

Abortion on rise among mothers with children

Most women who have abortions are already mothers, according to figures from the Department of Health. The percentage of women who have had an abortion having already given birth has risen from 47 to 55 since 2006.

The numbers also show that, although the number of married women having an abortion has stayed stable at 16 per cent since 2006, the proportion who have a partner to whom they are not married has leapt to 54 per cent from 36 per cent. The number of abortions last year fell slightly to 190,406.

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