

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

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1. Key points

As of August 1, 2026, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 554900 units, including 445675 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1660468, including 1595909 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2145344 units, including 1979527 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of August 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	554 900	445 675	1 660 468	1 595 909	28 796	21 905	2 145 344	1 979 527
Small	545 500	436 381	-	-	27 659	20 776	2 142 323	1 976 566
Medium	6 852	6 770	-	-	645	641	3 021	2 961
Large	2 548	2 524	-	-	492	488	-	-

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 July, compared to June 2026, there is a slight increase in the number of registered legal entities (by 0,5%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 1,3%. 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 August 1,

2026. amounted to 26,2%. On the second place – «Construction» (13,6%), 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 August 1, 2026, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (166022 or 29,9%), Astana (104994 or 18,9%), and Shymkent (29341 or 5,3%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2902 or 0,5%), Abay (8646 or 1,6%) and Zhetisu (8657 or 1,6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of August 1, 2026

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	
Total	554 900	445 675	58 096	191 665	195 914	3 479
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 611	19 573	2 403	4 869	12 301	91
Mining and Quarrying	6 671	5 874	1 055	1 127	3 692	40
Manufacturing industry	28 837	23 737	1 979	9 771	11 987	201
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 904	1 652	151	501	1 000	13
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 780	2 285	158	869	1 258	33
Construction	75 382	59 581	7 882	16 718	34 981	901
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	145 640	106 730	16 143	44 193	46 394	1 151
Transport and warehousing	23 245	18 752	1 869	8 097	8 786	162
Providing of accommodation and food services	11 578	9 206	1 545	3 746	3 915	29
Information and communication	20 451	16 722	2 577	7 285	6 860	45
Financial and insurance activities	8 362	6 381	1 502	2 141	2 738	104
Real estate transactions	27 689	24 012	2 417	13 680	7 915	107
Professional, scientific and technical activities	36 488	29 718	3 270	13 838	12 610	152
Administrative and support services activities	26 128	21 468	1 937	10 891	8 640	110
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 737	9 538	183	9 035	320	24
Education	31 969	29 512	1 527	21 718	6 267	123
Healthcare and social services	13 018	11 805	1 091	7 521	3 193	29
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8 055	6 639	844	2 951	2 844	25
Provision of other types of services	55 354	42 490	9 563	12 714	20 213	139
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	-	-	-	-	-

Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of August 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	554 900	25 913	462 899	531	11 124	66 088
Small	545 500	20 892	458 993	466	10 831	65 615
Medium	6 852	3 774	2 794	30	169	284
Large	2 548	1 247	1 112	35	124	189

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

In July, compared to June 2026, there is a slight increase in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 0,2%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number decrease by 11,4%. At the same time, there is an increase 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 10,5%. 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 August 1, 2026 was 38,6%. In second place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (14,8%), in third place is «Provision of other types of services» (14,1%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 67,5% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

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

as of August 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	1 660 468	1 595 909	1 588 200	1 524 431	72 268	71 478
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	245 600	238 302	173 437	166 907	72 163	71 395
Mining and Quarrying	693	606	693	606	-	-
Manufacturing industry	82 118	78 603	82 098	78 584	20	19
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	517	480	517	480	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 309	2 238	2 308	2 237	1	1
Construction	67 756	64 977	67 754	64 976	2	1
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	640 897	614 691	640 875	614 674	22	17
Transport and warehousing	93 911	90 636	93 903	90 629	8	7
Providing of accommodation and food services	50 263	48 360	50 259	48 356	4	4
Information and communication	21 788	21 013	21 788	21 013	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	618	567	618	567	-	-
Real estate transactions	83 207	80 751	83 186	80 736	21	15
Professional, scientific and technical activities	33 455	32 270	33 455	32 270	-	-
Administrative and support services activities	45 416	43 843	45 403	43 831	13	12
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	78	77	78	77	-	-
Education	30 782	29 730	30 781	29 730	1	-
Healthcare and social services	9 566	9 204	9 566	9 204	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	17 470	16 822	17 468	16 820	2	2
Provision of other types of services	233 975	222 691	233 964	222 686	11	5
Activities of households employing domestic workers; activities of households producing goods and services for their own consumption	49	48	49	48	-	-

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 August 1, 2026, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 28796 units, including 21905 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3751 or 13%) and Astana (3344 or 11,6%), and in the Turkistan region (1836 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» (12194 or 42,3%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (3543 or 12,3%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2075 or 7,2%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of August 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	25 022	2 599	21 304	98	578	1 119
Small	23 924	2 250	20 604	74	548	1 070
Medium	623	168	422	14	18	33
Large	475	181	278	10	12	16

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of August 1, 2026

By dimension	Total	Of them		
		operating	including	in the process of

			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	liquidation
Total	3 774	2 141	381	833	927	64
Small	3 735	2 102	379	800	923	64
Medium	22	22	1	19	2	-
Large	17	17	1	14	2	-

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

As of August 1, 2026, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 14,2% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership decreased 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» – 34,4%, «Provision of other types of services» – 15,8%, «Construction» – 11,1%.

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

as of August 1, 2026

Be country	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
Kazakhstan	70 981	53 999	11 702	8 938
Russia	22 691	17 053	4 741	3 706
Uzbekistan	12 751	10 607	608	463
China	10 081	8 298	1 302	1 075
Türkiye	4 939	3 249	709	462
Kyrgyzstan	3 135	2 317	386	296
Azerbaijan	1 641	1 237	210	149
Ukraine	1 267	920	353	277
Germany	947	738	464	364
Belarus	923	723	176	141
Republic of Korea	873	561	154	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 August 1, 2026, the number of operating SMEs decreased by 8% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of operating SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 68,5%, legal entities of small business – 19,2%, peasant or farm enterprises – 12,1%, 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» – 36,4%, «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» – 12,8%, «Provision of other types of services» – 12,5%.

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses¹⁾

as of August 1, 2026

By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 145 344	1 979 527
Abay	52 988	50 012
Akmola	61 087	57 828
Aktobe	83 055	77 562
Almaty	150 162	135 485
Atyrau	61 338	57 393
Batys Kazakhstan	57 346	52 648
Zhambyl	107 387	101 251
Zhetysu	61 283	58 658
Karagandy	103 093	94 743
Kostanay	62 933	59 427
Kyzylorda	61 564	59 380
Mangystau	74 280	70 759

Pavlodar	58 959	54 184
Soltustik Kazakhstan	35 954	32 864
Turkistan	203 020	200 195
Ulytau	17 204	16 348
Shygys Kazakhstan	62 255	57 176
Astana city	274 678	246 547
Almaty city	416 163	363 801
Shymkent city	140 595	133 266

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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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