

## Report on 2022's light industry

**A total of 177.9 billion tenge (\$27.1% more than in 2021) was produced by light industry products in January-December 2022.** Despite the recession, all subsectors are growing: textiles (+35.1%), apparel (+18.3%), leather and related products (+16.6%).

As a result of the **growth in textile production**, bed linen production increased 2.6 times, pile and terry fabrics by 70.1%, rope and rope products, cables by 46.4%, and fabrics made from artificial and staple fibers by 27.1%..

The **growth in the production of clothing** was due to an increase in the production of clothing made of leather or composite leather by 6.6 times, jackets and blazers, jackets for women by 2.3 times, women's working clothes by 2.3 times, hosiery and knitted shoes by 96.8%, jackets and blazers, jackets for men or boys by 79.4%, light jumpers and pullovers with a soft or high collar, knitted cotton or chemical fibers by 78.5%, etc.

As a percentage of **leather and related products are produced**, the highest growth occurred in shoes with textile uppers, except for sports shoes, where the growth rate was 49.3 times, leather made from sheep, goats, and pigs by 2.7 times, waterproof shoes with rubber uppers by 2.5 times, leather made from cows and horse skins by 28 percent, etc.

The domestic market for light industry products reached **3,319 million US dollars (1,528 billion tenge)** in January-December 2022. Domestic production accounted for **9%** of the domestic market.

Shymkent city (19.6%), Turkestan region (18.2%), Almaty city (9.5%), Almaty region (6.4%) remain the top Kazakhstani regions in light industry production compared to last year.

During the period reviewed, **exports of products from the light industry** totaled **89.2 million US dollars** (+9% from 12 months of 2021.). A major export item was cotton yarn, cotton soda at least 85% (7.9 million US dollars), plastic bags and sacks made of strips of polyethylene or polypropylene (7 million US dollars), leather crusts and tanned leather (\$5.2 million), cotton bed linens (\$4.6 million), fabrics printed with synthetic fibers (\$3 million), etc.

Kazakhstan's main export markets were Russia (63.4%), China (8.4%), and Turkey (6.5%), where sales channels have been established for products..

The **volume of fixed capital investments** made by the light industry in Kazakhstan for 12 months of 2022 was **6,690.7 million tenge** (+ 4.4% compared to 2021). A number of factors contributed to the growth in investment, including the launch of Zhanassyl LLP's cotton processing plant (Turkestan region), the production of mixed yarn by Azala Cotton (Shymkent), carpet and tufted carpet production by Bal Tekstil LLP (Shymkent), expansion of LLP "A-Textile" (Aktobe

region), etc..