

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

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1. Key points

As of September 1, 2026, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 557463 units, including 450688 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1653654, including 1596438 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2140771 units, including 1984663 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of September 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	557 463	450 688	1 653 654	1 596 438	28 866	22 011	2 140 771	1 984 663
Small	548 031	441 356	-	-	27 726	20 878	2 137 728	1 981 677
Medium	6 888	6 809	-	-	644	641	3 043	2 986
Large	2 544	2 523	-	-	496	492	-	-

* 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 August, compared to July 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 1,4%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating legal entities - by 1,1%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 5,1%. 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 September 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 September 1, 2026, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (167313 or 30%), Astana (105547 or 18,9%), and Shymkent (29384 or 5,3%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2903 or 0,5%), Zhetisu (8699 or 1,6%) and Abay (8713 or 1,6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of September 1, 2026

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	
Total	557 463	450 688	59 827	194 404	196 457	3 409
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 774	19 838	2 421	5 757	11 660	90
Mining and Quarrying	6 787	5 996	1 140	1 179	3 677	40
Manufacturing industry	28 962	23 966	2 047	9 964	11 955	194
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 906	1 659	151	515	993	13
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 791	2 313	164	901	1 248	31
Construction	75 931	60 446	8 361	16 875	35 210	885
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	145 992	107 844	16 461	44 672	46 711	1 119
Transport and warehousing	23 304	18 906	1 855	8 112	8 939	159
Providing of accommodation and food services	11 634	9 375	1 580	3 846	3 949	25
Information and communication	20 648	17 010	2 742	7 378	6 890	45
Financial and insurance activities	8 448	6 492	1 587	2 206	2 699	104
Real estate transactions	27 794	24 174	2 452	13 846	7 876	107
Professional, scientific and technical activities	36 671	30 103	3 396	13 998	12 709	147
Administrative and support services activities	26 197	21 688	2 011	10 960	8 717	109
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 740	9 540	179	9 047	314	25
Education	32 033	29 643	1 474	21 791	6 378	124
Healthcare and social services	13 076	11 929	1 012	7 626	3 291	29
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8 076	6 695	863	3 019	2 813	24
Provision of other types of services	55 698	43 071	9 931	12 712	20 428	139
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	-	-	-	-	-

Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of September 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	557 463	25 962	464 186	486	11 160	67 315
Small	548 031	20 913	460 276	433	10 868	66 842
Medium	6 888	3 795	2 811	24	167	282
Large	2 544	1 254	1 099	29	125	191

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

In August, compared to July 2026, there is a slight decrease in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 0,4%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number decrease by 12,9%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 0,03%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number decreased by 11,6%. 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 September 1, 2026 was 38,5%. In second place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (14,8%), in third place is «Provision of other types of services» (14%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 67,3% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

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

as of September 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	1 653 654	1 596 438	1 581 360	1 524 922	72 294	71 516
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	245 280	238 476	173 101	167 053	72 179	71 423
Mining and Quarrying	702	615	702	615	-	-
Manufacturing industry	81 319	78 183	81 297	78 162	22	21
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	509	471	509	471	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 304	2 239	2 303	2 238	1	1
Construction	68 593	66 116	68 591	66 115	2	1
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	636 038	612 987	636 016	612 970	22	17
Transport and warehousing	93 779	90 844	93 771	90 837	8	7
Providing of accommodation and food services	50 273	48 580	50 269	48 576	4	4
Information and communication	22 096	21 419	22 096	21 419	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	628	580	628	580	-	-
Real estate transactions	83 478	81 252	83 456	81 236	22	16
Professional, scientific and technical activities	33 670	32 644	33 664	32 638	6	6
Administrative and support services activities	45 623	44 273	45 610	44 262	13	11
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	58	57	58	57	-	-
Education	30 899	30 048	30 899	30 048	-	-
Healthcare and social services	9 583	9 281	9 583	9 281	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	17 513	16 957	17 511	16 955	2	2
Provision of other types of services	231 252	221 360	231 239	221 353	13	7
Activities of households employing domestic workers; activities of households producing goods and services for their own consumption	57	56	57	56	-	-

* 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 September 1, 2026, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 28866 units, including 22011 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3758 or 13%) and Astana (3343 or 11,6%), and in the Turkistan region (1843 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» (12234 or 42,4%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (3541 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 September 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	25 087	2 629	21 341	97	577	1 117
Small	23 987	2 274	20 645	74	547	1 068
Medium	622	174	415	13	18	33
Large	478	181	281	10	12	16

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of September 1, 2026

By dimension	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	
Total	3 779	2 153	387	832	934	64
Small	3 739	2 113	386	797	930	64
Medium	22	22	1	19	2	-

Large	18	18	-	16	2	-
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Registered and operating legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with foreign and joint ownership

As of September 1, 2026, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 15,4% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership decreased by 1,2%.

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» – 14,8%, «Construction» – 9%.

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

as of September 1, 2026

Be country	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
Kazakhstan	72 211	55 426	11 737	9 004
Russia	22 600	17 238	4 740	3 717
Uzbekistan	10 905	11 088	605	459
China	9 283	8 650	1 317	1 092
Türkiye	4 925	3 304	709	463
Kyrgyzstan	2 943	2 342	388	297
Azerbaijan	1 633	1 251	212	152
Ukraine	1 254	922	352	276
Germany	951	743	467	368
Belarus	908	733	177	141
Republic of Korea	863	574	156	100

* 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 September 1, 2026, the number of operating SMEs decreased by 8,7% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of operating SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 68,3%, legal entities of small business – 19,4%, 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» – 36,3%, «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» – 12,8%, «Provision of other types of services» – 12,4%.

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses*

as of September 1, 2026

By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 140 771	1 984 663
Abay	52 741	50 106
Akmola	61 068	58 171
Aktobe	82 596	77 535
Almaty	150 194	136 149
Atyrau	61 120	57 492
Batys Kazakhstan	57 066	52 103
Zhambyl	107 111	101 665
Zhetysu	61 173	58 785
Karagandy	102 734	94 913
Kostanay	62 858	59 717
Kyzylorda	61 037	59 195
Mangystau	73 572	70 330
Pavlodar	58 908	54 295
Soltustik Kazakhstan	35 970	33 179
Turkistan	201 850	199 572
Ulytau	17 157	16 477
Shygys Kazakhstan	62 062	57 523
Astana city	274 620	248 097
Almaty city	416 848	366 559

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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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