

The main indicators of the number of subjects

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1. Key points

As of October 1, 2024, the number of registered legal entities amounted to 539251 units, including 420727 operating legal entities. The number of registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship amounted to 1786524, including 1690013 operating entities. The number of registered small and medium-sized businesses amounted to 2257629 units, including 2051458 operating ones.

Registered and operating entities by dimension and activity

as of October 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	539 251	420 727	1 786 524	1 690 013	31 858	22 190	2 257 629	2 051 458
Small	530 056	411 695	-	-	30 759	21 104	2 254 611	2 048 534
Medium	6 705	6 579	-	-	610	601	3 018	2 924
Large	2 490	2 453	-	-	489	485	-	-

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).

Dynamics of subjects

By dimension	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	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 September, compared to August 2024, there is a slight increase in the number of registered legal entities (by 0.4%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 1.9%. At the same time, there is an increase in the number of operating legal entities - by 0.2%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 0.9%. 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 October 1, 2024. amounted to 27.5%. On the second place - "Construction" (13.3%), on the third - "Provision of other types of services" (10%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 50.8% of all registered legal entities.

As of October 1, 2024, the largest number of registered legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (152984 or 28.4%), Astana (104105 or 19.3%), and Shymkent (29198 or 5.4%). The smallest number of registered legal entities falls on the regions of Ulytau (2965 or 0.5%), Zhetisu (8366 or 1.6%) and Abay (8443 or 1.6%).

Registered legal entities by type of activity and activity

as of October 1, 2024

By type of activity	Total	Of them				
		operating	including			in the process of liquidation
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Total	539 251	420 727	50 013	211 473	159 241	4 738
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	21 352	18 179	1 592	8 902	7 685	115
Mining and Quarrying	5 636	4 612	550	1 654	2 408	45
Manufacturing industry	27 363	21 250	1 854	10 843	8 553	289
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	1 961	1 636	150	805	681	9
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 781	2 139	142	1 202	795	35
Construction	71 935	52 790	5 183	17 762	29 845	1 221
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	148 246	105 930	13 976	52 939	39 015	1 631
Transport and warehousing	22 368	17 559	1 940	8 428	7 191	216
Providing of accommodation and food services	10 745	8 418	1 155	4 630	2 633	45
Information and communication	18 629	15 378	2 562	7 350	5 466	70
Financial and insurance activities	7 901	5 498	659	2 787	2 052	122
Real estate transactions	26 325	22 418	2 572	13 776	6 070	167
Professional, scientific and technical activities	35 109	28 045	2 832	14 645	10 568	210
Administrative and support services activities	25 203	20 810	2 117	11 500	7 193	144
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9 707	9 455	226	9 063	166	29
Education	30 596	28 285	1 986	20 969	5 330	124
Healthcare and social services	11 515	10 409	1 035	6 584	2 790	39
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8 030	6 589	844	3 576	2 169	42
Provision of other types of services	53 848	41 326	8 638	14 057	18 631	185
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, 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)	
Total	539 251	25 827	459 449	296	11 188	53 975
Small	530 056	21 020	455 558	252	10 909	53 478
Medium	6 705	3 622	2 784	22	171	299
Large	2 490	1 185	1 107	22	108	198

Spreadsheets:

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

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

In September, compared to August 2024, there is a slight increase in the number of registered individual entrepreneurs (by 0.6%), compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increase by 0.7%. At the same time, there is an increase 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 0.8%. 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 October 1, 2024 was 37.5 %. In second place is «Provision of other types of services» (16.7%), in third place is «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» (15.1%). Together, the share of these three types of activities is 69.3% of all registered subjects of individual entrepreneurship.

