

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

**WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR JASPER 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>      | %           | 49                                       | 6   | 30                     | 9.7                  | 1.26                           |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate</b>       | Per 1,000   | 47                                       | 1   | 3                      | 9.3                  | 1.37                           |
| <b>Child Death Rate</b>            | Per 100,000 | 47                                       | 0   | 1                      | 31.1                 | 1.41                           |
| <b>Violent Teen Deaths (15-19)</b> | Per 100,000 | 1  | **  | -                      | -                    | -                              |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (15-17)</b>     | Per 1,000   | 50                                       | 10  | 21                     | 50.5                 | 2.02                           |
| <b>Idle Teens (16-19)</b>          | %           | 51                                       | 83  | 182                    | 14.8                 | 1.85                           |
| <b>Kids in Poverty</b>             | %           | 51                                       | 522   | 1,455                  | 26.5                 | 1.56                           |
| <b>Kids w/Single Parent</b>        | %           | 50                                       | 372   | 1,620                  | 36.3                 | 1.30                           |

\*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.