

IX. SMALL BUSINESS

SECTION 1. INFORMATION ON SUBJECTS OF SMALL BUSINESS

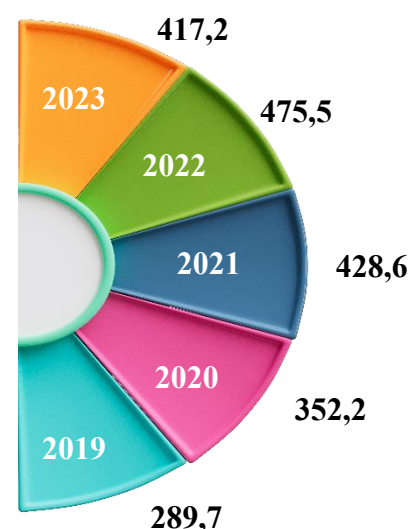
Entrepreneurial activity (small entrepreneurship) is an initiative activity carried out by business entities in accordance with the legislation, aimed at generating income (profit) at their own risk and under their own property responsibility.

As of April 1, 2023, the number of operating small enterprises and microfirms amounted to 417.2 thousand, which is 58.2 thousand or 12.3% less than in the previous year. The number of small businesses per 1 000 people was 14.2 units.

**Number of operating small enterprises
and microfirms by regions
as of April 1, units**

2022	2023
96 750	82 237
45 079	38 665
42 762	37 862
41 074	36 143
32 257	32 688
36 641	27 230
27 952	25 775
29 526	24 488
22 464	22 114
25 174	21 526
21 049	20 278
20 399	19 376
20 236	17 433
14 102	11 401

**Dynamics of the number
of operating small enterprises
and microfirms as of April 1
(excluding farms and dehqan
farms), thousand units**



As of April 1, 2023, the total number of operating small enterprises and microfirms amounted to 417 216 units, of which 23 230 were newly created units.

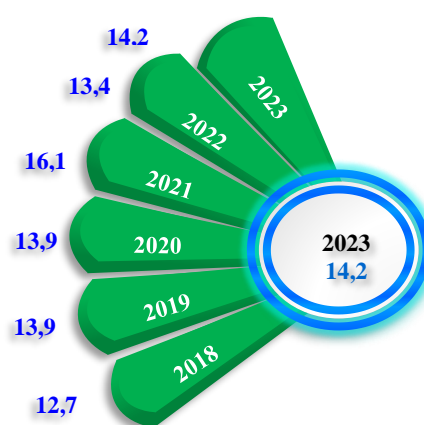
As of April 1, 2023, the largest number of operating small enterprises and micro-firms by regions was recorded in the city of Tashkent – 82 237 units, which is 19.7% of the total.

**Number of operating small business entities
by region (per 1000 people, units) ¹**

Tashkent city	27,7
Navoi	21,9
Syrdarya	17,7
Jizzakh	17,0
Bukhara	15,5
Tashkent	15,2
Khorezm	13,5
Kashkadarya	13,3
Rep. of Karakalpakstan	12,4
Fergana	11,9
Samarkand	11,9
Andijan	10,6
Namangan	10,2
Surkhandarya	10,0

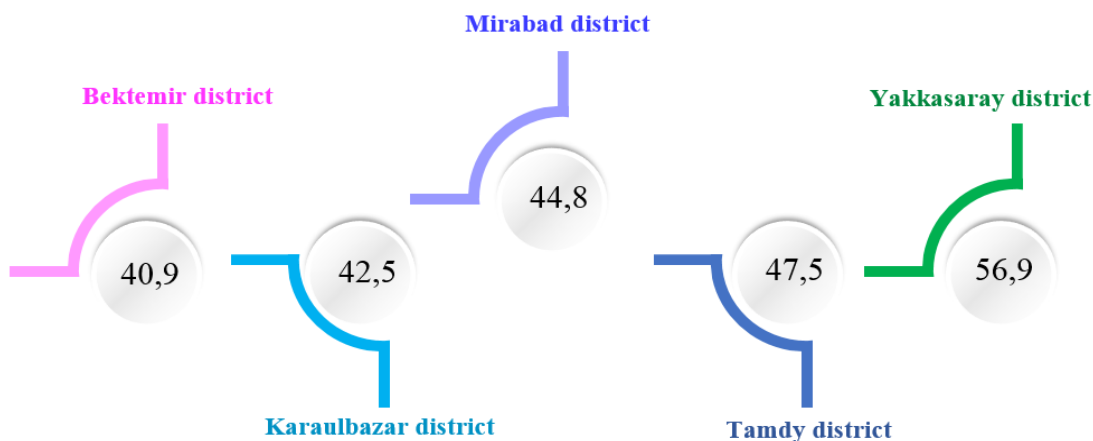
In the regional context, the highest indicator of the number of small businesses (per 1 000 people) was in Tashkent city – 27.7 units, Navoi region – 21.9 units, Syrdarya region – 17.7 units, Jizzakh region – 17.0 units. In Bukhara region, this indicator is fixed at the level of 15.5 units.

**The number of operating small businesses
in the Republic of Uzbekistan
for January-March (per 1000 people, units)**



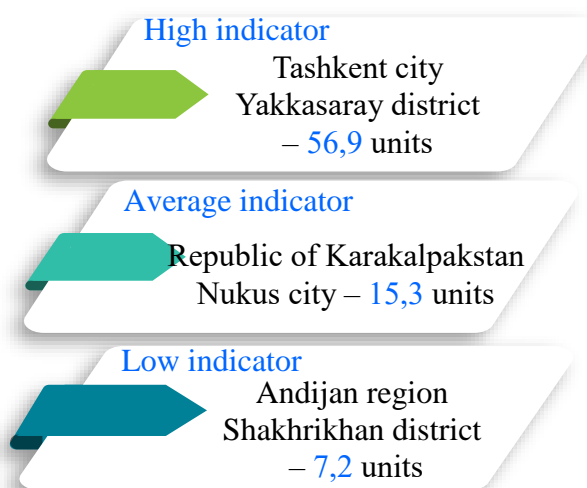
In January-March 2023, the number of operating small businesses per 1000 people of the population amounted to 14.2 units and, compared to the corresponding period last year, this figure increased by 0.8 units.

**Cities and districts with the highest indicators in terms of the number
of operating small businesses (per 1000 people, units)
as of April 1, 2023**



¹ Small enterprises and micro-firms (including farms and dehqan farms).

Number of operating small businesses (per 1000 people, units)



In the context of cities and districts, the highest indicator of the number of operating small businesses (per 1000 people) was in Yakkasaray district – 56.9 units, Tamdy district – 47.5 units, Mirabad district – 44.8 units, Karaulbazar district – 42.5 units, Bektemir district – 40.9 units, Gazgan district – 37.1 units, Chilanzar district – 36.5 units, Gulistan city – 29.7 units, Mirzo-Ulugbek district – 29.4 units.

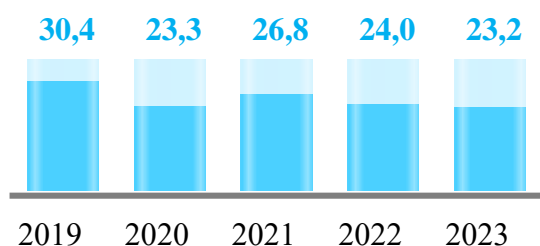
Number of newly created small enterprises and microfirms by regions, units

	<i>for January- March</i>	<i>for January- March</i>	(+: -)
	2022	2023	
Republic of Uzbekistan	23 977	23 230	-747
Republic of Karakalpakstan	1 028	1 800	772
regions:			
Andijan	2 004	1 066	-938
Bukhara	1 238	1 542	304
Jizzakh	1 329	1 031	-298
Kashkadarya	1 764	2 143	379
Navoi	1 175	1 085	-90
Namangan	1 379	1 272	-107
Samarkand	3 273	2 064	-1 209
Surkhandarya	1 372	926	-446
Syrdarya	770	663	-107
Tashkent	1 803	1 879	76
Fergana	1 892	2 195	303
Khorezm	1 307	1 438	131
Tashkent city	3 643	4 126	483

In January-March 2023, by regions, the largest share of the total number of newly created small enterprises and microfirms was recorded in the city of Tashkent – 17.8%, Fergana – 9.4%, Kashkadarya – 9.2%, Samarkand – 8.9% , Tashkent – 8.1% regions, the Republic of Karakalpakstan – 7.7% and Bukhara region – 6.6%.

**The share of newly created small enterprises and microfirms
of the total number by region in January-March 2023, %**

**Dynamics of the number of newly created
small enterprises and microfirms in
January-March 2019-2023, thousand units**



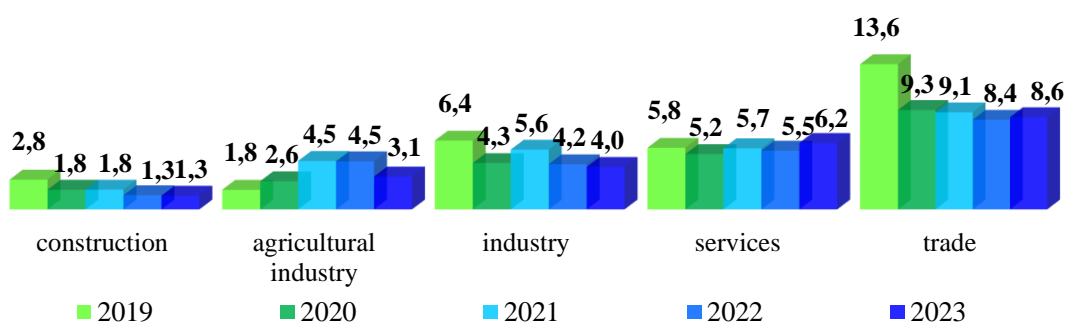
In January-March 2023, by type of economic activity, the largest indicator of the number of newly created small enterprises and microfirms was in trade – 8 639 units, industry – 3 986 units, agriculture, forestry and fisheries – 3 086 units.