Registered and operating subjects of individual entrepreneurship by type of activity

as of October 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
Total	1 786 524	1 690 013	1 713 714	1 619 537	72 810	70 476
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	270 459	257 836	197 745	187 430	72 714	70 406
Mining and Quarrying	824	761	824	761	-	-
Manufacturing industry	95 936	91 182	95 928	91 175	8	7
Supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning	628	584	628	584	-	-
Water supply; sanitation, waste collection, treatment and disposal, pollution elimination activities	2 064	1 960	2 063	1 959	1	1
Construction	56 093	52 277	56 091	52 275	2	2
Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair	669 335	634 639	669 319	634 626	16	13
Transport and warehousing	101 923	96 349	101 914	96 343	9	6
Providing of accommodation and food services	46 037	42 987	46 033	42 983	4	4
Information and communication	18 332	17 178	18 332	17 178	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	527	470	527	470	-	-
Real estate transactions	96 961	92 571	96 943	92 558	18	13
Professional, scientific and technical activities	31 430	29 437	31 429	29 436	1	1
Administrative and support services activities	40 677	38 531	40 664	38 518	13	13
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	118	112	118	112	-	-
Education	31 178	29 836	31 177	29 835	1	1
Healthcare and social services	10 940	10 423	10 940	10 423	-	-
Arts, entertainment and recreation	15 396	14 443	15 395	14 442	1	1
Provision of other types of services	297 666	278 437	297 644	278 429	22	8

Registered and operating branches and branches of foreign legal entities

As of October 1, 2024, the number of registered branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities amounted to 31858 units, including 22190 active ones. The largest number of registered branches and affiliates of foreign legal entities is in the cities of Almaty (3839 or 12.1%) and Astana (3716 or 11.7%), and in the Karaganda region (2132 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» (12974 or 40.7%), «Wholesale and retail trade; car and motorcycle repair» (4453 or 14%) and «Professional, scientific and technical activities» (2233 or 7%).

Registered and operating branches by size and form of ownership

as of October 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)	
Total	27 822	2 576	24 009	181	696	1 237
Small	26 760	2 333	23 235	158	664	1 192
Medium	591	121	440	13	14	30
Large	471	122	334	10	18	15

Registered branches of foreign legal entities by size and activity

as of October 1, 2024

By dimension	Total	operating	Of them			in the process of liquidation
			including			
			newly registered	active	temporarily inactive	
Total	4 036	2 300	342	909	1 049	81
Small	3 999	2 265	342	874	1 049	80
Medium	19	17	-	17	-	1
Large	18	18	-	18	-	-

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

As of October 1, 2024, the number of registered legal entities, branches and subsidiaries of foreign legal entities with a foreign form of ownership increased by 7.4% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. The number of registered legal entities and branches with joint ownership decreased by 1.5%.

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» – 36.4%, «Provision of other types of services» – 12.8%, «Construction» – 9.4%.

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

as of October 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	59 248	43 987	11 884	8 621
Russia	23 629	19 077	5 032	3 828
Türkiye	5 493	3 625	770	479
China	5 068	3 700	646	474
Uzbekistan	4 779	3 153	915	662
Kyrgyzstan	3 268	2 189	393	293
Ukraine	1 515	1 147	219	150
Azerbaijan	1 388	1 005	394	294
Germany	945	734	512	370
Republic of Korea	910	600	178	108
Belarus	907	765	193	147

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

Spreadsheets:

[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, 2024, the number of operating SMEs increased by 0.8% compared to the corresponding date of the previous year. In the total number of SMEs, the share of individual entrepreneurs was 67%, legal entities of small business – 20.7%, peasant or farm enterprises – 12.1%, 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» – 35.8%; «Provision of other types of services» – 14.4%. «Agriculture, forestry and fisheries» – 13.8%.

Registered and operating small and medium-sized businesses

as of October 1, 2024

By region	Registered	Operating
Republic of Kazakhstan	2 257 629	2 051 458
Abay	58 606	54 119
Akmola	64 503	59 102
Aktobe	93 248	84 642
Almaty	149 236	140 835
Atyrau	68 666	62 537
Batys Kazakhstan	63 029	57 802
Zhambyl	119 554	104 783
Zhetysu	64 607	60 143
Karagandy	112 278	101 815
Kostanay	69 789	65 609
Kyzylorda	69 198	65 603
Mangystau	84 014	76 833
Pavlodar	62 733	56 697
Soltustik Kazakhstan	38 969	35 729
Turkistan	217 107	208 703
Ulytau	19 677	18 501
Shygys Kazakhstan	70 247	62 836
Astana city	274 309	240 212
Almaty city	410 079	361 148
Shymkent city	147 780	133 809

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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, 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

[Age of legal entities](#)

[The number of registered and operating individual entrepreneurs under the age of 35 and legal entities owned \(100%\) by persons under the age of 35](#)

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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