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1. Key points

As of august 1, 2023, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 524101 units, including 413149 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1777377, including 1676100 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2234776 units, including 2031826 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of august 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	524 101	413 149	1 777 377	1 676 100	32 413	22 279	2 234 776	2 031 826
Small	515 053	404 255	-	-	31 278	21 157	2 231 844	2 028 986
Medium	6 576	6 458	-	-	624	615	2 932	2840
Large	2 472	2 436	-	-	511	507	-	-

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 july, compared to june 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 5.5%. At the same time, there is a decrease in the number of operating legal entities compared to the previous month of the current year by - 0.4%, compared to the previous year, the number of operating legal entities increased by 10.1%. 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 August 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 51.2% of all registered legal entities.

As of August 1, 2023, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (147467 or 28.1%) and Astana (98846 or 18.9%), and in the Karaganda region (28985 or 5.5%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (3002 or 0.6%), Abai (8237 or 1.6%) and Zhetisu (8244 or 1.6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of august 1, 2023

	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Republic of Kazakhstan	524 101	413 149	60 968	211 227	140 954	4 892
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 114	17 692	2 144	9 083	6 465	125
Mining and quarrying	5 269	4 324	730	1 579	2 015	56
Manufacturing industry	26 368	20 523	2 152	10 834	7 537	286
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 909	1 582	205	822	555	11
Water supply; collection, treatment and disposal of waste, activities for the elimination of pollution	2 806	2 212	185	1 192	835	42
Construction	69 833	52 411	6 574	17 993	27 844	1 236
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	146 191	106 696	17 529	50 918	38 249	1 672
Transport and warehousing	21 333	16 930	2 614	8 725	5 591	224
Provision of accommodation and food services	10 166	8 238	1 406	4 320	2 512	48
Information and communication	17 541	14 639	3 361	7 435	3 843	64
Financial and insurance activities	8 020	5 544	798	2 815	1 931	131
Operations with real estate	24 697	21 163	3 364	13 151	4 648	186
Professional, scientific and technical activities	34 640	28 006	3 398	15 687	8 921	209
Administrative and support services activities	24 783	20 639	2 677	12 157	5 805	146
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 589	9 323	152	9 054	117	41
Education	29 309	26 988	1 908	20 640	4 440	133
Public health and social services	10 622	9 516	975	6 369	2 172	59
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7 873	6 466	1 051	3 511	1 904	40
Provision of other types of services	52 037	40 256	9 745	14 941	15 570	183
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 august 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	524 101	25 601	450 435	324	11 279	48 065
Small	515 053	20 869	446 624	260	11 001	47 560
Medium	6 576	3 576	2 700	28	169	300
Large	2 472	1 156	1 111	36	109	205

Spreadsheets:

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

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

In July, compared to June 2023, there is a slight increase in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 0.5%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 26.7%. At the same time,

there is an increase in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 1.1% and 31.0%, 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 August 1, 2023 was 37.4%. In second place is "Provision of other types of services" (18.2%), 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 august 1, 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	1 777 377	1 676 100	1 704 924	1 604 481	72 453	71 619
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	282 359	272 390	210 011	200 855	72 348	71 535
Mining and quarrying	694	664	694	664	-	-
Manufacturing industry	99 795	94 331	99 787	94 323	8	8
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	580	536	580	536	-	-
Water supply; collection, treatment and disposal of waste, activities for the elimination of pollution	1 975	1 827	1 974	1 826	1	1
Construction	51 002	47 307	51 000	47 305	2	2
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	664 055	629 057	664 037	629 041	18	16
Transport and warehousing	81 251	74 935	81 242	74 929	9	6
Provision of accommodation and food services	45 084	41 740	45 080	41 736	4	4
Information and communication	18 116	16 787	18 116	16 787	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	558	485	558	485	-	-
Operations with real estate	86 677	81 566	86 655	81 548	22	18
Professional, scientific and technical activities	31 393	28 764	31 392	28 763	1	1
Administrative and support services activities	37 976	35 480	37 965	35 469	11	11
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	144	141	144	141	-	-
Education	27 389	25 578	27 388	25 577	1	1
Public health and social services	10 659	10 120	10 659	10 120	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	14 720	13 648	14 719	13 647	1	1
Provision of other types of services	322 950	300 744	322 923	300 729	27	15

Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of August 1, 2023, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 32413 units, including 22279 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3894 or 12%) and Astana (3763 or 11.6%), and in the Karaganda region (2134 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" (13060 or 40.3%), "Wholesale and retail trade; repair of cars and motorcycles" (4656 or 14.4%) and "Professional, scientific and technical activities" (2272 or 7.0%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of august 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	28 326	2 450	24 559	226	730	1 317
Small	27 234	2 226	23 738	200	686	1 270
Medium	602	111	465	12	20	26
Large	490	113	356	14	24	21

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of august 1, 2023

	Total	of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Republic of Kazakhstan	4 087	2 441	391	1 037	1 013	82
Small	4 044	2 400	391	998	1 011	81
Medium	22	20	-	20	-	1
Large	21	21	-	19	2	-

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

As of August 1, 2023, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 26.5% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership increased by 2.3%.

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 falls on the sectors "Wholesale and retail trade; repair of cars and motorcycles" - 37.2%, "Provision of other types of services" - 11.8%, "Construction" - 9.5%.

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

as of august 1, 2023

	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	53 469	41 134	12 009	8 600
Russia	21 896	18 381	5 148	3 932
Türkiye	5 332	3 758	785	477
China	3 661	2 145	788	505
Uzbekistan	3 339	2 607	681	474
Kyrgyzstan	3 035	2 309	395	286
Ukraine	1 388	1 055	384	276
Azerbaijan	1 284	1 008	219	146
Germany	938	740	535	394
Republic of Korea	877	597	186	116
Belarus	797	681	181	136

* 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 August 1, 2023, the number of operating SMEs increased by 26.9% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 67.7%, legal entities of small business - 20.3%, peasant or farm enterprises - 11.8%, 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" – 15.7%. "Agriculture, forestry and fisheries" - 14.1%.

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

as of August 1, 2023

	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 234 776	2 031 826
Abai	59 811	54 657
Akmola	63 915	58 751
Aktobe	97 892	88 485
Almaty	143 442	135 109
Atyrau	74 361	67 826
Batys Kazakhstan	64 771	58 751
Zhambyl	120 297	107 717
Zhetysay	65 493	59 860
Karaganda	112 967	100 247
Kostanai	70 106	65 697
Kyzylorda	77 563	72 934
Mangystau	89 724	83 488
Pavlodar	62 239	55 756
Soltustik Kazakhstan	38 640	35 091
Turkistan	217 480	213 283
Ulytau	20 614	19 263
Shyngys Kazakhstan	72 506	65 045
Astana city	254 673	225 268
Almaty city	386 986	334 998
Shymkent city	141 296	129 600

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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

[Methodology for maintaining and updating the information system Statistical business register;](#)

[Methods for calculating the indicators of small and medium-sized businesses.](#)

[Entrepreneurial Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan.](#)

[On taxes and other obligatory payments to the budget \(Tax Code\).](#)

[Rules for the presentation of primary statistical data by respondents.](#)

[On the national registers of identification numbers.](#)

[Information and analytical system "Taldau" / Sections of statistics / Statistics of enterprises.](#)

[Quality report;](#)

[Statistical form "Report on types of economic activity" \(index 1-CP, 1 time per year\);](#)

[Statistical form "Survey of new enterprises" \(index 1-NP, one-time\).](#)

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