

# Data Note

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## Makerspaces

**Definition:** Buildings which provide communal studio space/s with shared technical/production facilities for artists and makers to make use of collectively.

The number of makerspaces has experienced a slight decrease since 2018 going from 85 to 82, due to the closure of 15 spaces with only 12 new makerspaces opening in the same period. While the proportion of closures is in line with the average for the open workspace sector, the percentage of new openings at 14% is lower than the sector average at 21%. Makerspaces are mostly found in Inner London, especially in the boroughs of Southwark, Hackney, and Tower Hamlets.

Among spaces that closed, about half were makerspaces specialising in a particular domain (photography, printing, jewellery, etc.). However, several large makerspaces have opened with a wide range of facilities on offer such as Batch Space, Limehouse Labs and Out of Order Spaces.

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*Space closures and new openings, 2018 to 2022*



