

Data Note

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Makerspaces

Definition: Buildings which provide communal studio space/s with shared technical/production facilities for artists and makers to make use of collectively.

Overview

The number of makerspaces has experienced a slight decrease since 2018 going from 84 to 81, due to the closure of 15 spaces with 12 new makerspaces opening in the same period. While the proportion of closures is in line with the average for the open workspace sector, the percentage of new openings at 15% is lower than the sector average at 22%. Makerspaces are mostly found in Inner London, especially in the boroughs of Southwark, Hackney, and Tower Hamlets.

Among spaces that closed, about half were makerspaces specialising in a particular domain (photography, printing, jewellery, etc.). However, several large makerspaces have opened with a wide range of facilities on offer such as Batch Space, Limehouse Labs and Out of Order Spaces.