 009	236
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 891	1 649	171	536	942	14
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 759	2 282	192	869	1 221	35
Construction	73 402	57 923	6 553	18 418	32 952	1 014
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	145 027	106 793	15 601	43 846	47 346	1 373
Transport and warehousing	23 153	18 821	1 908	8 049	8 864	188
Providing of accommodation and food services	11 468	9 175	1 494	3 693	3 988	32
Information and communication	19 851	16 287	2 492	6 986	6 809	48
Financial and insurance activities	8 151	6 199	1 249	2 084	2 866	108
Real estate transactions	27 513	23 924	2 289	13 419	8 216	114
Professional, scientific and technical activities	36 128	29 501	3 031	13 630	12 840	169
Administrative and support services activities	25 980	21 495	1 852	10 681	8 962	125
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 737	9 535	227	8 967	341	25
Education	31 867	29 553	1 560	21 606	6 387	117
Healthcare and social services	12 856	11 760	1 109	7 428	3 223	33
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7 987	6 636	798	2 893	2 945	29
Provision of other types of services	54 086	42 059	8 742	12 788	20 529	157
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	-	-	-	-	-

Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of May 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	547 956	25 929	460 480	533	11 053	61 547
Small	538 475	20 905	456 505	469	10 760	61 065
Medium	6 939	3 779	2 863	33	167	297
Large	2 542	1 245	1 112	31	126	185

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

In April, compared to March 2026, there is a slight decrease in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 5,3%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number decrease by 9,2%. At the same time, there is an decrease in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 5,5%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number decreased by 8,3%. 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 May 1, 2026 was 38,8%. In second place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (14,8%), in third place is «Provision of other types of services» (14,4%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 68% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

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

as of May 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	1 661 111	1 597 167	1 588 907	1 525 775	72 204	71 392
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	245 069	237 173	172 961	165 854	72 108	71 319
Mining and Quarrying	661	578	661	578	-	-
Manufacturing industry	81 372	77 935	81 361	77 925	11	10
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	503	473	503	473	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 234	2 163	2 233	2 162	1	1
Construction	64 479	61 871	64 477	61 870	2	1
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	645 323	619 585	645 300	619 568	23	17
Transport and warehousing	94 840	91 711	94 833	91 705	7	6
Providing of accommodation and food services	49 684	47 806	49 680	47 802	4	4
Information and communication	20 828	20 105	20 828	20 105	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	613	567	613	567	-	-
Real estate transactions	82 259	79 939	82 238	79 924	21	15
Professional, scientific and technical activities	32 391	31 265	32 391	31 265	-	-
Administrative and support services activities	44 082	42 556	44 069	42 544	13	12
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	146	144	146	144	-	-
Education	30 632	29 567	30 631	29 567	1	-
Healthcare and social services	9 441	9 070	9 441	9 070	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	17 022	16 379	17 020	16 377	2	2
Provision of other types of services	239 496	228 245	239 485	228 240	11	5
Activities of households employing domestic workers; activities of households producing goods and services for their own consumption	36	35	36	35	-	-

* 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 May 1, 2026, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 28663 units, including 21683 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3736 or 13%) and Astana (3376 or 11,8%), and in the Turkistan region (1832 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» (11943 or 41,7%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (3586 or 12,5%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2128 or 7,4%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of May 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	24 860	2 642	21 102	107	582	1 116
Small	23 775	2 306	20 400	84	549	1 069
Medium	622	164	426	14	19	32
Large	463	172	276	9	14	15

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of May 1, 2026

By dimension	Total	Of them		
		operating	including	in the process of

			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	liquidation
Total	3 803	2 145	390	846	909	72
Small	3 764	2 108	389	814	905	71
Medium	23	21	1	18	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 May 1, 2026, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 9,5% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership decreased 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» – 35,5%, «Provision of other types of services» – 15%, «Construction» – 9,6%.

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

as of May 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	66 466	50 476	11 635	8 864
Russia	22 545	17 112	4 742	3 707
Uzbekistan	10 120	8 275	616	471
China	9 050	7 407	1 236	1 017
Türkiye	4 912	3 298	713	466
Kyrgyzstan	2 888	2 143	379	291
Azerbaijan	1 625	1 249	209	153
Ukraine	1 249	920	355	274
Germany	949	755	467	362
Belarus	912	724	183	149
Republic of Korea	866	557	154	98

** 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 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 May 1, 2026, the number of operating SMEs decreased 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 68,7%, legal entities of small business – 19,1%, peasant or farm enterprises – 12,1%, legal entities of medium business – 0,2%.

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» – 36,7%, «Provision of other types of services» – 12,7%, «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» – 12,7%.

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses*

as of May 1, 2026

By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 139 777	1 977 452
Abay	52 944	49 932
Akmola	60 938	57 462
Aktobe	83 633	78 327
Almaty	150 237	134 501
Atyrau	61 508	57 498
Batys Kazakhstan	57 430	53 822
Zhambyl	106 937	101 614
Zhetysu	61 032	58 406
Karagandy	102 842	94 432
Kostanay	63 042	59 526
Kyzylorda	61 754	59 500
Mangystau	74 905	71 290

Pavlodar	58 689	54 091
Soltustik Kazakhstan	35 887	32 891
Turkistan	202 843	200 053
Ulytau	17 256	16 376
Shygyz Kazakhstan	62 191	57 013
Astana city	273 790	246 173
Almaty city	411 574	361 794
Shymkent city	140 345	132 751

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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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