

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our reference: MGLA081221-9529

20 December 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 8 December 2021. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

I'd like to make a freedom of information request for the number of nightclubs that are currently trading in London and how this figure compares to five and ten years ago. Could you send this information over to this email address please?

Our response to your request is as follows:

There is no nationally agreed definition of a nightclub and as such the GLA cannot currently provide data solely on the number of nightclubs trading in London. The GLA does hold data on the number of music venues in London. The music dataset, from the Mayor's Cultural Infrastructure Map, shows several venues which operate as nightclubs and can be downloaded from the London Datastore here: https://data.london.gov.uk/download/cultural-infrastructure-map/ceb42f72-ae0-4bdc-8eb8-973c66ec9f81/Music_venues_all.csv

A recent report available from the Night Time Industries Association, using data from CGA Strategy's bespoke dataset of licensed businesses, showed that there are 198 venues operating as nightclubs in the capital, the fewest since the mid-nineties. That is a fall of 22 per cent from 256 in 2019, before the Covid-19 pandemic.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA081221-9529

Yours sincerely

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Information Governance Officer

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>

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