

Data Note

Subject LGBTQ+ Venues

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Definition: Buildings used as cultural venues which operate at night time for use by the LGBTQ+ community. This also includes venues that regularly programme LGBTQ+ nights.

Overview

60 LGBTQ+ venues were recorded in July 2024, compared to 50 that were identified in June 2022 (data from the 2022 audit was published in 2023). Since the 2022 audit, 8 spaces have closed or are no longer LGBTQ+ focused, 6 new sites have opened, and an additional 13 venues have been identified that were already open prior to the 2022 audit. LGBTQ+ venues are mostly found in Inner London, particularly in Soho with a smaller cluster in Vauxhall and a further cluster in Hackney. Following a rapid decline in the number of LGBTQ+ venues across London in the decade to 2017, current data shows that numbers have stabilised to between 50 and 60 venues since then.