

The main indicators of the number of subjects

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1. Key points

As of March 1, 2024, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 527474 units, including 422495 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1723575, including 1648548 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2184363 units, including 2012702 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of March 1, 2024

By dimension	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	527 474	422 495	1 723 575	1 648 548	31 942	22 468	2 184 363	2 012 702
Small	518 307	413 472	-	-	30 811	21 351	2 181 328	2 009 752
Medium	6 688	6 574	-	-	633	624	3 035	2 950
Large	2 479	2 449	-	-	498	493	-	-

2. Dynamics of subjects

Annually, there is an increase in the number of registered legal entities by an average of 4.5%, so over the past ten years (2013-2023) their number has increased from 353833 to 526290 (by 172457 units or 48.7%). 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 4.6%. 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).

By dimension	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Republic of Kazakhstan	353 833	360 287	383 850	412 677	433 774	446 687	461 983	481 732	507 238	526 290
Small	344 994	351 229	374 912	403 862	424 796	437 988	453 343	472 777	497 995	517 123
Medium	6 364	6 572	6 502	6 432	6 490	6 297	6 235	6 494	6 685	6 689
Large	2 475	2 486	2 436	2 383	2 488	2 402	2 405	2 461	2 558	2 478

Dynamic tables:

[Number of registered legal entities of the Republic of Kazakhstan by sectors of the economy;](#)

[Number of active legal entities of the Republic of Kazakhstan by economic sectors](#)

[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 SME entities by region](#)

Registered and operating legal entities

In February, compared to January 2024, there is a slight increase in the number of registered legal entities (by 0.2%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 3.3%. At the same time, there is an decrease in the number of operating legal entities - by 0.3%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 2.9%. 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; car and motorcycle repair», the share of which as of March 1, 2024, amounted to 27.6%. 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 50.8% of all registered legal entities.

As of March 1, 2024, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (149193 or 28.3%) and Astana (101382 or 19.2%), and in the Karaganda region (28715 or 5.4%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2971 or 0.6%), Zhetisu (8188 or 1.6%) and Abay (8302 or 1.6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of March 1, 2024

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Republic of Kazakhstan	527 474	422 495	58 533	201 314	162 648	4 798
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 022	17 944	1 699	8 446	7 799	118
Mining and Quarrying	5 373	4 448	630	1 568	2 250	54
Manufacturing industry	26 600	20 870	1 935	10 476	8 459	293
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 904	1 594	153	800	641	9
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 774	2 168	157	1 161	850	43
Construction	69 925	52 853	5 715	17 589	29 549	1 243
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	145 658	108 564	17 103	46 959	44 502	1 650
Transport and warehousing	21 744	17 362	2 393	8 192	6 777	219
Providing of accommodation and food services	10 412	8 508	1 498	4 018	2 992	46
Information and communication	18 064	15 323	3 092	7 225	5 006	62
Financial and insurance activities	7 845	5 570	817	2 742	2 011	122
Real estate transactions	25 402	22 029	3 215	13 075	5 739	162
Professional, scientific and technical activities	34 687	28 509	3 311	14 509	10 689	212
Administrative and support services activities	25 195	21 304	2 592	11 557	7 155	148
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 524	9 260	152	8 959	149	33
Education	29 976	27 905	2 053	20 331	5 521	130
Healthcare and social services	11 051	10 045	979	6 265	2 801	39
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7 965	6 657	1 043	3 545	2 069	38
Provision of other types of services	52 352	41 581	9 996	13 896	17 689	177
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	1	1	-	1	-	-

Registered legal entities by size and form of ownership

as of March 1, 2024

By dimension	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	527 474	25 544	450 557	279	11 146	51 373
Small	518 307	20 784	446 651	233	10 864	50 872
Medium	6 688	3 586	2 808	19	173	294
Large	2 479	1 174	1 098	27	109	207

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[The main indicators of the number of entities in the Republic of Kazakhstan:](#)