Tashkent city	17,8
Fergana	9,4
Kashkadarya	9,2
Samarkand	8,9
Tashkent	8,1
Rep. of Karakalpakstan	7,7
Bukhara	6,6
Khorezm	6,2
Namangan	5,5
Navoi	4,7
Andijan	4,6
Jizzakh	4,4
Surkhandarya	4,0
Syrdarya	2,9

**Number of newly created small enterprises and microfirms
by type of economic activity, units**

	<i>for January- March 2022</i>	<i>for January- March 2023</i>	(+;-)
Total	23 977	23 230	-747
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	4 507	3 086	-1 421
Industry	4 235	3 986	-249
Construction	1 330	1 290	-40
Trade	8 400	8 639	239
Transportation and storage	827	1 128	301
Accommodation and catering services	1 344	1 454	110
Information and communication	612	800	188
Healthcare and social services provision	447	353	-94
Other types	2 275	2 494	219

Dynamics of the number of newly created small enterprises and microfirms
by type of economic activity for 2019-2023, thousand units



Cities and districts with the highest indicators in terms of the number
of newly created small enterprises and microfirms, units

	for January- March 2022	for January- March 2023	(+;-)
Mirzo-Ulugbek district	397	553	156
Yunusabad district	428	485	57
Chilanzar district	465	477	12
Samarkand city	825	469	-356
Yashnabad district	335	411	76
Almazar district	345	396	51
Fergana city	302	365	63
Mirabad district	296	352	56
Namangan city	413	344	-69
Shaikhantakhur district	337	344	7

Number of newly created small enterprises and microfirms
by type of economic activity in January-March 2019-2023, units



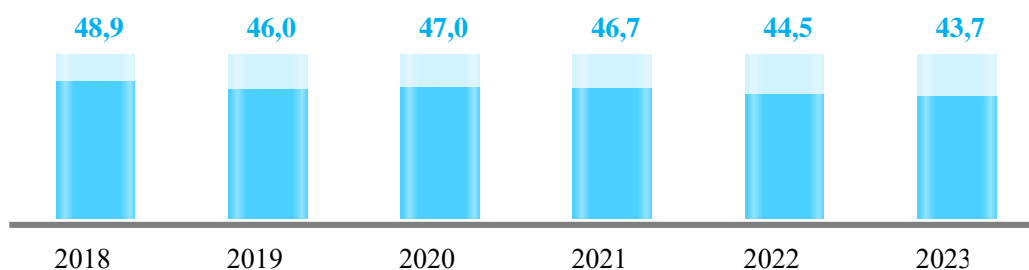
As a result of the measures taken aimed at further improving the business support system and improving the business climate, on the basis of resolutions and decrees adopted by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as the attention paid to this area, in January-March 2019-2023, a total of 127 781 small enterprise and microfirm. It should be noted that the largest number of new entities was created in the field of trade – 49 048 (or 38.4%), services – 28 416 (or 22.2%), industry – 24 612 (or 19.3%), agriculture, forestry and fisheries – 16 605 (or 13.0%), construction – 9 100 (or 7.1%).

Main indicators of small business (January-March)

	<i>unit of measurement</i>	2022	2023	(+-)
Number of operating small enterprises and microfirms	units	475 465	417 216	-58 249
Newly created	units	23 977	23 230	-747
<i>The share of small business in:</i>				
GDP	%	44,5	43,7	-0,8
industry	%	21,6	28,4	6,8
agriculture, forestry and fisheries	%	97,1	96,1	-1,0
investments	%	54,1	58,1	4,0
construction	%	76,5	76,6	0,1
retail trade	%	83,4	82,8	-0,6
services	%	51,2	46,8	-4,4
transportation of goods	%	38,9	43,5	4,6
cargo turnover	%	66,4	69,7	3,3
transportation of passengers	%	92,1	92,9	0,8
passenger turnover	%	94,2	95,2	1,0
export	%	15,6	25,3	9,7
import	%	49,0	48,4	-0,6

SECTION 2. MAIN ECONOMIC INDICATORS OF SMALL BUSINESS

Dynamics of the share of small business in GDP for January-March 2018-2023



In January-March 2023, the share of small businesses in GDP amounted to 43.7% and, compared to the corresponding period in 2022, decreased by 0.8 p.p. The main reason for this decline was the increase in value added in large economic entities.

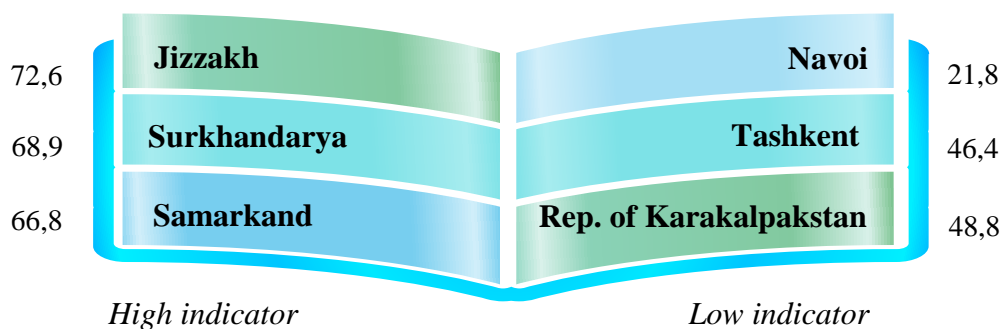
In January-March 2023, the largest share of small businesses was recorded in agriculture – 96.1%, passenger turnover – 95.2%, passenger transportation – 92.9%, retail trade – 82.8%, construction – 76.6%, cargo turnover – 69.7%.

The share of small business in January-March, in%



In the regional context, the largest share of small business in GRP falls on Jizzakh (72.6%), Surkhandarya (68.9%), Samarkand (66.8%), Bukhara (66.5%) and Khorezm (64.8%) regions. In Navoi region, this indicator remains low and is equal to 21.8%.

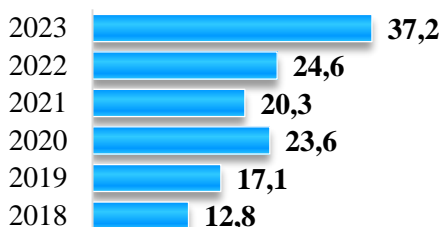
The share of small businesses in the gross regional product (GRP) for January-March 2023, %.



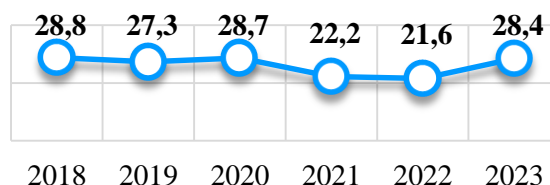
Dynamics of the volume and share of small businesses in the main sectors
of the economy in January-March

Small business in industry

Volume, trillion soums

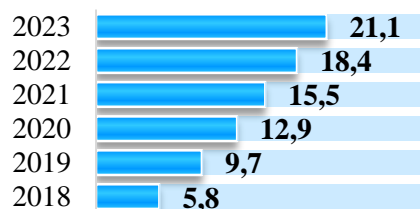


Share, %

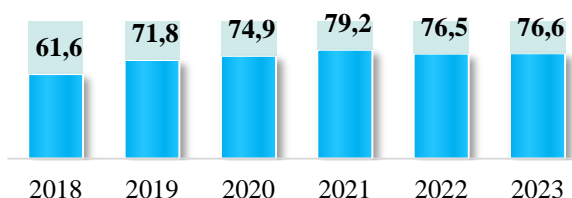


Small business in construction

Volume, trillion soums



Share, %

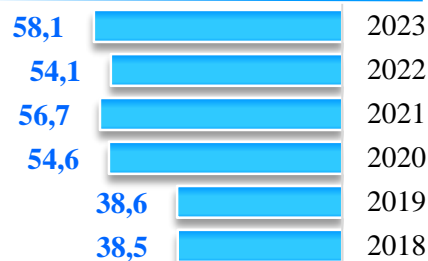


Investments in small business

Volume, trillion soums

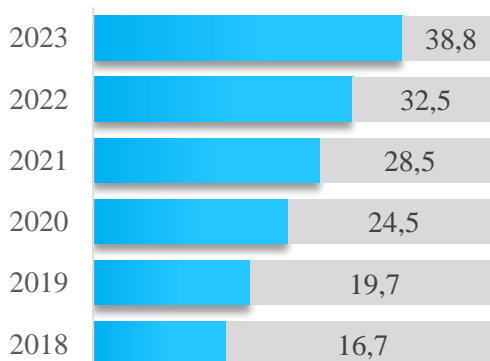


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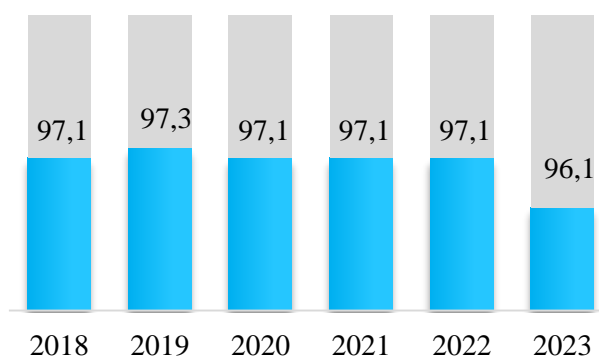


