

# SECOND LOOK PROJECT

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## ABORTIONS IN 2019 ON IRISH RESIDENTS

According to the Irish Department of Health, 6,666 abortions were performed in the Republic at Irish taxpayers' expense, including 67 from Northern Ireland, 15 residents from other countries and 525 for whom no Irish county or foreign country is known. The British Department of Health reports that 375 Irish residents were aborted there in 2019, about 24% of whom were not ethnically Irish.

Overall, the number of abortions involved is 7,041, 82 of whom were definitely not residents of the Republic. This would leave the number of residents of the Republic at 6,959.

There were 2,879 abortions of Irish residents in 2018, The 2019 abortions represent a 142% increase in one year. Irish abortions had peaked in 2001 but fell steadily over the next 17 years ending in 2018.

Year	Abortions	As % Births	Abortions prt 1000 women aged 15-44	TFPR
2018	2,879	4.7%	2.9	1.8
2019	6,959	11.6%	6.9	1.7

Note: A TFPR of 2.1 is internationally recognised as balance of births and deaths necessary to maintain the population. In 2018 the Republic was below replacement level and will be more so in 2019.

**Comment:** Every human being has a basic right to life whatever his or her race, creed or colour. This also applies to the unborn child from conception and was universally acknowledged up to quite recent times. Almost all religious denominations in the Republic opposed the deletion of the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment. A minority of the total electorate supported the deletion of the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment. But what the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment protected was a natural basic right to life of the most loveable and defenceless human beings. As Mr. Eamon de Valera once said – “The majority have no right to do wrong.”

The Irish Department of Health's report on the 2019 abortions is a very poor copy of the British Department of Health's format, apart from their confusion about the exact number of residents of the Republic who had abortions. The British statistics give useful information on the women who have abortions regarding age, marital status, type of abortion, ethnicity and multiple past abortions by the client. This is vital information for pregnancy counsellors.

The number of babies killed by abortion in 2019 is over four times the number of deaths from the Conv19 virus about which we are all so deeply concerned.

John O'Reilly (Secretary)

## OTHER PTOLIFE ORGANISATIONS

The Life Institute website [www.thelifeinstitute.net](http://www.thelifeinstitute.net)

Family and Life website [www.familyandlife.org](http://www.familyandlife.org)

The Iona Institute website [www.ionainstitute.ie](http://www.ionainstitute.ie)

Adfam website [www.adfam.ie](http://www.adfam.ie), email [info@adfam.ie](mailto:info@adfam.ie)  
Adfam issues a regular newsletter of happenings in the Irish Legislature which is most useful

The ProLife Campaign website [www.prolifecampaign.ie](http://www.prolifecampaign.ie)

## COMMENT ON ABORTIONS ON IRISH RESIDENTS IN 2019

In 2019, 375 Irish residents had abortions in England and our Government also performed abortions on 82 women from other nations and from Northern Ireland (in addition to 525 for whom no country of origin is known), The total number of abortions on residents of the Republic of Ireland in 2019 was a staggering 6,959 compared to 2,879 in 2018 – a **145% increase** in one year paid for by the Irish taxpayer.

Abortions were declining over the past 17 years due to the work of voluntary counselling agencies some of whom received Government grants. No prolife agency gets grants anymore. unless it agrees to arrange or refer for abortions. The core of our Government has no respect for the rights of conscience or Christian morality. They have tried to pervert Northern Ireland and even **nerica** under the UN banner.