

Data Note

Subject Set and exhibition building
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Definition: Buildings used for the design and fabrication of larger-scale scenery for film, fashion, TV, theatre and other creative sectors. Businesses may be highly specialised or cater to a range of sectors and often provide both design and fabrication services in house.

The number of set and exhibition building spaces has dropped from 67 in 2018 to 60 in 2022, due to the closure of five spaces and relocation of a further two outside of London. No new spaces have been recorded. This picture is roughly in line with the average for the creative manufacturing sector, in terms of overall decrease rate (-11% vs -9%), as well as closures (10% vs 12%) and openings (0% vs 5%). Set and exhibition building businesses are found across London with a cluster around Deptford. The relatively high rate of relocations (10% of spaces), which includes two departures from London, in combination with the absence of new spaces opening, suggests difficulties in securing and maintaining appropriate spaces for these activities.

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Space closures and new openings, 2018 to 2022