Agriculture, forestry and fisheries in small businesses

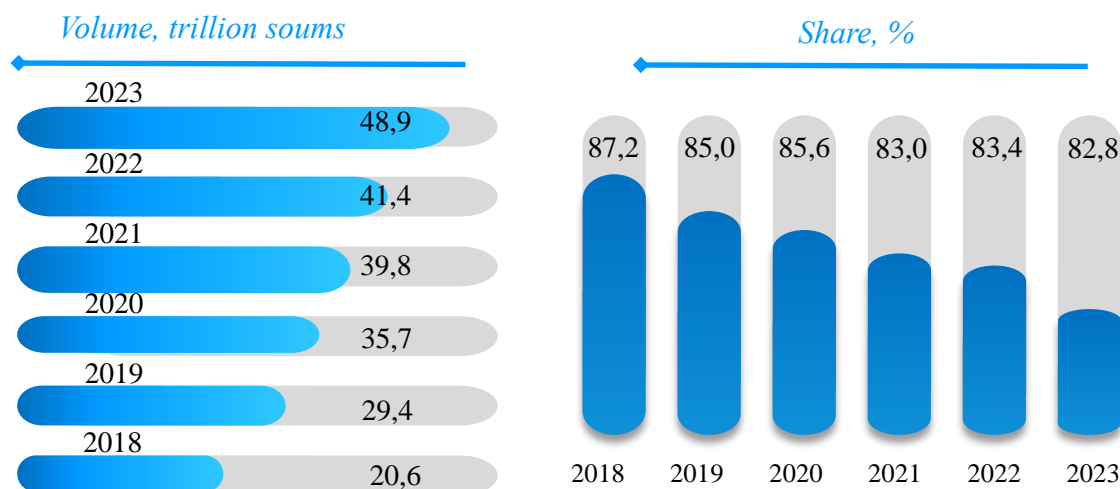
Volume, trillion soums



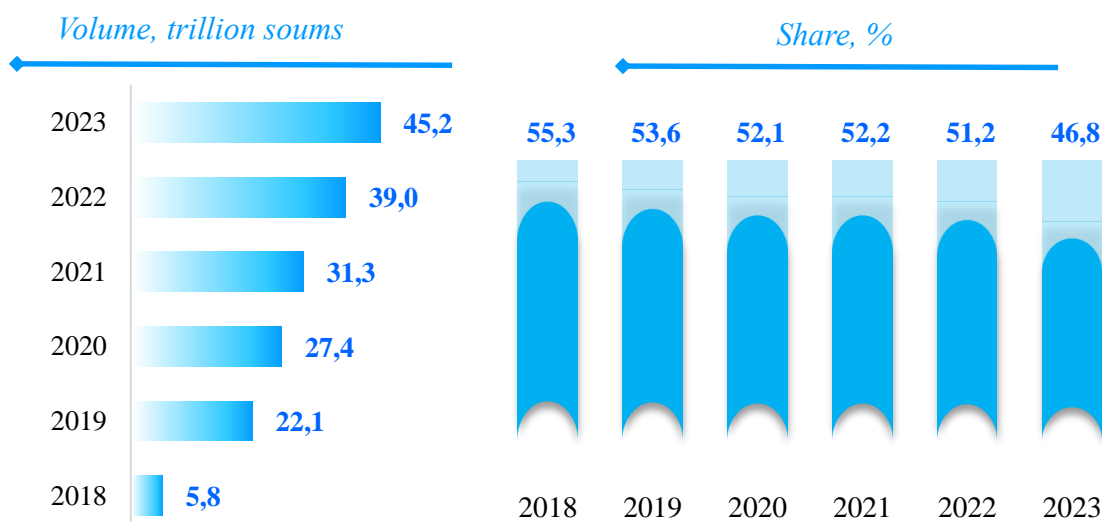
Share, %



Small business in retail trade

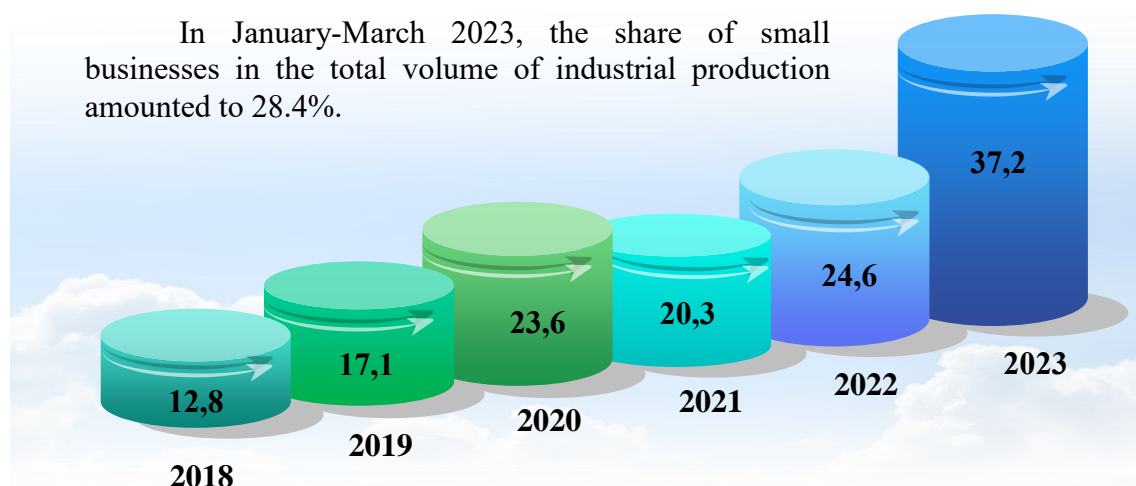


Small business in the service sector



Dynamics of the volume of small businesses in industry in January-March 2018-2023, trillion soums

In January-March 2023, the share of small businesses in the total volume of industrial production amounted to 28.4%.



**The volume of industrial production of small businesses by region
in January-March 2023, billion soums**

In January-March 2023, small businesses produced industrial products in the amount of 37 219.5 billion soums.

In the regional context, the largest volume of industrial production falls on the city of Tashkent (9 276.7 billion soums), Tashkent (5 187.2 billion soums), Andijan (3 468.8 billion soums), Fergana (2 910.4 billion soums) and Samarkand (2 857.8 billion soums) regions. In the Republic of Karakalpakstan (758.5 billion soums), the volume of industrial production remains low.

Tashkent city	9 276,7
Tashkent	5 187,2
Andijan	3 468,8
Fergana	2 910,4
Samarkand	2 857,8
Jizzakh	2 414,3
Bukhara	2 327,2
Namangan	2 041,4
Navoi	1 699,2
Kashkadarya	1 418,6
Syrdarya	1 202,7
Khorezm	892,2
Surkhandarya	764,5
Rep. of Karakalpakstan	758,5

**The share of small businesses in the total volume of industrial production
by region in January-March 2023, %**

In the regional context, the largest share of small businesses in the total volume of production was in Jizzakh – 63.6%, Namangan – 46.1%, Fergana – 43.4%, Surkhandarya – 42.9%, Samarkand – 42.4% regions, the city Tashkent - 38.5%, Bukhara – 37.4%, Andijan – 33.3%, Syrdarya – 31.3% and Tashkent – 23.5% regions.

Activities of small businesses in construction

**Dynamics of the share of small businesses
in construction in January-March 2018-2023**



**The volume and growth rate
of construction work performed
by small businesses by region
in January-March 2023, billion soums**

Andijan	1 196,3	98,4
Jizzakh	625,7	95,0
Rep. of Karakalpakstan	934,7	94,9
Namangan	1 232,8	94,8
Khorezm	845,3	93,5
Surkhandarya	1 312,6	89,9
Fergana	1 434,0	83,4
Navoi	973,3	82,5
Tashkent	2 394,3	82,0
Syrdarya	519,2	81,9
Tashkent city	5 554,2	81,2
Samarkand	1 403,6	80,9
Bukhara	1 383,1	80,5
Kashkadarya	1 315,7	78,8

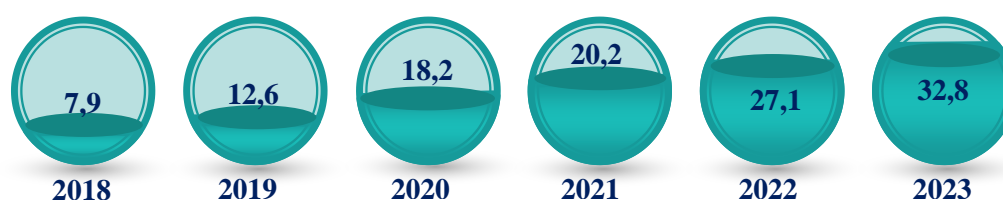


In January-March 2023, the volume of construction work performed by small businesses amounted to 21 124.8 billion soums, or 76.6% of their total volume. In January-March 2022, the growth rate reached 104.5%.

In the regional context, the largest volume of construction work performed was recorded in the city of Tashkent (5 554.2 billion soums), Tashkent (2 394.3 billion soums), Fergana (1 434.0 billion soums), Samarkand (1 403.6 billion soums), Bukhara (1 383.1 billion soums), Kashkadarya (1 315.7 billion soums) and Surkhandarya (1 312.6 billion soums) regions.

