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1. Key points

As of March 1, 2023, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 510 797 units, including 410 744 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1 652 564, including 1 550 617 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 209 7519 units, including 190 4656 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of March 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	510 797	410 744	1 652 564	1 550 617	32 200	22 130	209 7519	190 4656
Small	501 657	401 746	-	-	31 056	21 000	209 4527	190 1746
Medium	6 647	6 538	-	-	630	620	2 992	2 910
Large	2 493	2 460	-	-	514	510	-	-

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 February 2023, compared to January 2023, 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 6.0%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating legal entities - by 0.8% and 14.1%, 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 March 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 March 1, 2023, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (142271 or 27.9%) and Astana (95697 or 18.7%), and in the Karaganda region (28530 or 5.6%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on Ulytau (2936 and 0.6%), Abay (8113 and 1.6%) and Zhetisu (8002 and 1.6%) regions.

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of March 1, 2023

	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Republic of Kazakhstan	510 797	410 744	59 392	207 416	143 936	5 056
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	20 392	17 279	2 076	8 717	6 486	119
Mining and quarrying industry	5 118	4 304	739	1 511	2 054	57
Manufacturing industry	25 789	20 403	2 065	10 476	7 862	292
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 878	1 558	206	792	560	13
Water supply; collection, treatment and disposal of waste, activities for the elimination of pollution	2 763	2 198	186	1 152	860	43
Construction	68 470	52 998	6 686	19 341	26 971	1 276
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	142 632	107 269	16 607	50 191	40 471	1 714
Transport and warehousing	20 643	16 660	2 393	8 408	5 859	232
Provision of accommodation and food services	9 781	8 090	1 393	4 113	2 584	50
Information and communication	16 554	14 030	3 053	7 031	3 946	69
Financial and insurance activities	7 991	5 632	797	2 794	2 041	137
Operations with real estate	23 649	20 314	3 354	12 202	4 758	201
Professional, scientific and technical activities	34 121	28 164	3 412	15 419	9 333	224
Administrative and support services activities	24 456	20 751	2 603	12 055	6 093	148
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 582	9 301	128	9 047	126	41
Education	28 496	26 362	1 593	20 376	4 393	136
Public healthcare and social services	10 223	9 197	870	6 142	2 185	59
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7 599	6 291	1 014	3 332	1 945	43
Provision of other types of services	50 659	39 942	10 217	14 316	15 409	202
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 March 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	510 797	25 585	440 980	380	11 111	44 232
Small	501 657	20 860	437 061	299	10 833	43 736
Medium	6 647	3 581	2 772	34	169	294
Large	2 493	1 144	1 147	47	109	202

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

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

In February 2023, compared to January 2023, there is a slight increase in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 1.6%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 28.9%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 2.1% and 35.3%, 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 March 1, 2023 amounted to 36.7%. In second place is "Provision of other types of services" (18.5%), in third

place is “Agriculture, forestry and fisheries” (16.1%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 71.3% of all registered individual entrepreneurs.

Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship by type of activity

as of March 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	1 652 564	1 550 617	1 580 344	1 479 261	72 220	71 356
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	265 639	255 121	193 528	183 851	72 111	71 270
Mining and quarrying	607	584	607	584	-	-
Manufacturing industry	86 491	81 593	86 481	81 583	10	10
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	554	501	554	501	-	-
Water supply; collection, treatment and disposal of waste, activities for the elimination of pollution	1 859	1 703	1 858	1 702	1	1
Construction	47 700	44 100	47 699	44 099	1	1
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	606 395	573 063	606 378	573 049	17	14
Transport and warehousing	78 046	71 621	78 037	71 615	9	6
Provision of accommodation and food services	43 367	39 988	43 363	39 984	4	4
Information and communication	17 165	15 703	17 165	15 703	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	568	495	568	495	-	-
Operations with real estate	84 343	76 177	84 319	76 157	24	20
Professional, scientific and technical activities	30 703	28 022	30 702	28 021	1	1
Administrative and support services activities	35 399	32 859	35 390	32 850	9	9
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	120	118	120	118	-	-
Education	24 946	23 385	24 945	23 384	1	1
Public health and social services	9 757	9 250	9 757	9 250	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	13 686	12 473	13 685	12 472	1	1
Provision of other types of services	305 219	283 861	305 188	283 843	31	18

Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of March 1, 2023, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 32200 units, including 22130 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3837 or 12.0%) and Astana (3754 or 11.7%), and in the Karaganda region (2140 or 6.6%). 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” (12944 or 40.2%), “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of cars and motorcycles” (4697 or 14.6%) and “Construction” (2227 or 7.0%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of March 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	28 160	2 269	24 566	252	729	1 325
Small	27 063	2 068	23 716	226	682	1 279
Medium	606	110	470	12	20	26

Large	491	91	380	14	27	20
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Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of March 1, 2023

	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Republic of Kazakhstan	4 040	2 414	357	1 023	1 034	86
Small	3 993	2 369	357	978	1 034	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

As of March 1, 2023, the number of registered legal entities, branches and branches subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 31,7% compared to the corresponding date of the previous years. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership increased by 2,5%.

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; repair of cars and motorcycles" – 37.4%, "Provision of other types of services" – 11.6%, "Construction" – 9.9%.

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

as of March 1, 2023

	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	49 597	38 736	11 840	8 680
Russia	19 882	16 902	5 032	3 914
Türkiye	5 127	3 787	783	493
China	3 319	1 867	758	489
Kyrgyzstan	3 023	2 382	687	495
Uzbekistan	2 953	2 324	402	303
Ukraine	1 285	1 002	381	285
Azerbaijan	1 195	951	210	148
Germany	922	740	530	391
The Republic of Korea	850	602	189	124
Belarus	718	628	185	140

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

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[Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with foreign participation and joint ownership](#)
[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 March 1, 2023, the number of operating SMEs increased by 31.1% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 66.6%, legal entities of small business - 18.6%, peasant or farm enterprises – 12.2%, 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" – 35.5%; "Provision of other types of services" – 15.9%. "Agriculture, forestry and fisheries" - 14.1%.

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

as of March 1, 2023

	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 097 519	1 904 656
Abay	56 918	52 144
Akmola	61 185	56 473
Aktobe	93 028	85 694
Almaty	131 785	122 867
Atyrau	71 309	65 396
Batys Kazakhstan	60 644	55 488
Zhambyl	111 205	98 266
Zhetisu	61 353	55 844
Karaganda	106 880	96 316
Kostanai	66 626	62 870
Kyzylorda	73 686	69 503
Mangystau	84 918	78 999
Pavlodar	59 591	53 117
Soltustik Kazakhstan	36 923	33 895
Turkistan	199 393	196 031
Ulytau	19 432	18 224
Shygys Kazakhstan	69 814	63 144
Astana city	239 311	212 402
Almaty city	364 139	309 947
Shymkent city	129 379	118 036

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[Number of registered and operating SMEs in the Republic of Kazakhstan](#)

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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