

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

**WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR PICKENS 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>      | %           | 21                                       | **  | 98                     | 7.5                  | 0.97                           |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate</b>       | Per 1,000   | 20                                       | **  | 8                      | 6.4                  | 0.95                           |
| <b>Child Death Rate</b>            | Per 100,000 | 50                                       | 2   | 7                      | 34.6                 | 1.57                           |
| <b>Violent Teen Deaths (15-19)</b> | Per 100,000 | 2  | **  | 3                      | 30.2                 | 0.60                           |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (15-17)</b>     | Per 1,000   | 16                                       | **  | 53                     | 18.2                 | 0.73                           |
| <b>Idle Teens (16-19)</b>          | %           | 12                                       | **  | 563                    | 6.5                  | 0.82                           |
| <b>Kids in Poverty</b>             | %           | 14                                       | **  | 3,075                  | 12.6                 | 0.74                           |
| <b>Kids w/Single Parent</b>        | %           | 2  | **  | 4,813                  | 21.4                 | 0.76                           |

\*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.