

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

**WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR DARLINGTON 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>	%	51	40	112	12.1	1.57
<b>Infant Mortality Rate</b>	Per 1,000	51	4	11	11.4	1.68
<b>Child Death Rate</b>	Per 100,000	51	3	6	44.0	2.00
<b>Violent Teen Deaths (15-19)</b>	Per 100,000	51	2	5	104.7	2.09
<b>Teen Birth Rate (15-17)</b>	Per 1,000	47	13	47	35.0	1.40
<b>Idle Teens (16-19)</b>	%	45	111	391	11.2	1.40
<b>Kids in Poverty</b>	%	51	1,748	4,719	27.0	1.59
<b>Kids w/Single Parent</b>	%	51	1,484	5,571	38.2	1.36

\*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.