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## 1. Key points

As of May 1, 2023, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 516131 units, including 416564 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1713078, including 1615368 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2163190 units, including 1974722 operating ones.

### Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of May 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>	516 131	416 564	1 713 078	1 615 368	32 287	22 275	2 163 190	1 974 722
Small	507 074	407 648	-	-	31 146	21 147	2 160 250	1 971 863
Medium	6 596	6 489	-	-	629	620	2 940	2 859
Large	2 461	2 427	-	-	512	508	-	-

## 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 317926 to 507238 (by 189312 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 April 2023, compared to March 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 0.6% and 14.8%, 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 May 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 May 1, 2023, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (144201 or 27.9%) and Astana (97041 or 18.8%), and in the Karaganda region (28710 or 5.6%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on Ulytau (2964 and 0.6%), Abay (8169 and 1.6%) and Zhetisu (8106 and 1.6%) regions.

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

as of May 1, 2023

	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Republic of Kazakhstan	516 131	416 564	63 463	210 207	142 894	5 104
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	20 693	17 564	2 285	8 824	6 455	125
Mining and quarrying industry	5 179	4 349	783	1 558	2 008	58
Manufacturing industry	26 047	20 617	2 220	10 703	7 694	305
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 888	1 572	216	818	538	12
Water supply; collection, treatment and disposal of waste, activities for the elimination of pollution	2 774	2 215	190	1 187	838	45
Construction	68 978	53 435	7 115	19 162	27 158	1 283
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	144 092	108 737	17 840	50 863	40 034	1 750
Transport and warehousing	20 951	16 975	2 543	8 619	5 813	235
Provision of accommodation and food services	9 959	8 284	1 504	4 235	2 545	52
Information and communication	17 001	14 512	3 309	7 300	3 903	70
Financial and insurance activities	7 991	5 629	818	2 825	1 986	137
Operations with real estate	23 735	20 558	3 398	12 494	4 666	199
Professional, scientific and technical activities	34 402	28 554	3 622	15 695	9 237	222
Administrative and support services activities	24 827	21 156	2 841	12 288	6 027	147
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 560	9 293	131	9 037	125	41
Education	28 809	26 684	1 807	20 519	4 358	127
Public healthcare and social services	10 394	9 390	933	6 246	2 211	59
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7 728	6 445	1 110	3 412	1 923	44
Provision of other types of services	51 122	40 594	10 798	14 421	15 375	193
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 May 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>	516 131	25 563	444 630	379	11 160	45 938
Small	507 074	20 836	440 799	297	10 881	45 439
Medium	6 596	3 580	2 719	34	171	297
Large	2 461	1 147	1 112	48	108	202

**Spreadsheets:****[The main indicators of the number of entities in the RK](#)****Registered and operating entities of individual entrepreneurship (IP and IES)**

In April 2023, compared to March 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 35.9%, 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 May 1, 2023 amounted to 37.0%. In second place is «Provision of other types of services» (18.5%), in third place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (15.9%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 71.4% of all registered individual entrepreneurs.

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

as of May 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	1 713 078	1 615 368	1 640 782	1 543 913	72 296	71 455
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	272 941	262 765	200 752	191 395	72 189	71 370
Mining and quarrying	653	632	653	632	-	-
Manufacturing industry	93 193	88 486	93 184	88 477	9	9
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	571	522	571	522	-	-
Water supply; collection, treatment and disposal of waste, activities for the elimination of pollution	1 899	1 754	1 898	1 753	1	1
Construction	48 933	45 489	48 932	45 488	1	1
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	633 531	601 558	633 513	601 543	18	15
Transport and warehousing	79 237	73 107	79 228	73 101	9	6
Provision of accommodation and food services	44 270	41 006	44 266	41 002	4	4
Information and communication	17 740	16 329	17 740	16 329	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	566	497	566	497	-	-
Operations with real estate	85 429	77 528	85 406	77 509	23	19
Professional, scientific and technical activities	31 052	28 481	31 051	28 480	1	1
Administrative and support services activities	36 509	34 073	36 500	34 064	9	9
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	133	131	133	131	-	-
Education	25 948	24 463	25 947	24 462	1	1
Public health and social services	10 077	9 576	10 077	9 576	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	14 139	12 963	14 138	12 962	1	1
Provision of other types of services	316 257	296 008	316 227	295 990	30	18

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

As of May 1, 2023, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 32287 units, including 22275 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3861 or 12.0%) and Astana (3768 or 11.7%), and in the Karaganda region (2146 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» (13001 or 40.3%), «Wholesale and retail trade; repair of cars and motorcycles» (4690 or 14.5%) and «Construction» (2269 or 7%).

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

as of May 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>	28 229	2 309	24 597	233	725	1 323
Small	27 134	2 103	23 755	207	680	1 276
Medium	605	112	467	11	20	26
Large	490	94	375	15	25	21

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

as of May 1, 2023

	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
<b>Republic of Kazakhstan</b>	4 058	2 453	386	1 025	1 042	86
Small	4 012	2 409	386	982	1 041	85
Medium	24	22	-	21	1	1
Large	22	22	-	22	-	-

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

As of May 1, 2023, the number of registered legal entities, branches and branches subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 30.6% 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» – 37.3%, «Provision of other types of services» - 11%, «Construction» – 9,1%.

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

as of May 1, 2023

Uzbekistan	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	51 319	40 457	11 885	8 763
Russia	20 904	17 905	5 073	3 957
Türkiye	5 203	3 859	784	496
China	3 428	1 980	770	501
Uzbekistan	3 098	2 464	689	500
Kyrgyzstan	2 983	2 359	391	295
Ukraine	1 335	1 047	386	293
Azerbaijan	1 232	986	215	153
Germany	928	747	530	396
The Republic of Korea	865	615	189	125
Belarus	753	661	182	141

\* Top 10 countries by the largest number of registered legal entities, branches and branches 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 May 1, 2023, the number of operating SMEs increased by 31.6% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 67%, legal entities of small business - 20.7%, peasant or farm enterprises – 12.7%, 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» – 35.7%; «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 May 1, 2023

	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 163 190	1 974 722
Abay	58 506	53 948
Akmola	62 541	57 952
Aktobe	95 856	87 820
Almaty	137 198	128 611
Atyrau	73 060	67 312
Batys Kazakhstan	62 543	57 543
Zhambyl	115 417	102 864
Zhetysu	63 153	57 872
Karaganda	109 925	99 752
Kostanai	68 206	64 679
Kyzylorda	76 137	72 131
Mangystau	87 373	81 562
Pavlodar	60 753	54 611
Soltustik Kazakhstan	37 592	34 582
Turkistan	208 463	205 195
Ulytau	20 030	18 901
Shygyz Kazakhstan	71 255	64 721
Astana city	246 023	219 405
Almaty city	373 377	320 529
Shymkent city	135 782	124 732

#### 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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