

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

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1. Key points

As of July 1, 2026, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 552182 units, including 443970 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1656984, including 1592839 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2139450 units, including 1974899 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of July 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	552 182	443 970	1 656 984	1 592 839	28 570	21 687	2 139 450	1 974 899
Small	542 779	434 673	-	-	27 436	20 561	2 136 417	1 971 926
Medium	6 870	6 788	-	-	645	641	3 033	2 973
Large	2 533	2 509	-	-	489	485	-	-

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;](#)

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

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Registered and operating legal entities

In June, compared to May 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 0,4%, 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 July 1,

2026. amounted to 26,3%. On the second place – «Construction» (13,5%), on the third – «Provision of other types of services» (10%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 49,8% of all registered legal entities.

As of July 1, 2026, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (164377 or 29,8%), Astana (104464 or 18,9%), and Shymkent (29410 or 5,3%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2900 or 0,5%), Abay (8622 or 1,6%) and Zhetisu (8623 or 1,6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of July 1, 2026

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	
Total	552 182	443 970	56 799	194 521	192 650	3 630
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 357	19 367	2 180	5 238	11 949	94
Mining and Quarrying	6 599	5 809	1 054	1 239	3 516	41
Manufacturing industry	28 715	23 670	1 942	10 648	11 080	212
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 903	1 650	142	554	954	14
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 771	2 283	155	939	1 189	33
Construction	74 620	58 896	7 407	16 709	34 780	940
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	145 378	106 632	16 085	44 508	46 039	1 220
Transport and warehousing	23 213	18 790	1 836	8 254	8 700	175
Providing of accommodation and food services	11 548	9 192	1 534	3 872	3 786	29
Information and communication	20 242	16 579	2 687	7 462	6 430	47
Financial and insurance activities	8 294	6 321	1 414	2 238	2 669	107
Real estate transactions	27 571	23 937	2 317	13 812	7 808	108
Professional, scientific and technical activities	36 291	29 574	3 139	14 031	12 404	157
Administrative and support services activities	26 074	21 495	1 921	11 029	8 545	115
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 730	9 533	195	9 007	331	24
Education	31 936	29 543	1 564	21 690	6 289	117
Healthcare and social services	12 960	11 786	1 134	7 449	3 203	29
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8 022	6 633	823	3 017	2 793	27
Provision of other types of services	54 957	42 280	9 270	12 825	20 185	141
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	-	-	-	-	-

Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of July 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	552 182	25 907	461 691	531	11 081	64 584
Small	542 779	20 888	457 781	468	10 786	64 110
Medium	6 870	3 777	2 803	29	170	290
Large	2 533	1 242	1 107	34	125	184

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

In June, compared to May 2026, there is a slight decrease in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 0,2%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number decrease by 10,5%. At the same time, there is an decrease in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 0,2%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number decreased by 9,5%. 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 July 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» (14,2%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 67,7% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

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

as of July 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	1 656 984	1 592 839	1 584 739	1 521 385	72 245	71 454
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	244 631	237 079	172 489	165 706	72 142	71 373
Mining and Quarrying	680	593	680	593	-	-
Manufacturing industry	81 135	77 637	81 118	77 621	17	16
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	513	477	513	477	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 280	2 210	2 279	2 209	1	1
Construction	66 462	63 748	66 460	63 747	2	1
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	642 085	616 158	642 062	616 141	23	17
Transport and warehousing	93 715	90 520	93 708	90 514	7	6
Providing of accommodation and food services	49 915	48 047	49 911	48 043	4	4
Information and communication	21 413	20 681	21 413	20 681	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	607	561	607	561	-	-
Real estate transactions	82 711	80 306	82 690	80 291	21	15
Professional, scientific and technical activities	33 014	31 858	33 014	31 858	-	-
Administrative and support services activities	44 887	43 369	44 874	43 356	13	13
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	97	96	97	96	-	-
Education	30 599	29 547	30 598	29 547	1	-
Healthcare and social services	9 511	9 157	9 511	9 157	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	17 359	16 716	17 357	16 714	2	2
Provision of other types of services	235 322	224 032	235 310	224 026	12	6
Activities of households employing domestic workers; activities of households producing goods and services for their own consumption	48	47	48	47	-	-

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 July 1, 2026, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 28570 units, including 21687 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3730 or 13,1%) and Astana (3328 or 11,6%), and in the Turkistan region (1825 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» (11975 or 41,9%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (3546 or 12,4%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2075 or 7,3%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of July 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	24 799	2 601	21 087	104	572	1 111
Small	23 702	2 257	20 381	80	541	1 064
Medium	624	166	426	14	18	32
Large	473	178	280	10	13	15

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of July 1, 2026

By dimension	Total	Of them		
		operating	including	in the process of

			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	liquidation
Total	3 771	2 139	385	838	916	65
Small	3 734	2 102	384	805	913	65
Medium	21	21	1	19	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 July 1, 2026, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 12,7% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership decreased by 1%.

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%, «Provision of other types of services» – 15,6%, «Construction» – 10,6%.

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

as of July 1, 2026

Be country	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
Kazakhstan	69 466	52 693	11 653	8 909
Russia	22 628	17 049	4 732	3 711
Uzbekistan	12 065	9 943	613	467
China	9 694	7 971	1 279	1 056
Türkiye	4 929	3 237	711	468
Kyrgyzstan	3 024	2 222	385	294
Azerbaijan	1 638	1 236	211	152
Ukraine	1 262	917	352	276
Germany	949	742	463	360
Belarus	921	726	178	143
Republic of Korea	867	554	155	98

²⁾ 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 July 1, 2026, the number of operating SMEs decreased by 7,1% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of operating SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 68,6%, legal entities of small business – 19,2%, 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» – 36,6%, «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» – 12,8%, «Provision of other types of services» – 12,6%.

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses¹⁾

as of July 1, 2026

By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 139 450	1 974 899
Abay	52 886	49 870
Akmola	60 924	57 688
Aktobe	83 101	77 655
Almaty	149 522	134 458
Atyrau	61 279	57 317
Batys Kazakhstan	57 321	53 682
Zhambyl	106 839	100 640
Zhetysu	61 125	58 568
Karagandy	102 831	94 501
Kostanay	62 878	59 376
Kyzylorda	61 760	59 511
Mangystau	74 406	70 857

Pavlodar	58 728	53 983
Soltustik Kazakhstan	35 852	32 793
Turkistan	202 245	199 417
Ulytau	17 165	16 306
Shygys Kazakhstan	62 122	57 017
Astana city	273 977	245 940
Almaty city	414 064	362 345
Shymkent city	140 425	132 975

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](#)

[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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