

**KIDS COUNT 2004**  
**TABLE II**

**WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR BERKELEY COUNTY TO REACH THE NATIONAL AVERAGE?**

In order for South Carolina to improve its ranking, each county must make progress. The following table for the county shows the county's rank if it were a state, the required reduction to reach the national average, the current problem rate, and the county rate ratioed to the US problem rate:

<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Rank of County If it were a State</b>	<b>Number Reduction to reach US Average</b>	<b>Current Number*</b>	<b>Current Rate*</b>	<b>Ratio: County / US Rate</b>
<b>Low Birthweight Babies</b>	%	41	23	187	8.8	1.14
<b>Infant Mortality Rate</b>	Per 1,000	39	3	17	8.1	1.19
<b>Child Death Rate</b>	Per 100,000	21	**	7	21.7	0.99
<b>Violent Teen Deaths (15-19)</b>	Per 100,000	36	1	8	60.4	1.21
<b>Teen Birth Rate (15-17)</b>	Per 1,000	32	2	81	25.6	1.02
<b>Idle Teens (16-19)</b>	%	45	258	1,088	10.5	1.31
<b>Kids in Poverty</b>	%	27	**	6,224	15.9	0.94
<b>Kids w/Single Parent</b>	%	24	**	9,712	27.7	0.99

\*Average 2000-2002 data except Idle Teens, Kids w/Single Parent and Kids in Poverty (2000 data).

\*\*County is at or below national average already.