

KIDS COUNT 2004
TABLE II

WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR DORCHESTER 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:

Indicators	Rate	Rank of County If it were a State	Number Reduction to reach US Average	Current Number*	Current Rate*	Ratio: County / US Rate
Low Birthweight Babies	%	46	20	115	9.3	1.21
Infant Mortality Rate	Per 1,000	48	4	12	9.7	1.43
Child Death Rate	Per 100,000	5	**	3	15.4	0.70
Violent Teen Deaths (15-19)	Per 100,000	34	1	4	57.6	1.15
Teen Birth Rate (15-17)	Per 1,000	26	**	48	22.0	0.88
Idle Teens (16-19)	%	35	97	529	9.8	1.23
Kids in Poverty	%	10	**	3,268	11.9	0.70
Kids w/Single Parent	%	18	**	6,771	27.1	0.97

*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.