Activities of small businesses on investments

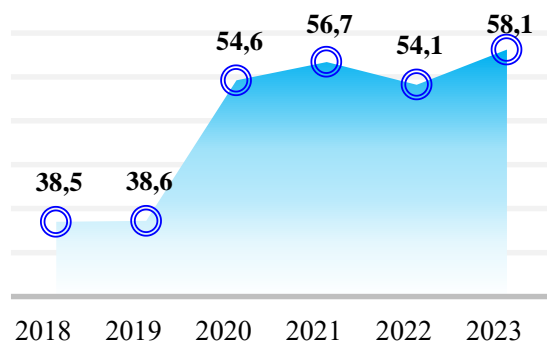
**Dynamics of changes in the volume of investments by small businesses
in January-March 2018-2023, trillion soums**



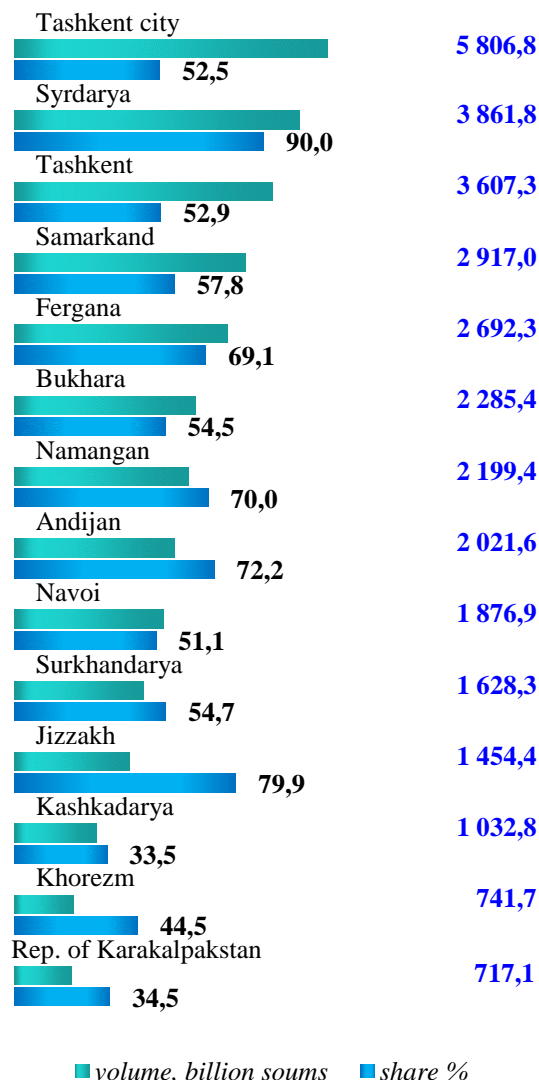
In January-March 2023, investments in fixed capital by small businesses amounted to 32 842.8 billion soums, or 58.1% of their total volume. The growth rate compared to the corresponding period in 2022 amounted to 110.5%.

In the context of regions, the largest volume of assimilated investments in fixed assets of small businesses was recorded in the city of Tashkent – 5 806.8 billion soums, respectively, in Syrdarya region – 3 861.8 billion soums, Tashkent region – 3 607.3 billion soums, Samarkand region – 2 917.0 billion soums, Fergana region – 2 692.3 billion soums, Bukhara region – 2 285.4 billion soums, Namangan region – 2 199.4 billion soums and Andijan region – 2 021.6 billion soums.

Dynamics of the share of small businesses in the development of investments for 2018-2023, %



The volume and share of assimilated investments by small businesses in January-March 2023

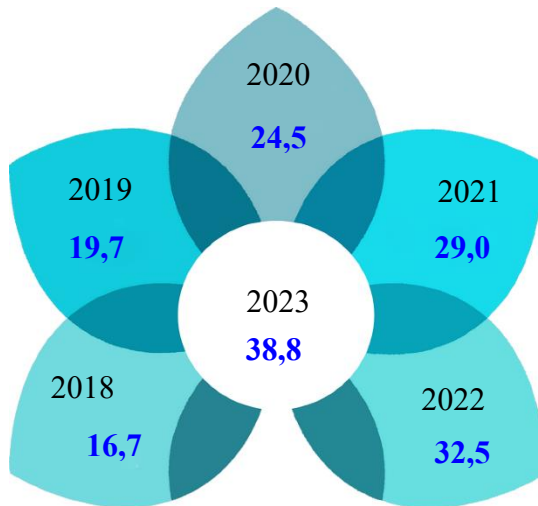


Activities of small businesses in agriculture

In January-March 2023, the volume of products (services) of agriculture, forestry and fisheries of small businesses amounted to 38 829.7 billion soums, or 96.1% of the total. The growth rate in January-March 2022 amounted to 102.9%.

In terms of regions, the largest volume of products (services) of agriculture, forestry and fisheries by small businesses was noted in Samarkand – 4 749.1 billion soums, Tashkent – 4 501.7 billion soums, Bukhara – 3 703.1 billion soums, Khorezm – 3 268.7 billion soums, Fergana – 3 265.9 billion soums and Kashkadarya – 3 230.8 billion soums regions.

Dynamics of changes in the volume
of agriculture by small businesses
in January-March 2018-2023,
trillion soums

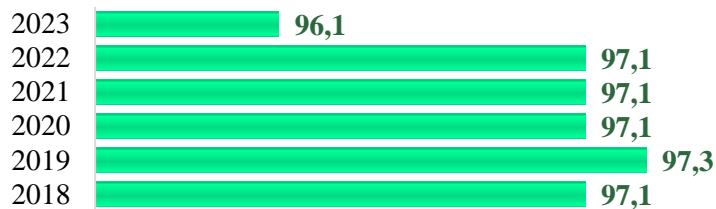


Agricultural production
of small businesses
in January-March 2023

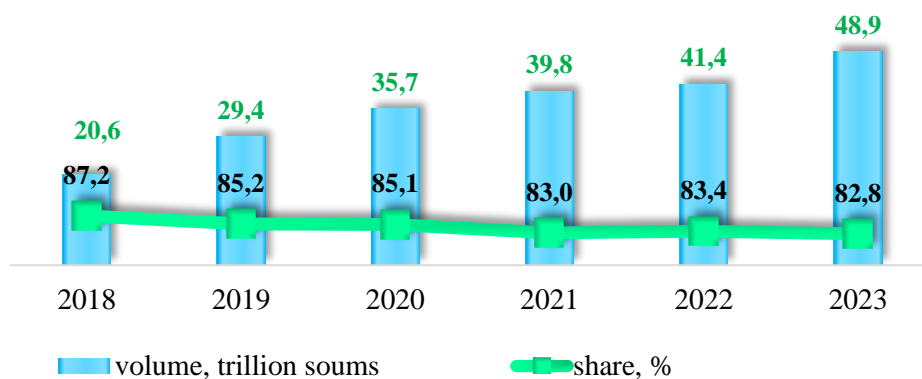
Kashkadarya	3,2	98,9
Jizzakh	2,8	98,7
Syrdarya	1,3	98,4
Bukhara	3,7	98,3
Khorezm	3,3	97,7
Andijan	3,2	97,5
Navoi	2,0	96,5
Surkhandarya	3,1	96,0
Namangan	2,5	95,2
Rep. of Karakalpakstan	1,3	94,9
Fergana	3,3	94,7
Tashkent	4,5	93,2
Samarkand	4,7	92,9

volume, trillion soums
share, %

Dynamics of the share of small businesses in agriculture
for January-March 2018-2023, %



Dynamics of volume changes in retail trade by small businesses
in January-March 2018-2023, trillion soums



In January-March 2023, the volume of retail trade turnover of small businesses amounted to 48 867.2 billion soums, or 82.8% of its total volume. In January-March 2022, the growth rate reached 104.4%.

**The volume of retail trade turnover of small businesses by region
in January-March 2023**

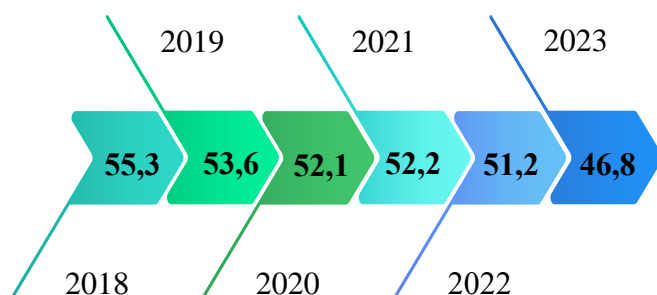
Tashkent city	9222,3	59,9
Fergana	4688,2	91,5
Samarkand	4595,0	82,3
Tashkent	4395,6	84,0
Surkhandarya	3796,3	96,9
Andijan	3778,8	92,2
Kashkadarya	3762,9	95,1
Namangan	3355,8	93,8
Bukhara	3135,7	91,6
Khorezm	1925,5	91,6
Navoi	1908,5	92,5
Rep. of Karakalpakstan	1879,1	95,5
Jizzakh	1461,0	93,6
Syrdarya	962,2	91,7

volume, billion soums
share, %

In the regional context, the largest volume of retail trade was recorded in the city of Tashkent (9 222.3 billion soums), Fergana (4 688.2 billion soums), Samarkand (4 595.0 billion soums), Tashkent (4 395.6 billion soums), Surkhandarya (3 796.3 billion soums), Andijan (3 778.8 billion soums), Kashkadarya (3 762.9 billion soums), Namangan (3 355.8 billion soums), Bukhara (3 135.7 billion soums), Khorezm (1 925.5 billion soums) and Navoi (1 908.5 billion soums) regions.

