

**KIDS COUNT 2005  
TABLE II**

**WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR ABBEVILLE 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</b>	%	49	10	36	10.6	1.36
<b>Infant Mortality</b>	Per 1,000	50	4	6	18.0	2.57
<b>Child Deaths (1-14)</b>	Per 100,000	13	**	1	20.0	0.95
<b>Teen Deaths (15-19)</b>	Per 100,000	50	1	2	104.8	1.54
<b>Births to Teens (15-19)</b>	Per 1,000	41	11	51	54.1	1.26
<b>Idle Teens (16-19)</b>	%	13	**	118	7.5	0.84
<b>Child Poverty</b>	%	29	**	1,165	17.8	0.99
<b>Children in Single-Parent Households***</b>	%	41	677	6,481	33.5	1.12
<b>Dropouts</b>	%	NA	30	92	38.8	1.49

\*Average 2001-2003 data except Idle Teens, Related Children in Single-Parent Families/Households and Children in Poverty (2000 Census data).

\*\*County is at or below national average already.

\*\*\*The 2005 Kids Count Databook reports children (related or not related) in single-parent households. The most similar South Carolina county data available is related children in single-parent families, which is about 2% lower than the equivalent figure for children in single-parent households.