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

In February, compared to January 2024, there is a slight decrease in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 0.2%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 4.3%. At the same time, there is an decrease in the number of operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship - by 0.4, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 6.3%. 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; car and motorcycle repair», the share of which as of March 1, 2024 was 37.3%. In second place is «Provision of other types of services» (17.2%), in third place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (15.9%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 70.4% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship by type of activity

as of March 1, 2024

By type of activity	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	1 723 575	1 648 548	1 650 914	1 576 681	72 661	71 867
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	273 765	265 011	201 204	193 225	72 561	71 786
Mining and Quarrying	762	722	762	722	-	-
Manufacturing industry	92 272	88 368	92 263	88 359	9	9
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	586	550	586	550	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	1 918	1 806	1 917	1 805	1	1
Construction	50 781	47 913	50 779	47 911	2	2
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	643 127	617 039	643 111	617 026	16	13
Transport and warehousing	89 155	84 169	89 146	84 163	9	6
Providing of accommodation and food services	44 286	41 834	44 282	41 830	4	4
Information and communication	17 509	16 491	17 509	16 491	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	514	472	514	472	-	-
Real estate transactions	91 449	88 034	91 430	88 019	19	15
Professional, scientific and technical activities	30 218	28 454	30 217	28 453	1	1
Administrative and support services activities	37 877	36 081	37 866	36 070	11	11
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	128	125	128	125	-	-
Education	28 370	27 261	28 369	27 260	1	1
Healthcare and social services	10 723	10 317	10 723	10 317	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	14 386	13 552	14 385	13 551	1	1
Provision of other types of services	295 749	280 349	295 723	280 332	26	17

Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of March 1, 2024, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 31942 units, including 22468 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3827 or 12%) and Astana (3732 or 11.7%), and in the Karaganda region (2139 or 6.7%). 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» (12935 or 40.5%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (4512 or 14.1%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2256 or 7.1%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of March 1, 2024.

By dimension	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	27 932	2 531	24 114	188	708	1 287
Small	26 843	2 291	23 313	166	672	1 239
Medium	611	120	461	13	16	30
Large	478	120	340	9	20	18

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of March 1, 2024

By dimension	Total	operating	of them			in the process of liquidation
			including			
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Republic of Kazakhstan	4 010	2 395	402	981	1 012	83
Small	3 968	2 355	402	941	1 012	82
Medium	22	20	-	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 March 1, 2024, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 14.3% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership increased by 0.1%.

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; car and motorcycle repair» – 36.6%, «Provision of other types of services» – 12.3%, «Construction» – 9.3%.

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

as of March 1, 2024

Be country	Legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities			
	with foreign ownership		with joint ownership	
	registered	operating	registered	operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	56 670	44 156	11 854	8697
Russia	23 198	19 602	5 058	3930
Türkiye	5 435	3 812	769	471
China	4 244	3 322	669	477
Uzbekistan	4 035	2 521	826	568
Kyrgyzstan	3 119	2 358	392	296
Ukraine	1 419	1 136	218	153
Azerbaijan	1 390	1 073	389	296
Germany	937	747	532	396
Republic of Korea	886	624	176	109
Belarus	856	754	185	144

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

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[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 March 1, 2024, the number of operating SMEs increased by 5.7% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 66.4%, legal entities of small business – 20.9%, 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; car and motorcycle repair» – 35.7%; «Provision of other types of services» – 14.8%. «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» – 14.3%.

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses

as of March 1, 2024

By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 184 363	2 012 702
Abay	57 349	53 137
Akmola	62 996	58 582
Aktobe	91 283	83 056
Almaty	142 885	135 750
Atyrau	68 824	63 415
Batys Kazakhstan	62 184	57 677
Zhambyl	117 896	106 622
Zhetysu	63 290	59 351
Karagandy	109 882	100 239
Kostanay	68 667	65 285
Kyzylorda	68 192	64 654
Mangystau	83 140	78 086
Pavlodar	60 676	54 947
Soltustik Kazakhstan	38 278	35 331
Turkistan	208 827	204 292
Ulytau	19 515	18 585
Shygyz Kazakhstan	69 436	62 838
Astana city	259 100	231 970
Almaty city	389 887	348 876
Shymkent city	142 056	130 009

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[Number of registered and operating SMEs in the RK](#)

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:ë

- 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

[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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