

Data Note

Subject Music recording studios
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Definition: Buildings which provide a specialised facility for sound recording, mixing and audio production of music.

Overview

There are more music recording studios in 2022 (116) than in 2018 (111), with 18 studios closing, 1 relocating outside of London, and 24 opening. This means that recording studios have a relatively high turnover rate, with a 16% closure rate (performing arts sector average 10%) and 21% opening rate (sector average 6%). Six per cent of studios have changed location since 2018.

Music recording studios are organised around clusters in Soho, Camden, Brixton, Sutton, and now in Park Royal following a series of new openings in the area such as the Qube and Soundhouse. Recent closures include the famous Angel Recording Studios. Four of the 24 new recorded studios are operated by Pirate, a space provider specialising in 24-hour, self-service studios for music, podcasting and dance.