Activities of small businesses in the service sector

**The share of the volume of services provided by small businesses
in the total volume of services for January-March 2018-2023, %**

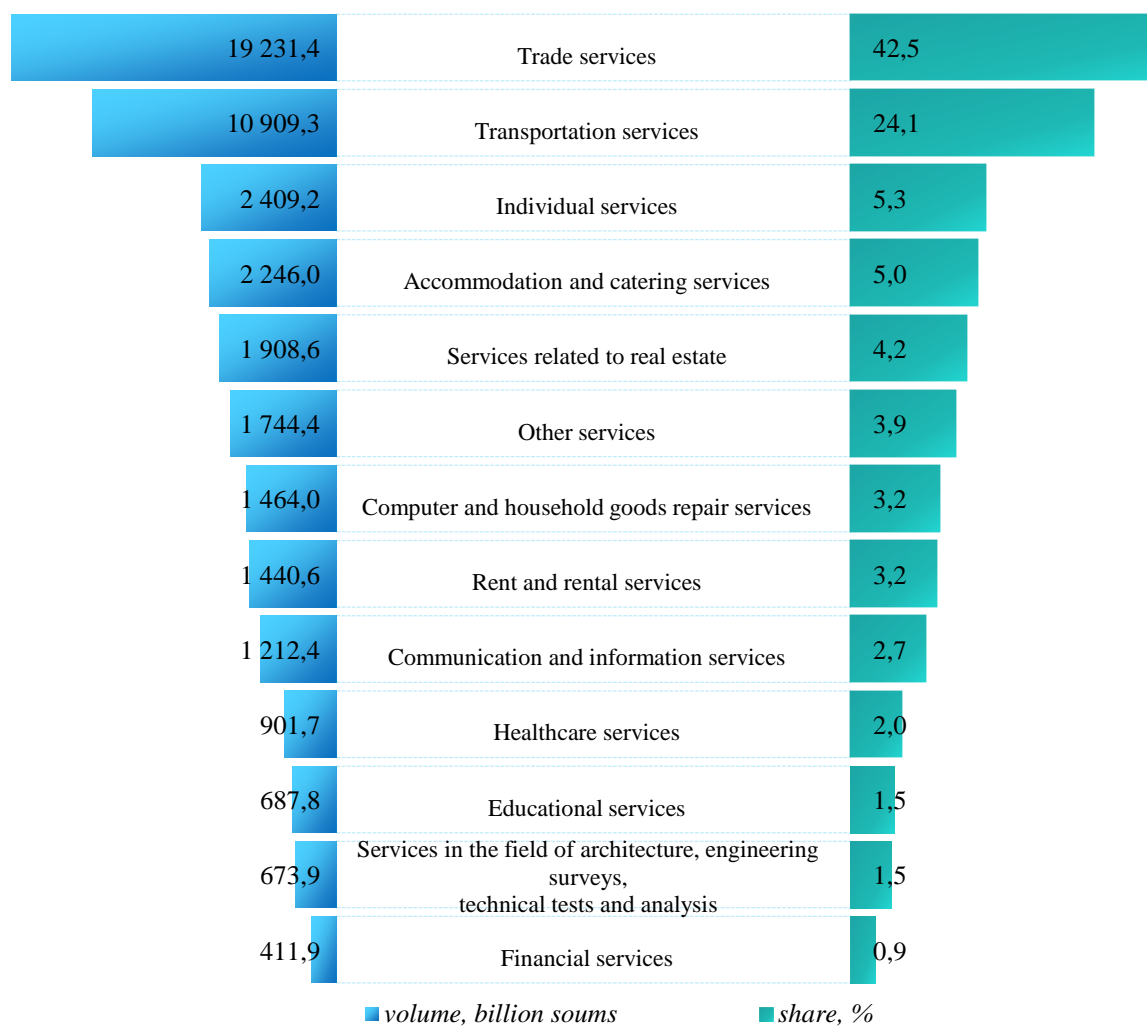


In January-March 2023, small businesses produced (rendered) services for 45 241.3 billion soums (46.8% of their total volume). In January-March 2022, the growth rate reached 101.3%.

**The volume of small businesses in the service sector by region
in January-March 2023, billion soums**

In the regional context, the largest volume of services was noted in the city of Tashkent (13 160.6 billion soums), Tashkent (4 798.9 billion soums), Samarkand (4 150.2 billion soums), Fergana (3 694.4 billion soums), Andijan (3 056.2 billion soums), Kashkadarya (2 806.9 billion soums) and Bukhara (2 551.3 billion soums) regions.

Types of service sectors with the largest share of small businesses



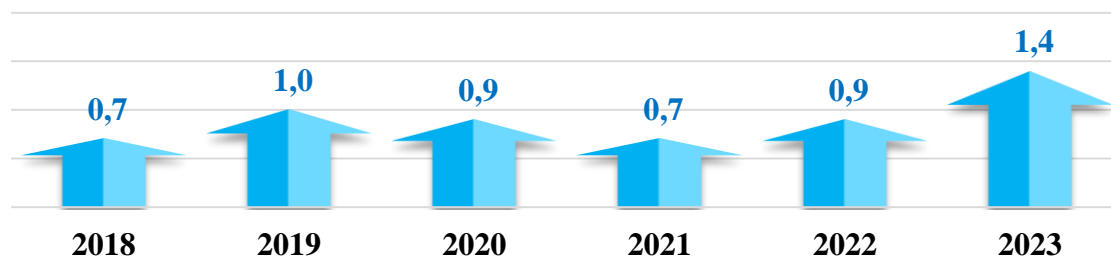
According to the diagram above, the largest share of small businesses in the service sector falls on trade services – 42.5% (19 231.4 billion soums), transport services – 24.1% (10 909.3 billion soums), individual services – 5.3% (2 409.2 billion soums) and for the services sector for accommodation and food – 5.0% (2 246.0 billion soums).

The smallest share of small businesses in terms of services was observed in the provision of financial services – 0.9% (411.9 billion soums).

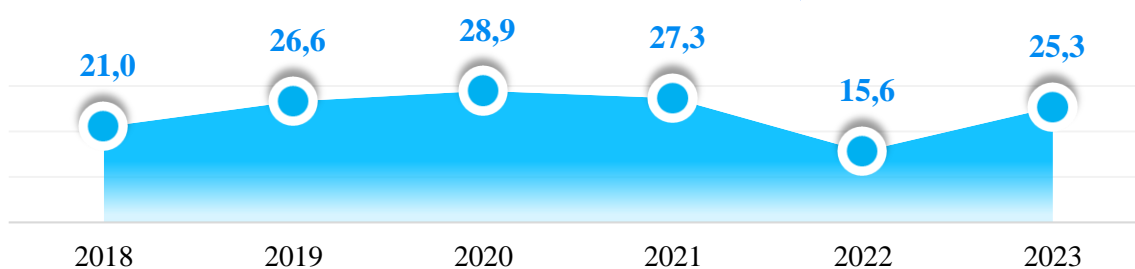
**Foreign trade turnover of small businesses
in January-March**

Export

Volume, billion US dollars



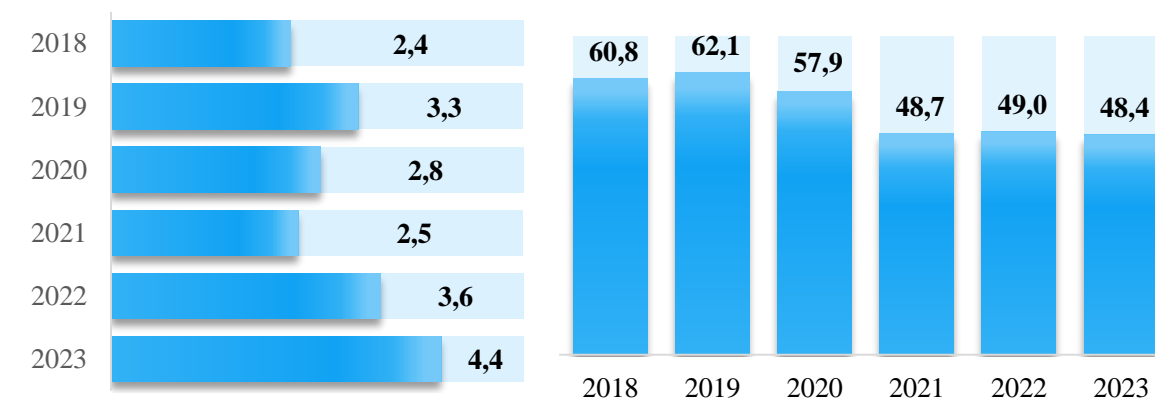
Share, %



Import

Volume, billion US dollars

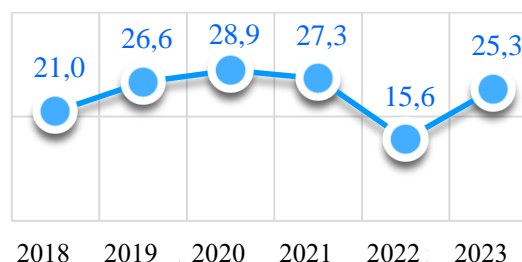
Share, %



EXPORT OF PRODUCTS (WORK, SERVICES) BY SMALL BUSINESSES

Dynamics of the share of small businesses in the volume of exports of products (works, services) for January-March 2018-2023, %

In January-March 2023, the volume of exports of products (works, services) of small businesses amounted to 1 440.8 million US dollars, or 25.3% of its total volume.



