

Data Note

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Definition: Buildings which provide workspace for creative industries businesses. These can provide any combination of shared workstations, supporting facilities and creative facilities (workshop, gallery, sound-proofed studios etc.) with easy in-out contractual conditions for professionals working in the creative industries.

There has been a notable increase in creative workspaces since 2019, going from 124 to 149, with more than twice the number of new sites (39) compared to the number of closures (14). This has resulted in creative workspaces experiencing a much higher growth rate of 20% compared to the open workspace sector at 5%, boosted by a lower rate of closures (11% compared to sector average of 17%) and higher rate of new sites (31% compared to sector average of 29%). Creative spaces are mostly found in central boroughs, especially in Hackney (32 spaces) and Tower Hamlets (20), although new spaces have also opened further afield, including in Barking & Dagenham, Ealing and Enfield. The vast majority of these are supplied by established creative space providers such as Bow Arts, Purpose Group and Stour Studios.

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Space closures and new openings, 2018 to 2022



