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1. Key points

As of July 1, 2023, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 521476 units, including 414821 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1768502, including 1657570 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2223486 units, including 2015030 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of July 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	521 476	414 821	1 768 502	1 657 570	32 282	22 166	2 223 486	2 015 030
Small	512 426	405 923	-	-	31 145	21 042	2 220 546	2 012 179
Medium	6 581	6 464	-	-	628	619	2 940	2851
Large	2 469	2 434	-	-	509	505	-	-

2. Dynamics of subjects

Annually, 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
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;](#)

[The main indicators of small business.](#)

Registered and operating legal entities

In June, compared to May 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 5.7%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating legal entities - by 0.4% and 11.8%, 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 July 1, 2023. amounted to 27.9%. On the second place -

"Construction" (13.3%), on the third - "Provision of other types of services" (9.9%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 51.1% of all registered legal entities.

As of July 1, 2023, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (146355 or 28%) and Astana (98299 or 18.9%), and in the Karaganda region (28884 or 5.5%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2989 or 0.6%), Zhetisu (8208 or 1.6%) and Abai (8219 or 1.6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of July 1, 2023

	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Republic of Kazakhstan	521 476	414 821	63 659	210 462	140 700	4 912
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	20 965	17 576	2 271	8 951	6 354	125
Mining and quarrying	5 247	4 362	783	1 572	2 007	59
Manufacturing industry	26 238	20 529	2 210	10 768	7 551	288
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 899	1 583	205	827	551	10
Water supply; collection, treatment and disposal of waste, activities for the elimination of pollution	2 794	2 202	191	1 177	834	43
Construction	69 538	52 930	7 059	18 086	27 785	1 250
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	145 505	107 829	18 337	51 022	38 470	1 671
Transport and warehousing	21 229	16 933	2 611	8 670	5 652	228
Provision of accommodation and food services	10 106	8 294	1 500	4 288	2 506	49
Information and communication	17 374	14 573	3 363	7 360	3 850	64
Financial and insurance activities	8 005	5 556	815	2 816	1 925	130
Operations with real estate	24 568	21 092	3 482	13 040	4 570	187
Professional, scientific and technical activities	34 530	28 042	3 506	15 600	8 936	211
Administrative and support services activities	24 688	20 641	2 724	12 110	5 807	148
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 588	9 326	153	9 051	122	41
Education	29 148	26 866	1 932	20 520	4 414	129
Public health and social services	10 544	9 447	977	6 269	2 201	59
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7 831	6 473	1 108	3 453	1 912	40
Provision of other types of services	51 678	40 566	10 432	14 881	15 253	180
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 July 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	521 476	25 601	448 475	325	11 240	47 400
Small	512 426	20 876	444 655	261	10 960	46 895
Medium	6 581	3 572	2 707	28	171	302
Large	2 469	1 153	1 113	36	109	203

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

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

In June, compared to May 2023, there is a slight increase in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 1%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 29.2%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 1.6% and 33.5%, 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 July 1, 2023 was 37.3%. In second place is “Provision of other types of services” (18.3%), 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 subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship by type of activity

as of July1, 2023

	Total		Including those operating:			
	registered	operating	in the form of personal business		in the form of a joint venture	
			registered	operating	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	1 768 502	1 657 570	1 696 099	1 586 014	72 403	71 556
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	280 916	270 589	208 617	199 115	72 299	71 474
Mining and quarrying	682	653	682	653	-	-
Manufacturing industry	99 164	93 390	99 156	93 382	8	8
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	581	537	581	537	-	-
Water supply; collection, treatment and disposal of waste, activities for the elimination of pollution	1 961	1 801	1 960	1 800	1	1
Construction	50 480	46 585	50 478	46 583	2	2
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	659 351	621 306	659 334	621 292	17	14
Transport and warehousing	80 872	74 173	80 863	74 167	9	6
Provision of accommodation and food services	44 986	41 355	44 982	41 351	4	4
Information and communication	18 066	16 614	18 066	16 614	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	559	485	559	485	-	-
Operations with real estate	86 433	79 042	86 410	79 023	23	19
Professional, scientific and technical activities	31 379	28 516	31 378	28 515	1	1
Administrative and support services activities	37 712	35 039	37 702	35 029	10	10
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	141	138	141	138	-	-
Education	27 174	25 214	27 173	25 213	1	1
Public health and social services	10 546	9 955	10 546	9 955	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	14 637	13 473	14 636	13 472	1	1
Provision of other types of services	322 862	298 705	322 835	298 690	27	15

Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of July 1, 2023, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 32282 units, including 22166 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3883 or 12%) and Astana (3761 or 11.7%), and in the Karaganda region (2138 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” (13048 or 40.4%), “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of cars and motorcycles” (4657 or 14.4%) and “Professional, scientific and technical activities” (2264 or 7%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of July 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	28 206	2 334	24 555	231	729	1 317
Small	27 112	2 111	23 732	205	685	1 269
Medium	606	113	466	11	20	27

Large	488	110	357	15	24	21
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Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of July 1, 2023

	Total	of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Republic of Kazakhstan	4 076	2 439	387	1 043	1 009	83
Small	4 033	2 398	387	1 002	1 009	82
Medium	22	20	-	20	-	1
Large	21	21	-	21	-	-

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

As of July 1, 2023, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 28.7% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership increased by 2.7%.

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" - 37.2%, "Provision of other types of services" - 11.8%, "Construction" - 9.6%.

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

as of July 1, 2023

	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	52 793	41 168	11 969	8 637
Russia	21 590	18 229	5 129	3 940
Türkiye	5 286	3 870	783	484
China	3 580	2 103	781	505
Uzbekistan	3 250	2 593	686	483
Kyrgyzstan	3 023	2 373	392	285
Ukraine	1 374	1 064	382	278
Azerbaijan	1 256	995	221	150
Germany	938	744	534	394
Republic of Korea	871	594	186	119
Belarus	786	681	180	138

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

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

[Registered and operating legal entities, branches and subsidiaries 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 July 1, 2023, the number of operating SMEs increased by 23.6% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 67.6%, legal entities of small business - 20.3%, peasant or farm enterprises - 12 %, 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" – 35.9%; "Provision of other types of services" – 15.8%. "Agriculture, forestry and fisheries" - 14.1%.

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

as of July 1, 2023

	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 223 486	2 015 030
Abai	59 406	53 942
Akmola	63 670	58 306
Aktobe	97 662	88 548
Almaty	142 363	133 532
Atyrau	74 428	67 934
Batys Kazakhstan	64 474	58 886
Zhambyl	119 717	106 122
Zhetysay	65 203	59 862
Karaganda	112 479	100 124
Kostanai	69 847	65 149
Kyzylorda	77 590	72 872
Mangystau	89 490	83 144
Pavlodar	62 058	55 351
Soltustik Kazakhstan	38 461	34 759
Turkistan	216 020	211 477
Ulytau	20 545	19 109
Shyngys Kazakhstan	72 400	64 599
Astana city	252 958	223 597
Almaty city	384 178	329 082
Shymkent city	140 537	128 635

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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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