The share of exports of products (works, services) of small businesses in its total volume for January-March 2023, %

Tashkent city	278,6	26,2
Tashkent	159,3	35,6
Andijan	99,1	35,5
Fergana	76,4	59,3
Syrdarya	70,6	76,8
Samarkand	66,0	49,0
Namangan	52,5	40,5
Khorezm	40,3	56,5
Bukhara	35,9	56,9
Surkhandarya	28,7	65,4
Kashkadarya	27,3	31,9
Jizzakh	15,5	31,9
Navoi	14,4	9,7
Rep. of Karakalpakstan	8,1	11,9

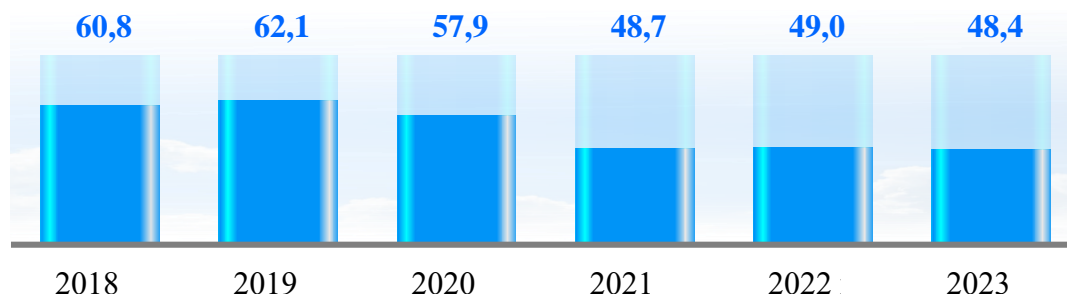
volume, million US dollars

share, %

In January-March 2023, in the regional context, the largest share of small businesses in the export of products (works, services) was noted in Syrdarya (76.8%), Surkhandarya (65.4%), Fergana (59.3%), Bukhara (56.9%), Khorezm (56.5%), Samarkand (49.0%), Namangan (40.5%), Tashkent (35.6%) regions. In Navoi region (9.7%), the share of small businesses in the export of products (works, services) remains low.

IMPORT OF PRODUCTS (WORKS, SERVICES) BY SMALL BUSINESSES

Dynamics of the share of small businesses in the total volume of imports of products (works, services) for January-March 2018-2023, %



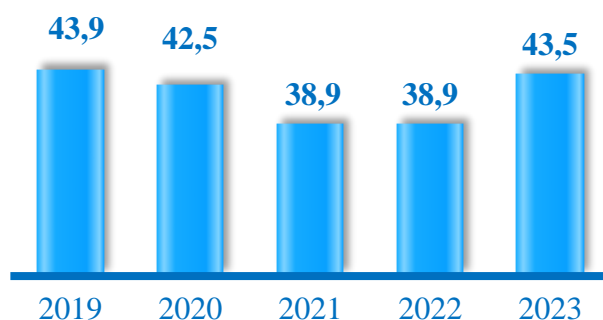
In January-March 2023, the volume of imports of products (works, services) of small businesses amounted to 4 396.6 million US dollars, or 48.4% of its total volume.

The share of imports of products (works, services) of small businesses in its total volume for January-March 2023, %

Regionally, the largest share of small businesses in the import of products (works, services) falls on Jizzakh (96.9%), Surkhandarya (90.5%), Fergana (82.1%), Syrdarya (75.6%), Namangan (68.2%), Kashkadarya (63.5%) and Tashkent (50.6%) regions.

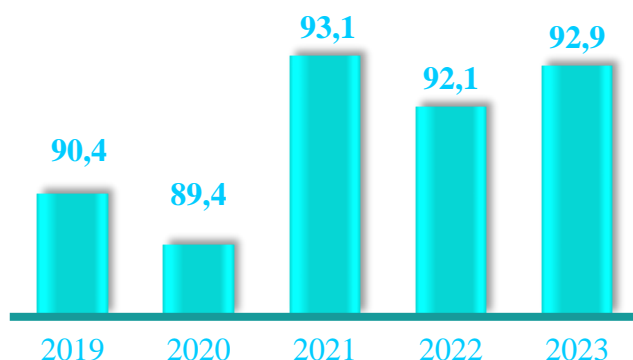
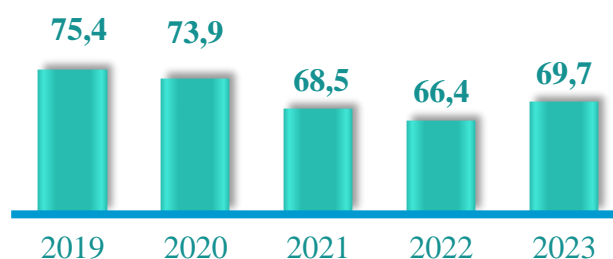
Jizzakh	96,9
Surkhandarya	90,5
Fergana	82,1
Syrdarya	75,6
Namangan	68,2
Kashkadarya	63,5
Tashkent	50,6
Samarkand	49,6
Rep. of Karakalpakstan	48,2
Tashkent city	45,2
Navoi	44,6
Bukhara	36,8
Khorezm	36,5
Andijan	10,3

Key indicators of small businesses in terms of transport services for January-March



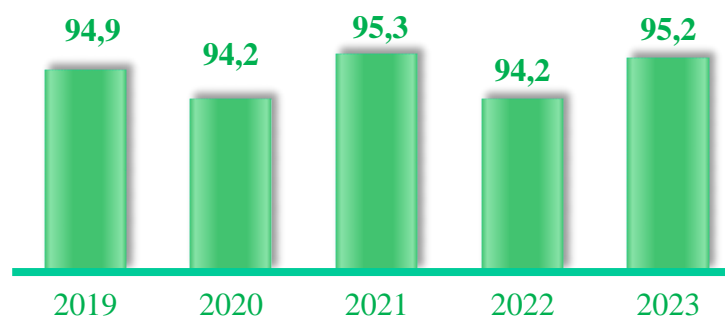
In January-March 2023, the share of small businesses in the total volume of cargo transportation amounted to 43.5%. For the same period in 2022, its growth rate was 108.0%.

In the period under review in 2023, the share of small businesses in the total volume of cargo turnover amounted to 69.7%. In January-March 2022, its growth rate amounted to 105.3%.



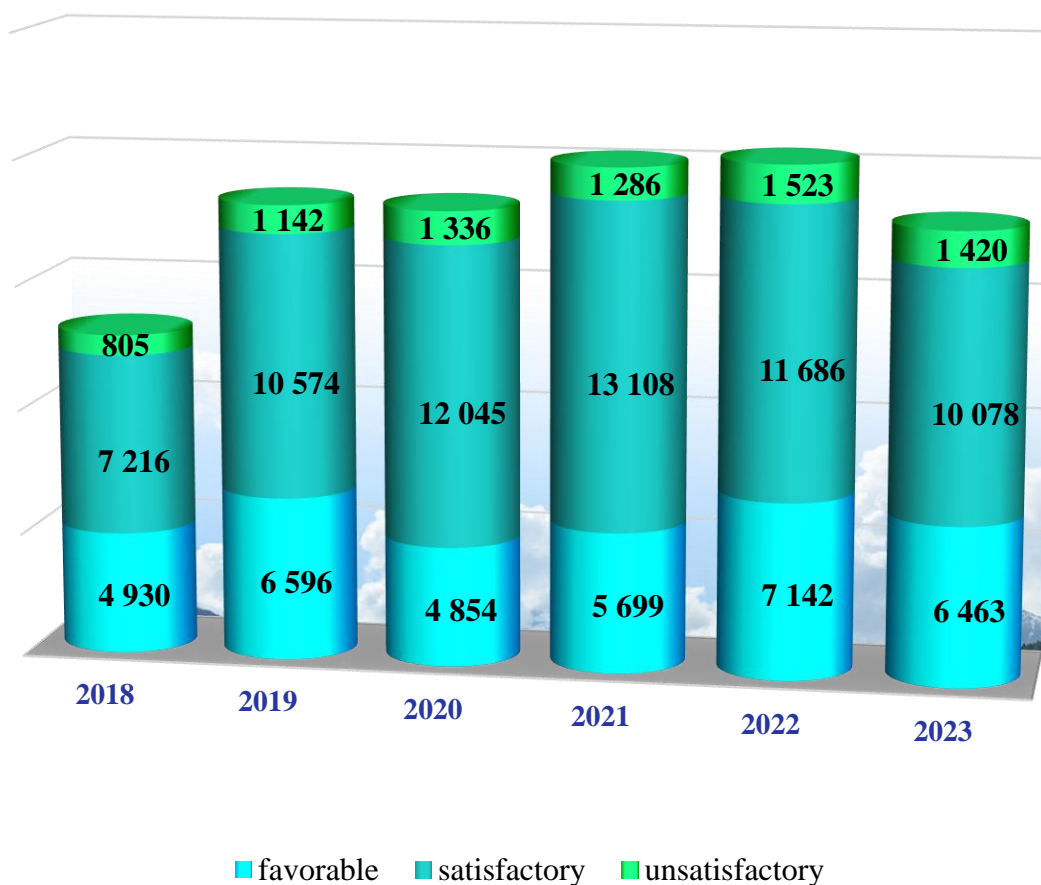
In January-March 2023, the share of small businesses in the total volume of passenger traffic amounted to 92.9%. In January-March 2022, its growth rate amounted to 102.6%.

