

MAYOR OF LONDON

Data Note

Subject Arts centres

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Arts centres

Definition: Buildings which are used for multi-use/multi-artform purposes. Providing three or more of the following facilities: performing arts space, visual art gallery space, museum facilities, cinema space, education space and/or rehearsal studios, archives and/or library facilities. The space must offer some professional programming of multiple artforms (performing or visual arts) alongside community programming.

Overview

26 art centres have been recorded in 2022. It is the same figure as in 2019, following the closure of the Stratford Circus Arts Centre and the opening of Queercircle. Art centres have thus averted the 8% decline recorded for museums and galleries in general and constitute a particularly stable subsector with lower closure rate (4% vs 19%) and opening rate (4% vs 11%). Art centres are distributed across London, including in outer boroughs.