

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

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1. Key points

As of June 1, 2026, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 550021 units, including 442042 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1660392, including 1595967 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2140926 units, including 1976355 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of June 1, 2026

By dimension	Legal entities		Subjects of individual entrepreneurship ¹⁾		Branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities		Subjects of small and medium business ¹⁾	
	registered	operating	registered	operating	registered	operating	registered	operating
Total	550 021	442 042	1 660 392	1 595 967	28 606	21 657	2 140 926	1 976 355
Small	540 559	432 685	-	-	27 479	20 539	2 137 835	1 973 323
Medium	6 927	6 846	-	-	645	640	3 091	3 032
Large	2 535	2 511	-	-	482	478	-	-

¹⁾ 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 May, compared to April 2026, there is a slight increase in the number of registered legal entities (by 0,4%), 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 0,01%, 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 June 1,

2026. amounted to 26,4%. 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 49,8% of all registered legal entities.

As of June 1, 2026, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (162554 or 29,6%), Astana (104251 or 19%), and Shymkent (29477 or 5,4%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2898 or 0,5%), Abay (8609 or 1,6%) and Zhetisu (8579 or 1,6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of June 1, 2026

By type of activity	Total	Of them					in the process of liquidation
		operating	including				
			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities		
Total	550 021	442 042	55 647	195 257	191 138	3 882	
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 252	19 231	2 039	5 109	12 083	99	
Mining and Quarrying	6 493	5 707	1 149	1 229	3 329	41	
Manufacturing industry	28 630	23 597	2 333	10 614	10 650	229	
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 898	1 650	181	555	914	14	
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 764	2 279	194	933	1 152	34	
Construction	73 868	58 174	6 790	17 427	33 957	997	
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	145 267	106 492	15 810	44 821	45 861	1 347	
Transport and warehousing	23 192	18 808	1 923	8 383	8 502	183	
Providing of accommodation and food services	11 505	9 155	1 507	3 886	3 762	29	
Information and communication	20 028	16 381	2 581	7 232	6 568	48	
Financial and insurance activities	8 216	6 242	1 309	2 253	2 680	108	
Real estate transactions	27 538	23 849	2 255	13 788	7 806	111	
Professional, scientific and technical activities	36 214	29 504	3 066	14 004	12 434	166	
Administrative and support services activities	26 045	21 469	1 870	11 041	8 558	125	
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 742	9 541	214	8 987	340	24	
Education	31 922	29 577	1 558	21 667	6 352	117	
Healthcare and social services	12 915	11 804	1 121	7 487	3 196	33	
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7 999	6 615	796	2 997	2 822	29	
Provision of other types of services	54 532	41 967	8 951	12 844	20 172	148	
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	-	-	-	-	-	

Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of June 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	550 021	25 931	461 356	529	11 062	62 734
Small	540 559	20 909	457 402	466	10 768	62 248
Medium	6 927	3 778	2 847	32	168	302
Large	2 535	1 244	1 107	31	126	184

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

In May, compared to April 2026, there is a slight decrease in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 0,04%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number decrease by 9,7%. At the same time, there is an decrease in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 0,07%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number decreased by 8,5%. 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 June 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» (14,3%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 67,9% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship by type of activity¹⁾

as of June 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	1 660 392	1 595 967	1 588 162	1 524 550	72 230	71 417
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	245 015	237 081	172 887	165 744	72 128	71 337
Mining and Quarrying	668	583	668	583	-	-
Manufacturing industry	81 241	77 755	81 225	77 740	16	15
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	507	476	507	476	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 252	2 181	2 251	2 180	1	1
Construction	65 403	62 729	65 401	62 728	2	1
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	644 744	618 852	644 721	618 835	23	17
Transport and warehousing	93 974	90 827	93 967	90 821	7	6
Providing of accommodation and food services	49 824	47 944	49 820	47 940	4	4
Information and communication	21 090	20 368	21 090	20 368	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	617	573	617	573	-	-
Real estate transactions	82 530	80 138	82 509	80 123	21	15
Professional, scientific and technical activities	32 743	31 601	32 743	31 601	-	-
Administrative and support services activities	44 498	42 993	44 485	42 980	13	13
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	95	93	95	93	-	-
Education	30 596	29 532	30 595	29 532	1	-
Healthcare and social services	9 485	9 118	9 485	9 118	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	17 194	16 556	17 192	16 554	2	2
Provision of other types of services	237 877	226 529	237 865	226 523	12	6
Activities of households employing domestic workers; activities of households producing goods and services for their own consumption	39	38	39	38	-	-

¹⁾ 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 June 1, 2026, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 28606 units, including 21657 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3726 or 13%) and Astana (3347 or 11,7%), and in the Turkistan region (1827 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» (11949 or 41,8%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (3566 or 12,5%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2103 or 7,4%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of June 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	24 823	2 625	21 084	107	578	1 114
Small	23 734	2 285	20 382	84	545	1 067
Medium	623	165	426	14	19	32
Large	466	175	276	9	14	15

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of June 1, 2026

By dimension	Total	Of them		
		operating	including	in the process of

			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	liquidation
Total	3 783	2 137	390	841	906	64
Small	3 745	2 100	389	809	902	63
Medium	22	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 June 1, 2026, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 10,1% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership decreased by 0,8%.

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» – 35,2%, «Provision of other types of services» – 15,4%, «Construction» – 9,9%.

Registered and operating legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with foreign and joint ownership by country²⁾

as of June 1, 2026

Be country	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
Kazakhstan	67 631	51 096	11 640	8 872
Russia	22 600	17 076	4 753	3 716
Uzbekistan	10 905	8 908	613	467
China	9 283	7 594	1 243	1 020
Türkiye	4 925	3 232	716	472
Kyrgyzstan	2 943	2 154	381	293
Azerbaijan	1 633	1 239	209	152
Ukraine	1 254	916	350	271
Germany	951	751	468	363
Belarus	908	715	180	145
Republic of Korea	863	549	153	97

²⁾ 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 June 1, 2026, the number of operating SMEs decreased by 6,3% 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 businesses¹⁾

as of June 1, 2026

By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 140 926	1 976 355
Abay	52 963	49 907
Akmola	61 073	57 667
Aktobe	83 410	78 007
Almaty	149 653	134 110
Atyrau	61 428	57 428
Batys Kazakhstan	57 409	53 809
Zhambyl	106 921	100 721
Zhetysu	61 083	58 523
Karagandy	102 957	94 639
Kostanay	63 052	59 560
Kyzylorda	61 877	59 629
Mangystau	74 770	71 197

Pavlodar	58 766	54 170
Soltustik Kazakhstan	35 860	32 824
Turkistan	202 770	199 929
Ulytau	17 242	16 378
Shygyys Kazakhstan	62 205	57 068
Astana city	274 285	246 093
Almaty city	412 787	361 808
Shymkent city	140 415	132 888

¹⁾ 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).

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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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