In January-March 2023, the share of small businesses in the total passenger traffic amounted to 95.2%. In the period under review in 2022, its growth rate was 102.2%.



SECTION 3. SAMPLE SURVEY OF SMALL ENTERPRISES AND MICROFIRMS

**Dynamics of assessment of the economic situation by small businesses
in January-March 2018-2023 (in the current period), units**



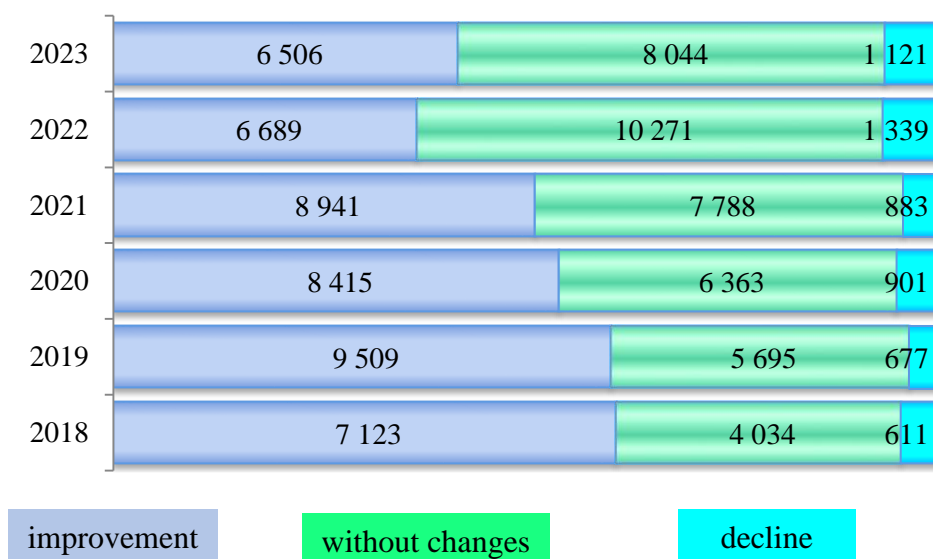
When analyzing the assessment of the general economic situation based on the results of a sample survey of the activities of small enterprises and microfirms, it should be noted that in January-March 2018, 4 930 enterprises rated the current economic situation as favorable. In the first quarter of 2023, this figure reached 6 463 units, which is 1 533 more than in 2018.

Also, the number of enterprises that assessed the economic situation as satisfactory in 2018 amounted to 7 216 units, and in the first quarter of 2023 this figure reached 10 078 units, or increased by 2 862 units.

The number of enterprises that assessed the economic situation as unsatisfactory in 2018 amounted to 805 units, and in the first quarter of 2023 – 1 420 units, which is 615 more, respectively, when compared with January-March 2018.

Dynamics of assessment of the economic situation by small businesses for the 1st quarter of 2018-2023

(against the corresponding period of the previous year), units

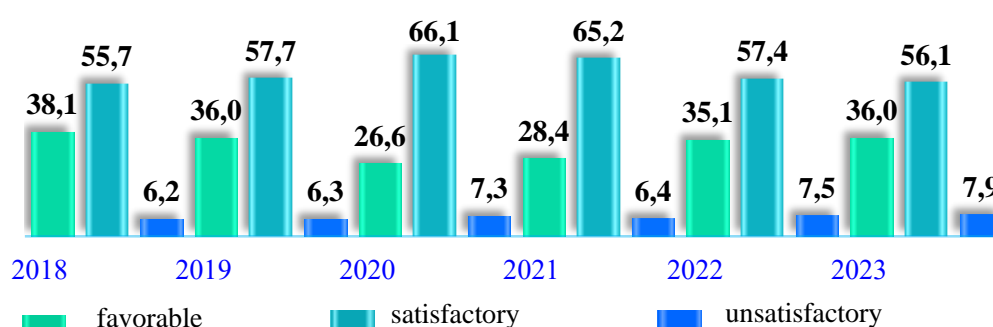


In the course of analyzing the assessment of the general economic situation by small enterprises and microfirms based on the results of a sample survey of their activities, it was found that the number of enterprises that noted an improvement in the economic situation compared to the corresponding period of the previous year amounted to 7 123 units in 2018. In the first quarter of 2023, this figure was 6 506 units, which is 617 units less than in 2018.

It should also be noted that the number of enterprises that did not note any changes in the economic situation in 2018 amounted to 4 034 units, for the first quarter of 2023 – 8 044 units, which, respectively, is 4 010 units more.

Along with this, the number of enterprises that noted a deterioration in the economic situation in 2018 amounted to 611 units, in the first quarter of 2023 this figure increased by 510 units and amounted to 1 121 units.

Dynamics of assessment of the economic situation by small businesses in January-March 2018-2023 (in the current period), %

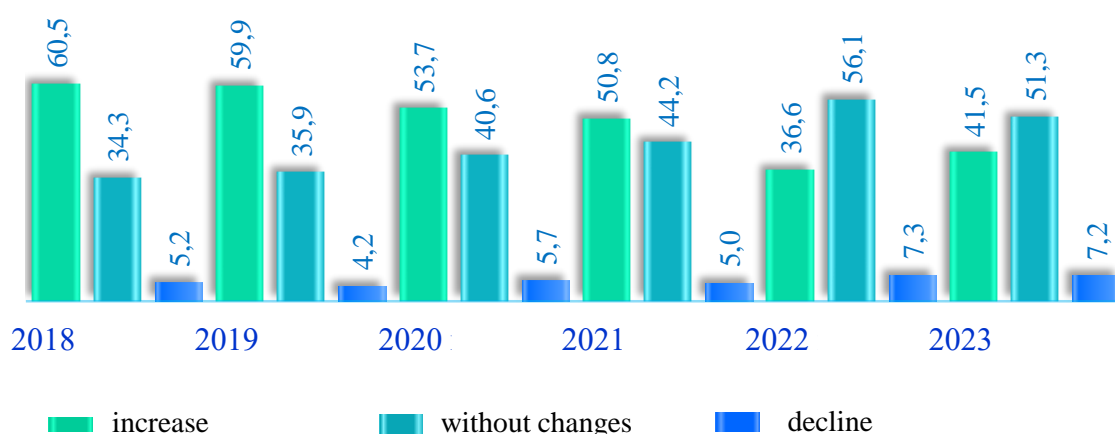


An analysis of the assessment of the general economic situation based on the results of a sample survey of the activities of small enterprises and microfirms showed that the share of enterprises that assessed the current economic situation as favorable in 2018 was 38.1%. In the period under review in 2023, this indicator decreased by 2.1 percentage points compared to 2018 and amounted to 36.0%.

Also, the share of enterprises that assessed the economic situation as satisfactory in 2018 was 55.7%. In the first quarter of 2023, this indicator increased by 0.4 percentage points and amounted to 56.1%.

In turn, the share of enterprises that assessed the economic situation as unsatisfactory in 2018 amounted to 6.2%, in January-March 2023 this figure increased by 1.7%.

**Dynamics of assessment of the general economic situation
by small businesses for 2018-2023
(to the corresponding period of the previous year),%**

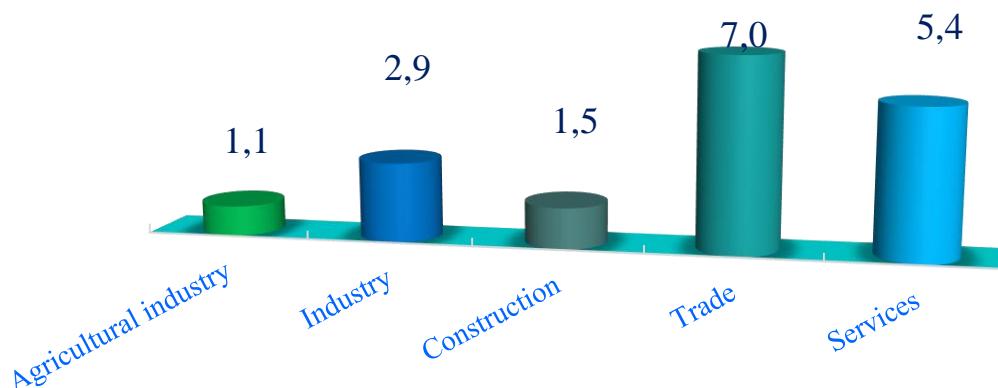


In the course of analyzing the assessment of the general economic situation at small enterprises and microfirms, based on the results of a sample survey of their activities, the share of enterprises that noted an improvement in the economic situation compared to the corresponding period of the previous year was established. Thus, if in January-March 2018 it was 60.5%, then in the period under review in 2023 this figure was 41.5%, or 19.0 percentage points less than the data for 2018.

Also, the share of enterprises that did not note any changes in the economic situation in 2018 amounted to 34.3%, and in January-March 2023 their share increased by 17.0 percentage points and amounted to 51.3%.

Meanwhile, the share of enterprises that assessed the deterioration of the economic situation in 2018 was 5.2%. In the first quarter of 2023, this indicator increased by 2.0 percentage points and amounted to 7.2%.

