

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

**WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR FLORENCE 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	72	216	11.5	1.50
<b>Infant Mortality Rate</b>	Per 1,000	51	11	24	12.6	1.86
<b>Child Death Rate</b>	Per 100,000	50	3	9	34.9	1.59
<b>Violent Teen Deaths (15-19)</b>	Per 100,000	36	1	6	61.5	1.23
<b>Teen Birth Rate (15-17)</b>	Per 1,000	47	33	103	36.7	1.47
<b>Idle Teens (16-19)</b>	%	35	182	802	10.3	1.29
<b>Kids in Poverty</b>	%	47	1,836	7,313	22.7	1.34
<b>Kids w/Single Parent</b>	%	48	1,726	9,521	34.2	1.22

\*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.