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## 1. Key points

As of September 1, 2023, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 526703 units, including 413258 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1770698, including 1672194 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2230441 units, including 2027939 operating ones.

### Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of September 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>	526 703	413 258	1 770 698	1 672 194	32 512	22 399	2 230 441	2 027 939
Small	517 684	404 395	-	-	31 374	21 275	2 227 551	2 025 140
Medium	6 543	6 423	-	-	632	623	2 890	2 799
Large	2 476	2 440	-	-	506	501	-	-

## 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
<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;](#)

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

### Registered and operating legal entities

In August, compared to July 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%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating legal entities - by - 0.3%, compared to the previous year, the number of operating legal entities increased by 8.4%. 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 September 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 September 1, 2023, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (148540 or 28.2%) and Astana (99564 or 18.9%), and in the Karaganda region (29017 or 5.5%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (3015 or 0.6%), Abai (8261 or 1.6%) and Zhetisu (8292 or 1.6%).

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

as of September 1, 2023

	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
<b>Republic of Kazakhstan</b>	526 703	413 258	57 158	210 779	145 321	4 862
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 188	17 720	2 075	9 072	6 573	122
Mining and quarrying	5 307	4 326	651	1 584	2 091	55
Manufacturing industry	26 507	20 584	1 952	10 880	7 752	285
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 921	1 586	177	818	591	11
Water supply; collection, treatment and disposal of waste, activities for the elimination of pollution	2 810	2 202	171	1 182	849	43
Construction	70 130	52 314	6 132	18 126	28 056	1 228
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	146 854	106 746	16 456	50 651	39 639	1 663
Transport and warehousing	21 491	16 995	2 499	8 704	5 792	219
Provision of accommodation and food services	10 233	8 218	1 322	4 268	2 628	47
Information and communication	17 727	14 692	3 203	7 422	4 067	64
Financial and insurance activities	8 021	5 498	716	2 799	1 983	131
Operations with real estate	24 786	21 155	3 101	13 145	4 909	184
Professional, scientific and technical activities	34 724	27 927	3 165	15 608	9 154	209
Administrative and support services activities	24 904	20 686	2 575	12 144	5 967	147
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 586	9 303	156	9 027	120	41
Education	29 485	27 060	1 931	20 634	4 495	133
Public health and social services	10 718	9 575	997	6 361	2 217	58
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7 932	6 499	988	3 523	1 988	40
Provision of other types of services	52 378	40 171	8 891	14 830	16 450	182
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 September 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>	526 703	25 616	452 143	328	11 283	48 944
Small	517 684	20 873	448 366	262	11 005	48 445
Medium	6 543	3 582	2 668	30	168	293
Large	2 476	1 161	1 109	36	110	206

#### Spreadsheets:

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

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

In August, compared to July 2023, there is a slight increase in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 0.4%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 18.7%. At the same time, there is a decrease in the number of operating entities of individual entrepreneurship – by 0.2 % compared to the

previous month of this year, compared to the previous year the number of operating legal entities increased by 21.2%. 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 September 1, 2023 was 37.4%. In second place is “Provision of other types of services” (18%), in third place is “Agriculture, forestry and fisheries” (16%). 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 September 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
<b>Republic of Kazakhstan</b>	1 770 698	1 672 194	1 698 171	1 600 502	72 527	71 692
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	282 639	272 675	210 220	201 072	72 419	71 603
Mining and quarrying	700	669	700	669	-	-
Manufacturing industry	99 005	93 782	98 996	93 773	9	9
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	594	553	594	553	-	-
Water supply; collection, treatment and disposal of waste, activities for the elimination of pollution	1 994	1 855	1 993	1 854	1	1
Construction	51 103	47 561	51 101	47 559	2	2
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	662 439	628 046	662 421	628 030	18	16
Transport and warehousing	81 287	75 120	81 276	75 112	11	8
Provision of accommodation and food services	44 881	41 708	44 877	41 704	4	4
Information and communication	18 081	16 853	18 081	16 853	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	559	494	559	494	-	-
Operations with real estate	86 651	82 180	86 629	82 162	22	18
Professional, scientific and technical activities	31 142	28 604	31 141	28 603	1	1
Administrative and support services activities	38 061	35 660	38 050	35 649	11	11
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	144	141	144	141	-	-
Education	27 489	25 677	27 488	25 676	1	1
Public health and social services	10 752	10 191	10 752	10 191	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	14 658	13 641	14 657	13 640	1	1
Provision of other types of services	318 519	296 784	318 492	296 767	27	17

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

As of September 1, 2023, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 32512 units, including 22399 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3919 or 12.1%) and Astana (3758 or 11.6%), and in the Karaganda region (2139 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” (13087 or 40.2%), “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of cars and motorcycles” (4656 or 14.3%) and “Professional, scientific and technical activities” (2286 or 7%).

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

as of September 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>	28 414	2 495	24 594	211	729	1 325

Small	27 320	2 259	23 784	195	686	1 277
Medium	608	117	463	7	19	28
Large	486	119	347	9	24	20

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

as of September 1, 2023

	Total	of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Republic of Kazakhstan	4 098	2 456	368	1 036	1 052	82
Small	4 054	2 414	366	996	1 052	81
Medium	24	22	2	20	-	1
Large	20	20	-	20	-	-

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

As of September 1, 2023, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 19.5% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership increased by 2%.

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 September 1, 2023

	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
<b>Republic of Kazakhstan</b>	54 367	41 432	12 012	8 560
Russia	22 274	18 618	5 156	3 928
Türkiye	5 399	3 706	778	468
China	3 755	2 197	801	512
Uzbekistan	3 467	2 676	681	464
Kyrgyzstan	3 063	2 254	398	286
Ukraine	1 400	1 051	381	274
Azerbaijan	1 299	995	216	144
Germany	943	744	536	392
Republic of Korea	887	597	186	111
Belarus	810	690	180	134

\* 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 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 September 1, 2023, the number of operating SMEs increased by 19% 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 - 20.5%, peasant or farm enterprises - 11.7%, 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" – 36%; "Provision of other types of services" – 15.5%. "Agriculture, forestry and fisheries" - 14.2%.

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

as of September 1, 2023

	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 230 441	2 027 939
Abai	59 588	54 231
Akmola	63 982	58 703
Aktobe	96 844	87 263
Almaty	143 247	134 840
Atyrau	73 730	67 214
Batys Kazakhstan	64 510	58 474
Zhambyl	120 149	107 440
Zhetisu	65 361	59 716
Karaganda	112 596	99 795
Kostanai	70 183	65 689
Kyzylorda	75 924	71 256
Mangystau	88 440	82 271
Pavlodar	62 024	55 154
Soltustik Kazakhstan	38 660	35 026
Turkistan	217 041	212 516
Ulytau	20 462	19 073
Shygyz Kazakhstan	72 446	64 657
Astana city	255 913	226 379
Almaty city	387 580	338 138
Shymkent city	141 761	130 104

### 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

[Bulletin «The main indicators of the number of subjects 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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