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

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1. Key points

As of November 1, 2026, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 560223 units, including 452675 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1650741, including 1586140 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2139973 units, including 1976028 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of November 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	560 223	452 675	1 650 741	1 586 140	28 554	21 607	2 139 973	1 976 028
Small	550 650	443 195	-	-	27 432	20 493	2 136 834	1 972 943
Medium	6 979	6 904	-	-	630	626	3 139	3 085
Large	2 594	2 576	-	-	492	488	-	-

** 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
Number of registered legal entities of the Republic of Kazakhstan by region and dimension;
Number of operating legal entities of the Republic of Kazakhstan by region and dimension;
Number of registered SME entities by region

Registered and operating legal entities

In October, compared to September 2026, there is a slight increase in the number of registered legal entities (by 0,1%), 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 0,3%, 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 November 1, 2026. amounted to 26,1 %. 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 49,6% of all registered legal entities.

As of November 1, 2026, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (168767 or 30,1%), Astana (106180 or 19%), and Shymkent (29353 or 5,2%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2920 or 0,5%), Zhetisu (8735 or 1,6%) and Abay (8840 or 1,6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of November 1, 2026

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	
Total	560 223	452 675	55 917	192 765	203 993	3 238
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 979	20 060	2 430	5 721	11 909	87
Mining and Quarrying	6 921	6 089	1 084	1 215	3 790	36
Manufacturing industry	28 990	23 837	1 811	10 070	11 956	189
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 918	1 661	148	507	1 006	11
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 808	2 329	147	921	1 261	31
Construction	76 134	60 948	8 339	17 379	35 230	836
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	146 116	107 898	14 826	43 359	49 713	1 057
Transport and warehousing	23 412	18 861	1 667	7 914	9 280	143
Providing of accommodation and food services	11 695	9 445	1 188	3 990	4 267	24
Information and communication	21 006	17 277	2 870	7 223	7 184	46
Financial and insurance activities	8 639	6 643	1 581	2 163	2 899	101
Real estate transactions	28 297	24 595	2 279	13 749	8 567	102
Professional, scientific and technical activities	36 919	30 348	3 107	13 769	13 472	140
Administrative and support services activities	26 466	21 852	1 771	10 719	9 362	103
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 754	9 545	160	9 078	307	25
Education	32 052	29 587	1 256	21 653	6 678	125
Healthcare and social services	13 153	11 950	806	7 756	3 388	29
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8 120	6 731	789	3 026	2 916	24
Provision of other types of services	55 843	43 019	9 658	12 553	20 808	129
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	-	-	-	-	-

Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of November 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	560 223	25 972	464 739	363	11 228	69 512
Small	550 650	20 923	460 707	319	10 925	69 020
Medium	6 979	3 796	2 891	18	174	292
Large	2 594	1 253	1 141	26	129	200

Spreadsheets:

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

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

In October, compared to September 2026, there is a slight decrease in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 0,15%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number decrease by 13,1%. 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 12,3%. 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 November 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» (13,8%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 66,9% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

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

as of November 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	1 650 741	1 586 140	1 578 409	1 514 579	72 332	71 561
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	244 171	236 321	171 950	164 847	72 221	71 474
Mining and Quarrying	710	613	710	613	-	-
Manufacturing industry	79 855	76 199	79 834	76 180	21	19
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	528	482	528	482	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 343	2 272	2 342	2 271	1	1
Construction	70 596	67 772	70 594	67 771	2	1
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	631 572	605 724	631 552	605 707	20	17
Transport and warehousing	94 960	91 655	94 952	91 648	8	7
Providing of accommodation and food services	50 377	48 466	50 374	48 463	3	3
Information and communication	22 794	22 075	22 794	22 075	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	641	589	641	589	-	-
Real estate transactions	84 270	81 761	84 248	81 747	22	14
Professional, scientific and technical activities	34 379	33 251	34 373	33 245	6	6
Administrative and support services activities	46 550	45 027	46 537	45 017	13	10
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	48	48	48	48	-	-
Education	31 268	30 146	31 268	30 146	-	-
Healthcare and social services	9 637	9 249	9 637	9 249	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	17 680	17 061	17 678	17 059	2	2
Provision of other types of services	228 307	217 375	228 294	217 368	13	7
Activities of households employing domestic workers; activities of households producing goods and services for their own consumption	55	54	55	54	-	-

* *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 November 1, 2026, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 28554 units, including 21607 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3732 or 13,1%) and Astana (3331 or 11,7%), and in the Turkistan region (1833 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» (11948 or 41,8%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (3522 or 12,3%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2078 or 7,3%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of November 1, 2026

By dimension	Total	Including by forms and types of ownership				
		state	private total	of them		foreign
				with the participation of the	joint ventures (with foreign	

				state (without foreign participation)	participation)	
Total	24 788	2 636	21 044	94	574	1 108
Small	23 704	2 280	20 364	71	544	1 060
Medium	610	174	404	13	18	32
Large	474	182	276	10	12	16

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of November 1, 2026

By dimension	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily suspended activities	
Total	3 766	2 130	372	813	945	60
Small	3 728	2 093	372	779	942	60
Medium	20	19	-	19	-	-
Large	18	18	-	15	3	-

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

As of November 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 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» – 34,1%, «Provision of other types of services» – 15,9%, «Construction» – 11,8%.

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

as of November 1, 2026

Be country	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
Kazakhstan	74 386	57 116	11 802	9 043
Russia	23 335	17 516	4 686	3 650
Uzbekistan	13 741	11 620	615	461
China	11 224	9 402	1 388	1 155
Türkiye	4 977	3 338	717	473
Kyrgyzstan	3 177	2 203	394	302
Azerbaijan	1 679	1 287	210	151
Ukraine	1 271	928	337	270
Germany	971	756	464	361
Belarus	928	730	176	139
Republic of Korea	868	555	162	106

** 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 November 1, 2026, the number of operating SMEs decreased by 9,4% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of operating SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 68,2%, legal entities of small business – 19,6%, 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» – 36,1%, «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» – 12,8%, «Provision of other types of services» – 12,3%.

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses*

as of November 1, 2026

By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 139 973	1 976 028
Abay	52 510	49 737
Akmola	61 201	58 018
Aktobe	82 518	77 322
Almaty	150 719	131 420
Atyrau	61 233	57 172
Batys Kazakhstan	56 857	51 889
Zhambyl	106 555	101 156
Zhetysu	61 024	58 043
Karagandy	102 651	94 434
Kostanay	62 653	59 561
Kyzylorda	60 489	58 625
Mangystau	72 805	69 664
Pavlodar	58 886	54 227
Soltustik Kazakhstan	35 780	33 203
Turkistan	201 254	198 992
Ulytau	17 133	16 250
Shygys Kazakhstan	61 976	57 128
Astana city	275 196	248 419
Almaty city	418 328	367 634
Shymkent city	140 205	133 134

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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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