

Data Note

Subject Music rehearsal studios
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Definition: Buildings which provide publicly bookable studios for musicians. Spaces within drama/dance/music schools are not included unless they are publicly bookable spaces.

Overview

The number of music rehearsal studios has dropped since 2019, from 96 spaces to 85 in 2022. This is due to 21 closures and 10 new spaces opening. This translate into a stronger decline in spaces compared to the performing arts sector average (-12% vs -4%), driven by a 22% rate of spaces closing (sector average 10%), failing to be compensated by the slightly higher rate of openings (10% compared to sector average of 6%).

Music rehearsal studios are concentrated in Inner London, especially in the boroughs of Hackney and Camden. However, closures are concentrated in the most central areas of the capital while new openings are slightly more peripheral, suggesting a movement away from London's core. 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.