

# Data Note

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Definition: Buildings are used for fashion design and manufacturing businesses. They provide specialised design, artistic creation and other manufacturing. These businesses are mostly involved in the design of fashion apparel and accessories, although some more directly engage with manufacturing processes for the fashion industry.

## Overview

In 2022, 80 fashion and design spaces have been recorded, a decrease from 89 in 2018 due to 15 closures and 7 openings, as well as one business relocating outside of London. This means a slightly higher rate of decline when compared to the creative manufacturing sector in general (10% vs 7%), with higher rate of closures (18% vs 12%) which have not compensated the slightly higher rate of openings (8% vs 5%). However, new openings include Poplar Work, an innovative workspace and training centres for fashion and textile, as well as Tottex, a new coworking space for freelancers in the industry. Most fashion and design businesses can be found in East and North London.