

Data Note

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Definition: Buildings which provide a specialised facility for sound recording, mixing and audio production of music.

There are slightly more music recording studios in 2022 (114) than in 2018 (108), with 17 studios closing and 24 opening. This means that recording studios have a relatively high turnover rate, with a 17% closure rate (performing arts sector average 10%) and 22% opening rate (sector average 6%). This relative volatility is also reflected in the high proportion of studios that have changed location since 2018 (6%).

Music recording studios have a slightly unusual geography, organised around clusters in Soho, Camden, Brixton, Sutton, and now in Park Royal following a series of new openings in the area such as the Qube and Soundhouse. Recent closures include the famous Angel Recording Studios. Four of the 10 new recorded studios are operated by Pirate, a space provider specialising in 24-hour, self-service studios for music, podcasting and dance.

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Space closures and new openings, 2018 to 2022



