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Data Note

Subject Textile design

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Definition: Buildings where businesses that provide services to the fashion industry and other creative sectors, such as textile design, furniture, interiors, etc. Business activities include processes such as the printing and dyeing of textiles, embroidery, knitting, etc.

Overview

The number of textile design spaces has dropped since 2018, going from 52 to 50 in 2022. This is due to 10 spaces closing and one relocating outside London, and 9 new spaces opening. Compared to the creative manufacturing sector at large, textile design has experienced a lower decline rate (4% vs 7%) despite a higher rate of closures (21% vs 12%), compensated by a high rate of openings (17% vs 5%). Textile design businesses are mostly found in the boroughs of East London. Most closures are small businesses. New openings include Tottex in the borough of Haringey, a coworking space for textile workers.