

# Administrative-territorial units of the Republic of Kazakhstan

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In the Republic of Kazakhstan, as of July 1, 2026, the number of regions is 17, districts - 195, cities - 90, including republican significance - 3, township - 29, rural areas – 2 152, villages – 6060.

The largest number of districts in the republic is in the Akmola region, and the cities of regional significance and village administrations of akims - in the Karaganda region. In Akmola and Kostanai regions, there are more rural administrations of akims.

## 2. Administrative-territorial units of the Republic of Kazakhstan, as of July 1, 2026

|                        | Districts |                                    |                          | Settlements |                          |                          |          |          | Office of the Akim |                                        |       |                                        |       |
|------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------|-------|
|                        | total     | of them:<br>districts<br>in cities |                          | cities      |                          |                          | township | villages | township           |                                        | area  |                                        | rural |
|                        |           | republican<br>significance         | regional<br>significance | total       | of them:                 |                          |          |          | total              | of them: consisting<br>of only one IS* | total | of them: consisting<br>of only one IS* |       |
|                        |           |                                    |                          |             | regional<br>significance | district<br>significance |          |          |                    |                                        |       |                                        |       |
| Republic of Kazakhstan | 195       | 19                                 | 6                        | 90          | 39                       | 48                       | 29       | 6060     | 26                 | 19                                     | 2152  | 515                                    | 108   |
| Abay                   | 10        | -                                  | -                        | 4           | 2                        | 2                        | 2        | 320      | 2                  | 2                                      | 134   | 39                                     | -     |
| Akmola                 | 17        | -                                  | -                        | 11          | 3                        | 8                        | 5        | 574      | 5                  | 4                                      | 189   | 20                                     | 38    |
| Aktobe                 | 14        | -                                  | 2                        | 8           | 1                        | 7                        | -        | 312      | -                  | -                                      | 133   | 32                                     | 2     |
| Almaty                 | 9         | -                                  | -                        | 5           | 2                        | 3                        | -        | 368      | -                  | -                                      | 131   | 33                                     | -     |
| Atyrau                 | 7         | -                                  | -                        | 2           | 1                        | 1                        | -        | 153      | -                  | -                                      | 67    | 23                                     | -     |
| Batys Kazakhstan       | 12        | -                                  | -                        | 2           | 1                        | 1                        | 3        | 405      | 3                  | -                                      | 147   | 25                                     | -     |
| Zhambyl                | 12        | -                                  | 2                        | 4           | 1                        | 3                        | -        | 353      | -                  | -                                      | 146   | 38                                     | 3     |
| Zhetysu                | 8         | -                                  | -                        | 6           | 2                        | 4                        | -        | 350      | -                  | -                                      | 112   | 15                                     | -     |
| Karagandy              | 9         | -                                  | 2                        | 8           | 6                        | 2                        | 8        | 342      | 7                  | 7                                      | 151   | 54                                     | 5     |
| Kostanay               | 16        | -                                  | -                        | 6           | 4                        | 2                        | 3        | 475      | 3                  | 2                                      | 155   | 28                                     | 37    |
| Kyzylorda              | 7         | -                                  | -                        | 4           | 2                        | 2                        | 2        | 222      | 2                  | -                                      | 142   | 97                                     | -     |
| Mangystau              | 5         | -                                  | -                        | 3           | 2                        | 1                        | -        | 59       | -                  | -                                      | 34    | 24                                     | 12    |
| Pavlodar               | 10        | -                                  | -                        | 3           | 3                        | -                        | 3        | 345      | 3                  | 3                                      | 118   | 15                                     | 5     |
| Soltustik Kazakhstan   | 13        | -                                  | -                        | 5           | 1                        | 4                        | -        | 590      | -                  | -                                      | 183   | 20                                     | -     |
| Turkistan              | 14        | -                                  | -                        | 7           | 3                        | 4                        | -        | 794      | -                  | -                                      | 174   | 21                                     | 3     |
| Ulytau                 | 2         | -                                  | -                        | 3           | 3                        | -                        | 2        | 56       | 1                  | 1                                      | 33    | 20                                     | 1     |
| Shygys Kazakhstan      | 11        | -                                  | -                        | 6           | 2                        | 4                        | 1        | 342      | -                  | -                                      | 103   | 11                                     | 2     |
| Astana city            | 6         | 6                                  | -                        | 1           | -                        | -                        | -        | -        | -                  | -                                      | -     | -                                      | -     |
| Almaty city            | 8         | 8                                  | -                        | 1           | -                        | -                        | -        | -        | -                  | -                                      | -     | -                                      | -     |
| Shymkent city          | 5         | 5                                  | -                        | 1           | -                        | -                        | -        | -        | -                  | -                                      | -     | -                                      | -     |

IS - independent settlements.

### 3. Glossary

The territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan is divided into two main categories - regions and settlements.

**Region** - an administrative-territorial unit consisting of cities of regional significance (cities of regional significance) and districts, in which public administration is carried out by local representative and executive bodies.

**Populated locality** — a part of the compactly inhabited territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan intended for permanent residence, with a population of at least 50 people.

**City of republican significance** - a populated locality of special state importance or with a population of more than one million people, in which public administration is carried out by local representative and executive bodies.

**City of regional significance** - a populated locality that is a major economic and cultural center with a developed industrial and social infrastructure, with a population of more than 50,000 people, in which public administration is carried out by local representative and executive bodies.

**Town of district significance** — a populated locality in whose territory there are enterprises, housing stock, a developed network of educational and healthcare organizations, cultural, educational, and commercial facilities, with a population of at least 10,000 people.

**District in a city** — an administrative-territorial unit created in the capital, a city of republican significance, as well as in a town of regional significance with a population exceeding 400,000 people.

**Settlement** - a populated locality with a population of at least 500 people, formed on the basis of industrial, transport, energy, recreational, or other economic activity, provided with basic social and engineering infrastructure intended to serve the population of the settlement and adjacent territories

**Villages** - a populated locality with a population of at least 50 people.

### 4. Useful links

1. [NK RK 11-2021 Classifier of administrative-territorial objects \(CATO\)](#)
2. [Law «On the administrative-territorial structure of the Republic of Kazakhstan»](#)

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