

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA120918-2592

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 11 September 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

We're keen to source a statistic that might demonstrate how many workplaces there are in London. Can I ask if you might have any statistics that can help us with this?

Please find attached the information we hold within the scope of your request:

In 2017 London had:

- 505,655 enterprises
- 566,715 local units/workplaces

Notes:

The source is ONS (2017) [UK business; activity, size and location: 2017](#). This data covers businesses registered with HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) for Value Added Tax (VAT) and/or Pay-As-You-Earn (PAYE). The figures are for businesses at both Enterprise and Local Unit level.

- An **enterprise** is the smallest combination of legal units (generally based on VAT and/or PAYE records) which has a certain degree of autonomy within an enterprise group.
- An individual site (for example a factory or shop) in an enterprise is called a **local unit** or **workplace**.

You may also be interested in our map of open workspaces at <https://maps.london.gov.uk/workspaces/#map>

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA120918-2592.

Yours sincerely

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