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## 1. Key points

As of April 1, 2023, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 513572 units, including 414178 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1682235, including 1582594 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2129821 units, including 1939801 operating ones.

### Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of April 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
<b>Total</b>	513 572	414 178	1 682 235	1 582 594	32 239	22 206	2 129 821	1 939 801
Small	504 468	405 214	-	-	31 093	21 074	2 126 832	1 936 893
Medium	6 643	6 536	-	-	630	620	2 989	2 908
Large	2 461	2 428	-	-	516	512	-	-

## 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
<b>Republic of Kazakhstan</b>	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 March 2023, compared to February 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 6.2%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating legal entities - by 0.8% and 15%, 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 April 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 April 1, 2023, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (143265 or 27,9%) and Astana (96300 or 18,7%), and in the Karaganda region (28593 or 5,6%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on Ulytau (2954 and 0,6%), Abay (8053 and 1,6%) and Zhetisu (8141 and 1,6%) regions.

### Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of April 1, 2023

	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Republic of Kazakhstan	513 572	414 178	61 771	208 544	143 863	5 107
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	20 547	17 449	2 221	8 751	6 477	122
Mining and quarrying industry	5 143	4 331	764	1 519	2 048	58
Manufacturing industry	25 943	20 561	2 164	10 574	7 823	306
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 882	1 563	212	790	561	12
Water supply; collection, treatment and disposal of waste, activities for the elimination of pollution	2 770	2 213	187	1 156	870	44
Construction	68 721	53 315	6 947	19 330	27 038	1 282
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	143 393	108 271	17 288	50 549	40 434	1 749
Transport and warehousing	20 790	16 830	2 486	8 454	5 890	236
Provision of accommodation and food services	9 883	8 213	1 469	4 161	2 583	51
Information and communication	16 777	14 260	3 199	7 134	3 927	69
Financial and insurance activities	7 994	5 652	822	2 791	2 039	137
Operations with real estate	23 748	20 447	3 310	12 390	4 747	200
Professional, scientific and technical activities	34 290	28 374	3 574	15 492	9 308	223
Administrative and support services activities	24 612	20 934	2 733	12 122	6 079	147
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 562	9 284	132	9 033	119	41
Education	28 630	26 511	1 543	20 411	4 357	129
Public healthcare and social services	10 306	9 288	940	6 166	2 182	59
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7 678	6 382	1081	3 360	1 941	43
Provision of other types of services	50 902	40 299	10 499	14 360	15 440	199
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 April 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)	
<b>Republic of Kazakhstan</b>	513 572	25 587	442 885	380	11 144	45 100
Small	504 468	20 866	438 997	299	10 862	44 605
Medium	6 643	3 579	2 771	33	172	293
Large	2 461	1 142	1 117	48	110	202

#### Spreadsheets:

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

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

In March 2023, compared to February 2023, there is a slight increase in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 1,8%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 29.6%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 2,1% and 36,1%, 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 April 1, 2023 amounted to 36,8%. In second place is "Provision of other types of services" (18,4%), in third

place is “Agriculture, forestry and fisheries” (16%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 71,2% of all registered individual entrepreneurs.

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

as of April 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	1 682 235	1 582 594	1 609 970	1 511 183	72 265	71 411
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	269 036	258 684	196 880	187 359	72 156	71 325
Mining and quarrying	630	608	630	608	-	-
Manufacturing industry	90 024	85 226	90 015	85 217	9	9
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	567	516	567	516	-	-
Water supply; collection, treatment and disposal of waste, activities for the elimination of pollution	1 878	1 723	1 877	1 722	1	1
Construction	48 194	44 675	48 193	44 674	1	1
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	619 654	587 102	619 636	587 087	18	15
Transport and warehousing	78 394	72 093	78 385	72 087	9	6
Provision of accommodation and food services	43 870	40 574	43 866	40 570	4	4
Information and communication	17 571	16 136	17 571	16 136	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	560	489	560	489	-	-
Operations with real estate	84 916	76 891	84 892	76 871	24	20
Professional, scientific and technical activities	30 767	28 155	30 766	28 154	1	1
Administrative and support services activities	35 896	33 417	35 887	33 408	9	9
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	127	125	127	125	-	-
Education	25 455	23 938	25 454	23 937	1	1
Public health and social services	9 908	9 401	9 908	9 401	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	13 896	12 697	13 895	12 696	1	1
Provision of other types of services	310 892	290 144	310 861	290 126	31	18

### Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of April 1, 2023, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 32239 units, including 22206 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3845 or 11,6%) and Astana (37505 or 11,6%), and in the Karaganda region (2142 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” (12967 or 40,2%), “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of cars and motorcycles” (4695 or 14.6%) and “Professional, scientific and technical activities” (2266 or 7%).

### Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of April 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)	
<b>Republic of Kazakhstan</b>	28 193	2 284	24 586	249	727	1 323
Small	27 094	2 080	23 738	223	681	1 276
Medium	606	111	469	12	20	26
Large	493	93	379	14	26	21

### Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of April 1, 2023

	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
<b>Republic of Kazakhstan</b>	4 046	2 440	373	1 024	1 043	86
Small	3 999	2 395	373	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

As of April 1, 2023, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 32,2% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. 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 and branches with joint ownership increased by 3,3%.

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 for the industries "Wholesale and retail trade; repair of cars and motorcycles" – 37,3%, "Provision of other types of services" – 11,6%, "Construction" – 9,8%.

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

as of April 1, 2023

	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	50 469	39 674	11 871	8 739
Russia	20 405	17 441	5 070	3 958
Türkiye	5 172	3 845	785	498
China	3 372	1 925	763	496
Kyrgyzstan	3 044	2 407	689	497
Uzbekistan	2 968	2 347	397	300
Ukraine	1 302	1 022	380	285
Azerbaijan	1 212	968	211	150
Germany	927	746	529	392
The Republic of Korea	858	611	188	124
Belarus	739	649	183	140

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

#### Spreadsheets:

[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 April 1, 2023, the number of operating SMEs increased by 31,8% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 66,8%, legal entities of small business – 20,9%, peasant or farm enterprises – 12,2%, 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; repair of cars and motorcycles" – 35,8%; "Provision of other types of services" – 16%. "Agriculture, forestry and fisheries" – 13,6%.

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

as of April 1, 2023

	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 129 821	1 939 801
Abay	57 680	53 020
Akmola	61 816	57 201
Aktobe	94 417	87 160
Almaty	134 508	125 759
Atyrau	72 141	66 333
Batys Kazakhstan	61 564	56 483
Zhambyl	113 299	100 566
Zhetisu	62 256	56 865
Karaganda	108 309	97 940
Kostanai	67 372	63 721
Kyzylorda	74 987	70 879
Mangystau	86 159	80 293
Pavlodar	60 306	54 017
Soltustik Kazakhstan	37 247	34 182
Turkistan	203 877	200 551
Ulytau	19 751	18 585
Shygyz Kazakhstan	70 636	63 961
Astana city	242 499	215 902
Almaty city	368 618	315 184
Shymkent city	132 379	121 199

### Spreadsheets:

[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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