**Distribution of small enterprises and micro firms participating
in the sample survey by type of economic activity
in the first quarter of 2023, thousand units**

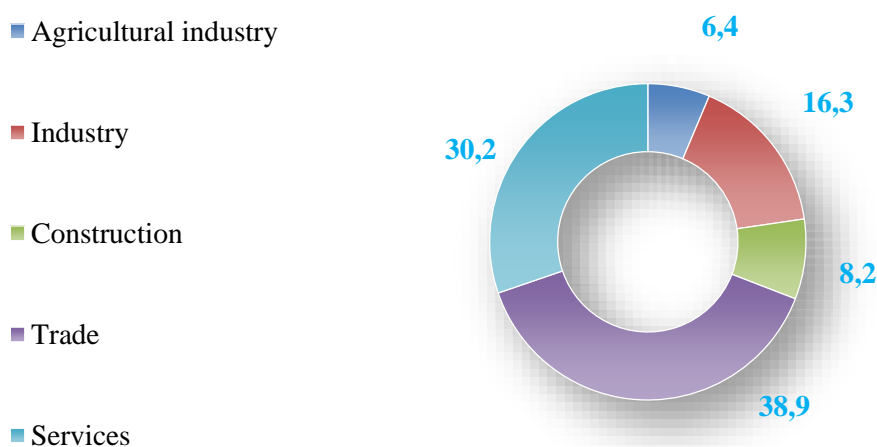


In the first quarter of 2023, a sample survey of small enterprises and micro-firms was conducted.

In general, 17 961 small enterprises and microfirms took part in the survey, of which 6 463 (36.0%) subjects rated the economic situation as favorable, 10 078 (56.1%) – as satisfactory, 1 420 (7.9%) – as unsatisfactory.

By type of economic activity, the share of small enterprises and microfirms participating in the sample survey was 38.9% (6 985 units) in trade, 30.2% (5 432 units) in the service sector, and 16.3% (2 934 units), construction – 8.2% (1 469 units), agriculture, forestry and fisheries – 6.4% (1 141 units).

**Distribution of small enterprises and micro firms participating
in the sample survey by type of economic activity
in the first quarter of 2023, %**



**Distribution of small enterprises and micro firms participating in the sample survey
by region in the first quarter of 2023**

865	Rep. of Karakalpakstan	4,8
890	Andijan	5,0
1 270	Bukhara	7,1
655	Jizzakh	3,6
1 020	Kashkadarya	5,7
818	Navoi	4,6
1 045	Namangan	5,8
1 794	Samarkand	10,0
940	Surkhandarya	5,2
557	Syrdarya	3,1
1 779	Tashkent	9,9
1 760	Fergana	9,8
990	Khorezm	5,5
3 578	Tashkent city	19,9

quantity, units *share, %*

**Assessment of the economic situation by small enterprises
and microfirms in the first quarter of 2023, %**

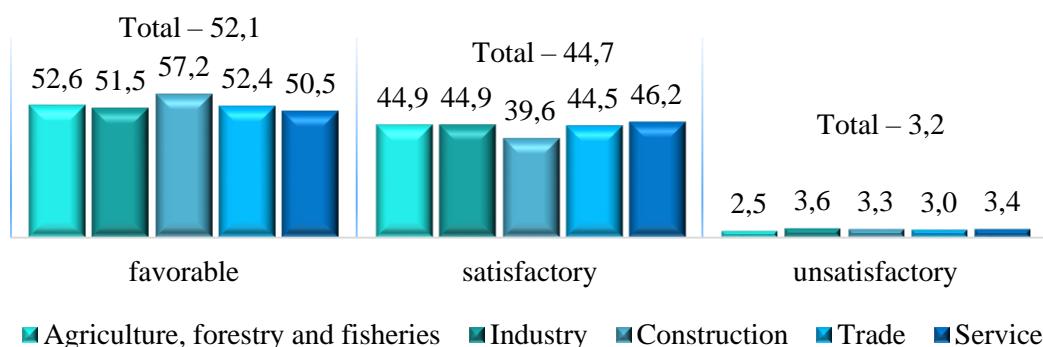


According to the results of a survey conducted in the first quarter of 2023, it was found that the largest share of small enterprises and microfirms that assessed the economic situation as favorable accounted for trade enterprises – 37.8%, construction – 36.3%, services – 35.8%.

The largest share of enterprises that assessed the economic situation as satisfactory was noted in agriculture, forestry and fisheries – 60.8%, industry – 57.2%, services – 56.6%.

A significant proportion of enterprises that assessed the economic situation as unsatisfactory was noted in construction – 10.2%, industry – 9.3%, services – 7.6%.

Assessment by small businesses and micro-firms of the economic situation
for the next three months, %



In the first quarter of 2023, the largest share of small enterprises and microfirms that noted an improvement in the prospects for changes for the next three months was: in construction – 57.2%, agriculture, forestry and fisheries – 52.6%, trade – 52.4%.

Also, the share of enterprises that did not note any changes in the future for the next three months was: in the service sector – 46.2%, agriculture, forestry and fisheries – 44.9%, industry – 44.9%.

The share of enterprises that noted a deterioration in the prospects for changes in the next three months was: in industry – 3.6%, in the service sector – 3.4%, construction – 3.3%.

Business confidence assessment in Q1 2023, %

	<i>Changes compared to the corresponding period in 2021</i>		
	<i>increase (improvement¹⁾)</i>	<i>without changes</i>	<i>decrease (deterioration¹⁾)</i>
Total turnover of the company	40,7	48,9	10,4
Number of employees	23,2	70,0	6,8
Prices for products sold (goods, works and services)	33,6	60,8	5,6
Financial resources: own, credit and borrowed	27,2	65,8	7,0
Competitive environment	37,9	57,5	4,6

¹⁾ *Competitive environment*

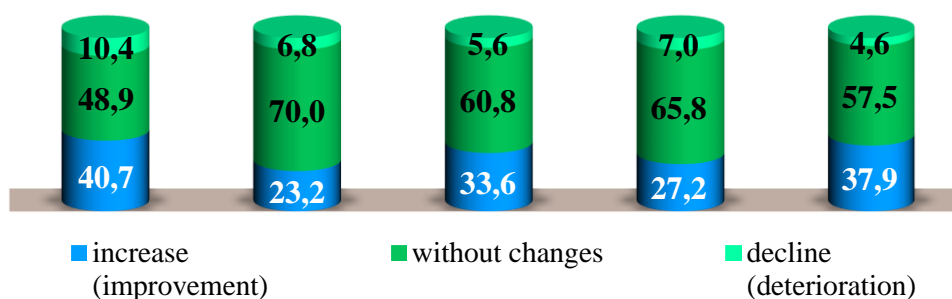
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	<i>Prospects for changes over the next three months</i>		
	<i>increase (improvement¹⁾)</i>	<i>without changes</i>	<i>decrease (deterioration¹⁾)</i>
Total turnover of the company	48,0	47,9	4,1
Number of employees	28,5	68,1	3,4
Prices for products sold (goods, works and services)	36,5	59,9	3,6
Financial resources: own, credit and borrowed	32,1	63,3	4,6
Competitive environment	40,9	56,0	3,1

1) *Competitive environment*

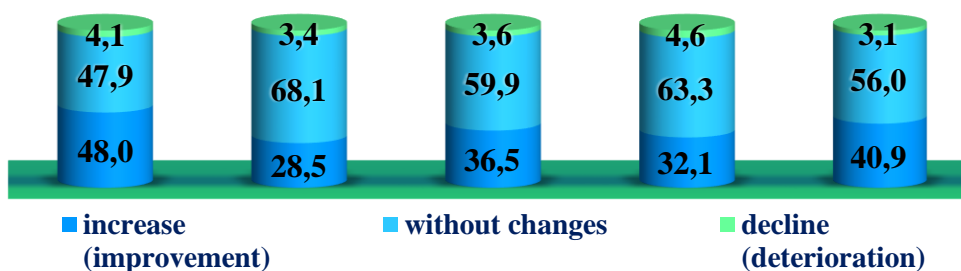
Business confidence assessment in Q1 2023
Changes compared to the corresponding period
in 2022, %

Total turnover of the company	Number of employees	Prices for products sold (goods, works and services)	Financial resources: own, credit and borrowed	Competitive environment
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Assessment of business confidence in the first quarter of 2023,
prospects for changes in the next three months, %

Total turnover of the company	Number of employees	Prices for products sold (goods, works and services)	Financial resources: own, credit and borrowed	Competitive environment
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Explanations of statistical indicators

Entrepreneurial activity (entrepreneurship) is an initiative activity carried out by business entities in accordance with the law, aimed at generating income (profit) at their own risk and under their own property responsibility.

Business entities (business entities) are legal entities - microfirms and small businesses, as well as individual entrepreneurs registered in the prescribed manner.

A legal entity is an organization that has separate property in ownership, economic management or operational management and is liable for its obligations with this property, can acquire and exercise property and personal non-property rights on its own behalf, bear obligations, be a plaintiff and defendant in court.

Legal entities must have an independent balance sheet or estimate.

Individual entrepreneurship is the implementation of entrepreneurial activities by an individual without forming a legal entity (individual entrepreneur).

Individual entrepreneurship is carried out by an individual entrepreneur independently, on the basis of property belonging to him by the right of ownership, as well as by virtue of another real right that allows possession and (or) use of property.

In order to coordinate their activities, as well as to represent and protect their rights and interests, business entities may unite in associations (unions) and other associations that are non-profit organizations.

Analysis of the activities of the enterprise - on this basis, a comprehensive study of its activities is carried out. As a result, thanks to the use of certain methods for collecting information, they obtain the necessary data to assess the activities of the enterprise and identify weaknesses.