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1. Key points

As of February 1, 2023, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 508,112 units, including 407,439 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1625987, including 1519367 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2,068,393 units, including 1,870,335 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of February 1, 2023

	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	508 112	407 439	1 625 987	1 519 367	32 122	22 043	2 068 393	1 870 335
Small	498 957	398 432	-	-	30 976	20 911	1 813 984	1 623 651
Medium	6 664	6 550	-	-	631	621	3 008	2 922
Large	2 491	2 457	-	-	515	511	-	-

2. Dynamics of subjects

Every year there is an increase in the number of registered legal entities by an average of 5%, so over the past ten years (2012-2022) their number has increased from 317,926 to 507,238 (by 189,312 units or 59.5%). 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 4.9%. 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 2016, 2017 and 2019 their number was not significant, but decreased (by 1.3%, 1.4% and 3.1%, respectively).

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Republic of Kazakhstan	317 926	338 981	353 833	360 287	383 850	412 677	433 774	446 687	461 983	481 732	507 238
Small	309 499	330 435	344 994	351 229	374 912	403 862	424 796	437 988	453 343	472 777	497 995
Medium	6 095	6 113	6 364	6 572	6 502	6 432	6 490	6 297	6 235	6 494	6 685
Large	2 332	2 433	2 475	2 486	2 436	2 383	2 488	2 402	2 405	2 461	2 558

Dynamic tables:

Number of registered legal entities of the Republic of Kazakhstan by sectors of the economy;
 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 small and medium businesses;
 Main indicators of small business.

Registered and operating legal entities

In January 2023, compared to December 2022, there is a slight increase in the number of registered legal entities (by 0.2%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 5.5%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating legal entities - by 2.0% and 14.3%, respectively. 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; repair of cars and motorcycles", the share of which as of February 1, 2023, amounted to 27.9%. On the second place - "Construction" (13.4%), on the third - "Provision of other types of services" (9.9%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 51.2% of all registered legal entities.

As of February 1, 2023, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (141,102 or 27.8%) and Astana (95,022 or 18.7%), and in the Karaganda region (28,476 or 5.7%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on Ulytau (2930 and 0.6%), Abay (8068 and 1.6%) and Zhetisu (7983 and 1.6%) regions.

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of February 1, 2023

	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Republic of Kazakhstan	508 112	407 439	57 500	206 998	142 941	5 094
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	20 275	17 146	1 975	8 652	6 519	118
Mining and quarrying industry	5 099	4 272	715	1 517	2 040	57
Manufacturing industry	25 686	20 310	1 989	10 545	7 776	290
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 872	1 547	197	791	559	14
Water supply; collection, treatment and disposal of waste, activities for the elimination of pollution	2 768	2 204	185	1 168	851	42
Construction	68 276	52 991	6 683	19 429	26 879	1 298
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	141 906	106 183	15 864	49 963	40 356	1 732
Transport and warehousing	20 513	16 515	2 305	8 445	5 765	233
Provision of accommodation and food services	9 706	8 010	1 329	4 124	2 557	48
Information and communication	16 324	13 777	2 904	6 992	3 881	70
Financial and insurance activities	7 988	5 619	775	2 797	2 047	137
Operations with real estate	23 555	20 174	3 278	12 169	4 727	198
Professional, scientific and technical activities	34 060	28 039	3 340	15 458	9 241	229
Administrative and support services activities	24 228	20 472	2 480	12 028	5 964	150
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 581	9 294	192	8 977	125	41
Education	28 348	26 190	1 578	20 254	4 358	128
Public healthcare and social services	10 110	9 064	828	6 072	2 164	59
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7 548	6 221	983	3 317	1 921	43
Provision of other types of services	50 268	39 410	9 900	14 299	15 211	207
Activities of households employing domestic workers; activities of households producing goods and services for their own consumption	-	-	-	-	-	-
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	1	-	1	-	-

Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of February 1, 2023

	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)	
Republic of Kazakhstan	508 112	25 582	439 188	382	11 096	43 342
Small	498 957	20 860	435 257	301	10 817	42 840
Medium	6 664	3 578	2 781	34	167	305
Large	2 491	1 144	1 150	47	112	197

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[The main indicators of the number of subjects in RK](#)

Registered and operating entities of individual entrepreneurship (IP and IES)

In January 2023, compared to December 2022, there is a slight increase in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 2.6%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 26.4%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 3.0% and 32.0%, respectively. 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; repair of cars and motorcycles", the share of which as of February 1, 2023 amounted to 36.6%. In second place is "Provision of other types of services" (18.4%), in

third place is “Agriculture, forestry and fisheries” (16.1%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 71.1% of all registered individual entrepreneurs.

Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship by type of activity

as of February 1, 2023

	Total		Including those carrying out activities:			
	registered	operating	in the form of personal business		in the form of a joint venture	
			registered	operating	registered	operating
The Republic of Kazakhstan	1 625 987	1 519 367	1 553 828	1 448 075	72 159	71 292
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	262 576	251 713	190 528	180 509	72 048	71 204
Mining and quarrying	578	552	578	552	-	-
Manufacturing industry	82 551	77 368	82 541	77 358	10	10
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	535	479	535	479	-	-
Water supply; collection, treatment and disposal of waste, activities for the elimination of pollution	1 866	1 710	1 865	1 709	1	1
Construction	47 535	43 756	47 534	43 755	1	1
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	594 755	559 919	594 738	559 905	17	14
Transport and warehousing	77 696	71 001	77 686	70 994	10	7
Provision of accommodation and food services	42 954	39 411	42 950	39 407	4	4
Information and communication	17 131	15 605	17 131	15 605	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	577	503	577	503	-	-
Operations with real estate	83 931	75 522	83 906	75 501	25	21
Professional, scientific and technical activities	30 807	28 010	30 806	28 009	1	1
Administrative and support services activities	34 842	32 186	34 833	32 177	9	9
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	122	120	122	120	-	-
Education	24 482	22 836	24 481	22 835	1	1
Public health and social services	9 606	9 066	9 606	9 066	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	13 569	12 294	13 568	12 293	1	1
Provision of other types of services	299 874	277 316	289 778	277 298	31	18

Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of February 1, 2023, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 32,122 units, including 22,043 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3842 or 12.0%) and Astana (3750 or 11.7%), and in the Karaganda region (2140 or 6.7%). 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” (12892 or 40.1%), “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of cars and motorcycles” (4702 or 14.6%) and “Construction” (2214 or 6.9%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of February 1, 2023

	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)	
Republic of Kazakhstan	28 076	2 235	24 516	255	729	1 325
Small	26 977	2 039	23 661	228	681	1 277

Medium	607	109	471	12	20	27
Large	492	87	384	15	28	21

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of February 1, 2023

	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Republic of Kazakhstan	4 046	2 415	348	1 024	1 043	86
Small	3 999	2 370	348	979	1 043	85
Medium	24	22	-	22	-	1
Large	23	23	-	23	-	-

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

In 2023, compared to the previous year, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased significantly. If in previous years the growth of such entities averaged 6.7%, then for 12 months of 2022 the growth was 29%. The growth of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a joint form of ownership amounted to 1.7%.

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; repair of cars and motorcycles" - 37.4%, "Provision of other types of services" - 11.5%, "Construction" - 10%.

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

as of February 1, 2023

	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	48 713	37 848	11 825	8 642
Russia	19 317	16 312	5 018	3 899
Türkiye	5 097	3 765	782	491
China	3 292	1 843	758	482
Kyrgyzstan	2 930	2 302	392	295
Uzbekistan	2 960	2 322	687	493
Ukraine	1 266	981	382	284
Azerbaijan	1 184	941	209	146
Germany	914	728	535	396
The Republic of Korea	842	593	188	123

* Top 10 countries by the largest number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities

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[Registered and Operating legal entities, Branches and Subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership](#)

[Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with foreign participation and joint ownership](#)

[Registered and operating legal entities and branches with joint ownership](#)

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses

As of February 1, 2023, the number of operating SMEs increased by 26.8% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 68.2%, legal entities of small business - 18.6%, peasant or farm enterprises - 13%, 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; repair of cars and motorcycles" – 35.6%; "Provision of other types of services" – 15.9%. "Agriculture, forestry and fisheries" - 13.6%.

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses by regions of the Republic of Kazakhstan

as of February 1, 2023

	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 068 393	1 870 335
Abay	282 170	268 381
Akmola	119 868	107 483
Aktobe	5 508	4 659
Almaty	107 862	97 339
Atyrau	2 229	1 860
Batys Kazakhstan	4 269	3 625
Zhambyl	115 333	96 345
Zhetysu	736 174	665 714
Karaganda	97 611	87 055
Kostanai	52 585	47 360
Kyzylorda	32 775	28 811
Mangystau	8 002	5 600
Pavlodar	98 769	88 747
Soltustik Kazakhstan	63 386	54 915
Turkistan	57 201	50 962
Ulytau	38 998	35 780
Shygyz Kazakhstan	17 753	16 421
Astana city	18 321	16 097
Almaty city	329 447	300 664
Shymkent city	2 068 393	1 870 335

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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, ie. 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

[The main indicators of the number of entities in the Republic of Kazakhstan](#)
[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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