

MAYOR OF LONDON

Data Note

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Making and manufacturing

Definition: Businesses which are providing specialised manufacturing services and/or products to a range of creative sectors. These include CNC cutting, model-making, 3D production, woodcraft and timber product manufacturing, joinery and fabrication, welding, sheet metal cutting, printing, etc.

Overview

Making and manufacturing spaces dropped from 74 in 2018 to 72 in 2022. This is due to the closure of 3 businesses, and a further 3 leaving London to relocate elsewhere, with 4 new spaces opening. This has resulted in a lower decrease in spaces compared to the sector average (-3% vs -7%), with fewer closures (8% vs 12%) and more openings (5% vs 2%). Making and manufacturing businesses are more present east of the city, with a salient cluster around the Old Kent Road area.