

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

**WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR LEXINGTON 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>	%	28	4	234	7.8	1.02
<b>Infant Mortality Rate</b>	Per 1,000	35	2	23	7.6	1.12
<b>Child Death Rate</b>	Per 100,000	38	1	11	25.2	1.15
<b>Violent Teen Deaths (15-19)</b>	Per 100,000	49	3	11	73.7	1.47
<b>Teen Birth Rate (15-17)</b>	Per 1,000	32	**	106	24.4	0.98
<b>Idle Teens (16-19)</b>	%	21	**	863	7.9	0.98
<b>Kids in Poverty</b>	%	6	**	6,373	11.4	0.67
<b>Kids w/Single Parent</b>	%	9	**	12,649	24.5	0.87

\*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.