

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

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1. Key points

As of October 1, 2026, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 559558 units, including 451479 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1653269, including 1589999 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2142117 units, including 1978975 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of October 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	559 558	451 479	1 653 269	1 589 999	28 817	21 868	2 142 117	1 978 975
Small	550 143	442 166	-	-	27 689	20 748	2 139 095	1 976 014
Medium	6 864	6 781	-	-	635	631	3 022	2 961
Large	2 551	2 532	-	-	493	489	-	-

* 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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[Number of registered SME entities by region](#)

Registered and operating legal entities

In September, compared to August 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 1,4%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating legal entities - by 0,2%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 4,6%. 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 October 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 October 1, 2026, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (168275 or 30,1%), Astana (106053 or 19%), and Shymkent (29477 or 5,3%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2923 or 0,5%), Zhetisu (8717 or 1,6%) and Abay (8789 or 1,6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of October 1, 2026

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	
Total	559 558	451 479	59 901	194 008	197 570	3 312
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 895	19 942	2 371	6 014	11 557	87
Mining and Quarrying	6 877	6 051	1 105	1 221	3 725	36
Manufacturing industry	29 049	23 867	1 930	9 961	11 976	190
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 909	1 653	145	522	986	12
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 790	2 309	145	922	1 242	31
Construction	76 272	60 834	8 540	16 569	35 725	861
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	146 382	107 999	16 657	44 357	46 985	1 087
Transport and warehousing	23 327	18 773	1 828	7 985	8 960	145
Providing of accommodation and food services	11 676	9 408	1 570	3 862	3 976	25
Information and communication	20 864	17 121	2 870	7 412	6 839	44
Financial and insurance activities	8 558	6 525	1 665	2 161	2 699	103
Real estate transactions	27 954	24 254	2 432	13 870	7 952	104
Professional, scientific and technical activities	36 830	30 272	3 364	14 093	12 815	144
Administrative and support services activities	26 278	21 707	2 010	10 944	8 753	107
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 750	9 539	176	8 991	372	25
Education	32 059	29 550	1 386	21 700	6 464	124
Healthcare and social services	13 138	11 932	1 019	7 577	3 336	29
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8 095	6 691	859	3 059	2 773	25
Provision of other types of services	55 854	43 052	9 829	12 788	20 435	133
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	-	-	-	-	-

Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of October 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	559 558	25 958	464 743	494	11 135	68 857
Small	550 143	20 910	460 856	439	10 844	68 377
Medium	6 864	3 796	2 785	26	166	283
Large	2 551	1 252	1 102	29	125	197

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

In September, compared to August 2026, there is a slight decrease in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 0,02%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number decrease by 12,8%. At the same time, there is an decrease in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 0,4%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number decreased by 11,9%. 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 October 1, 2026 was 38,3%. In second place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (14,8%), in third place is «Provision of other types of services» (13,9%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 67,1% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

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

as of October 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	1 653 269	1 589 999	1 580 958	1 518 463	72 311	71 536
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	244 910	237 377	172 712	165 930	72 198	71 447
Mining and Quarrying	706	607	706	607	-	-
Manufacturing industry	80 755	77 187	80 735	77 168	20	19
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	514	469	514	469	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 334	2 267	2 333	2 266	1	1
Construction	69 800	67 005	69 798	67 004	2	1
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	633 796	608 217	633 774	608 200	22	17
Transport and warehousing	94 543	91 332	94 535	91 325	8	7
Providing of accommodation and food services	50 377	48 532	50 373	48 528	4	4
Information and communication	22 447	21 725	22 447	21 725	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	621	564	621	564	-	-
Real estate transactions	83 922	81 452	83 900	81 437	22	15
Professional, scientific and technical activities	34 031	32 927	34 025	32 921	6	6
Administrative and support services activities	46 047	44 568	46 034	44 558	13	10
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	56	55	56	55	-	-
Education	31 126	30 146	31 126	30 146	-	-
Healthcare and social services	9 641	9 299	9 641	9 299	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	17 648	17 020	17 646	17 018	2	2
Provision of other types of services	229 942	219 198	229 929	219 191	13	7
Activities of households employing domestic workers; activities of households producing goods and services for their own consumption	53	52	53	52	-	-

* 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 October 1, 2026, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 28817 units, including 21868 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3737 or 13%) and Astana (3339 or 11,6%), and in the Turkistan region (1846 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» (12203 or 42,3%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (3531 or 12,3%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2079 or 7,2%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of October 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	25 049	2 636	21 303	97	575	1 110
Small	23 960	2 282	20 617	74	545	1 061
Medium	614	173	408	13	18	33
Large	475	181	278	10	12	16

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of October 1, 2026

By dimension	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	
Total	3 768	2 138	369	827	942	62
Small	3 729	2 100	369	791	940	62
Medium	21	20	-	19	1	-

Large	18	18	-	17	1	-
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Registered and operating legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with foreign and joint ownership

As of October 1, 2026, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 16,8% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership decreased by 1,5%.

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» – 34,2%, «Provision of other types of services» – 15,8%, «Construction» – 11,6%.

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

as of October 1, 2026

Be country	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
Kazakhstan	73 735	56 541	11 710	8 947
Russia	23 364	17 494	4 693	3 657
Uzbekistan	13 538	11 446	601	451
China	10 806	8 980	1 342	1 109
Türkiye	4 994	3 325	709	466
Kyrgyzstan	3 176	2 359	392	300
Azerbaijan	1 671	1 273	211	151
Ukraine	1 274	925	348	275
Germany	969	751	464	363
Belarus	935	734	178	142
Republic of Korea	879	570	157	100

* 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 October 1, 2026, the number of operating SMEs decreased by 9,1% 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 – 19,5%, 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» – 36,2%, «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» – 12,8%, «Provision of other types of services» – 12,4%.

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses*

as of October 1, 2026

By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 142 117	1 978 975
Abay	52 684	49 882
Akmola	61 169	58 116
Aktobe	82 455	77 206
Almaty	150 480	131 511
Atyrau	61 154	57 265
Batys Kazakhstan	56 998	51 966
Zhambyl	107 052	101 662
Zhetysu	61 092	58 244
Karagandy	102 670	94 625
Kostanay	62 849	59 815
Kyzylorda	60 827	58 977
Mangystau	72 899	69 840
Pavlodar	58 913	54 256
Soltustik Kazakhstan	35 982	33 215
Turkistan	201 724	199 588
Ulytau	17 181	16 303
Shygys Kazakhstan	62 045	57 227
Astana city	275 332	247 651
Almaty city	418 247	368 095

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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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