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1. Key points

As of October 1, 2023, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 529411 units, including 417106 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1774249, including 1676759 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2236501 units, including 2036081 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of October 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	529 411	417 106	1 774 249	1 676 759	32 474	22 428	2 236 501	2 036 081
Small	520 382	408 232	-	-	31 334	21 302	2 233 601	2 033 272
Medium	6 559	6 439	-	-	635	626	2 900	2 809
Large	2 470	2 435	-	-	505	500	-	-

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 September, compared to August 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 5.1%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating legal entities - by 0.9% and 8.9%, 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 October 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 October 1, 2023, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (149623 or 28.3%) and Astana (100169 or 18.9%), and in the Karaganda region (29104 or 5.5%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (3022 or 0.6%), Abai (8296 or 1.6%) and Zhetisu (8331 or 1.6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of October 1, 2023

	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Republic of Kazakhstan	529 411	417 106	58 737	211 550	146 819	4 843
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 259	17 820	2 114	9 124	6 582	121
Mining and quarrying	5 340	4 375	660	1 572	2 143	52
Manufacturing industry	26 633	20 737	2 019	10 898	7 820	282
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 926	1 588	176	809	603	10
Water supply; collection, treatment and disposal of waste, activities for the elimination of pollution	2 816	2 208	174	1 182	852	42
Construction	70 469	53 006	6 302	18 528	28 176	1 230
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	147 475	107 721	16 949	50 817	39 955	1 647
Transport and warehousing	21 674	17 201	2 580	8 270	6 351	221
Provision of accommodation and food services	10 310	8 291	1 379	4 261	2 651	48
Information and communication	17 871	14 873	3 209	7 525	4 139	65
Financial and insurance activities	8 034	5 540	722	2 785	2 033	130
Operations with real estate	24 968	21 343	3 035	13 369	4 939	185
Professional, scientific and technical activities	34 831	28 089	3 255	15 662	9 172	208
Administrative and support services activities	25 032	20 837	2 642	12 229	5 966	148
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 574	9 293	159	9 014	120	41
Education	29 657	27 292	2 068	20 694	4 530	133
Public health and social services	10 795	9 662	1 039	6 386	2 237	59
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7 981	6 552	1 013	3 546	1 993	40
Provision of other types of services	52 765	40 677	9 242	14 878	16 557	181
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 October 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	529 411	25 613	454 029	328	11 336	49 769
Small	520 382	20 865	450 244	262	11 055	49 273
Medium	6 559	3 586	2 680	30	173	293
Large	2 470	1 162	1 105	36	108	203

Spreadsheets:

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

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

In September, compared to August 2023, there is a slight increase in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 0.2%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 19.3%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 0.3% and

22.7%, 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 October 1, 2023 was 37.4%. In second place is “Provision of other types of services” (17.9%), in third place is “Agriculture, forestry and fisheries” (16%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 71.3% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship by type of activity

as of October 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	1 774 249	1 676 759	1 701 747	1 605 082	72 502	71 677
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	284 299	274 451	211 904	202 862	72 395	71 589
Mining and quarrying	709	678	709	678	-	-
Manufacturing industry	100 211	94 992	100 202	94 983	9	9
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	607	567	607	567	-	-
Water supply; collection, treatment and disposal of waste, activities for the elimination of pollution	2 023	1 880	2 022	1 879	1	1
Construction	51 572	48 049	51 570	48 047	2	2
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	663 063	628 879	663 046	628 864	17	15
Transport and warehousing	81 649	75 607	81 638	75 599	11	8
Provision of accommodation and food services	44 874	41 758	44 870	41 754	4	4
Information and communication	18 070	16 849	18 070	16 849	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	559	495	559	495	-	-
Operations with real estate	86 595	82 226	86 573	82 208	22	18
Professional, scientific and technical activities	31 141	28 668	31 140	28 667	1	1
Administrative and support services activities	38 278	35 926	38 267	35 915	11	11
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	144	141	144	141	-	-
Education	27 830	26 062	27 829	26 061	1	1
Public health and social services	10 927	10 378	10 927	10 378	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	14 714	13 676	14 713	13 675	1	1
Provision of other types of services	316 984	295 477	316 957	295 460	27	17

Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of October 1, 2023, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 32474 units, including 22428 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3922 or 12.1%) and Astana (3755 or 11.6%), and in the Karaganda region (2136 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” (13078 or 40.3%), “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of cars and motorcycles” (4647 or 14.4%) and “Professional, scientific and technical activities” (2288 or 7%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of October 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	28 377	2 493	24 559	207	729	1 325
Small	27 280	2 257	23 747	190	687	1 276

Medium	612	117	465	8	18	30
Large	485	119	347	9	24	19

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of October 1, 2023

	Total	of them				in the process of liquidation
		operating	including			
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Republic of Kazakhstan	4 097	2 459	374	1 025	1 060	82
Small	4 054	2 418	373	985	1 060	81
Medium	23	21	1	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 October 1, 2023, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 24.1% 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" - 37.1%, "Provision of other types of services" - 11.9%, "Construction" - 9.5%.

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

as of October 1, 2023

	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
	Republic of Kazakhstan	55 191	42 291	12 065
Russia	22 613	18 927	5 166	3 953
Türkiye	5 451	3 768	783	472
China	3 865	2 309	813	532
Uzbekistan	3 601	2 815	683	467
Kyrgyzstan	3 091	2 286	397	288
Ukraine	1 410	1 060	383	276
Azerbaijan	1 330	1 030	221	151
Germany	950	754	539	396
Republic of Korea	892	613	187	112
Belarus	820	702	183	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 October 1, 2023, the number of operating SMEs increased by 20.2% 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 - 20.5%, peasant or farm enterprises – 12.5%, 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" – 15.4%. "Agriculture, forestry and fisheries" - 14.4%.

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

as of October 1, 2023

	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 236 501	2 036 081
Abai	59 654	54 263
Akmola	63 963	58 703
Aktobe	96 860	87 270
Almaty	143 797	135 457
Atyrau	73 604	67 136
Batys Kazakhstan	64 755	58 853
Zhambyl	121 256	108 642
Zhetisu	65 421	59 829
Karaganda	113 065	100 448
Kostanai	70 158	65 681
Kyzylorda	76 312	71 631
Mangystau	88 502	82 428
Pavlodar	62 104	55 492
Soltustik Kazakhstan	38 867	35 304
Turkistan	217 752	213 164
Ulytau	20 625	19 220
Shygyz Kazakhstan	72 588	64 851
Astana city	257 350	227 835
Almaty city	389 649	341 222
Shymkent city	140 219	128 652

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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

[Bulletin «The main indicators of the number of subjects 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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