

KIDS COUNT 2005
TABLE II

WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR DORCHESTER 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:

Indicators	Rate	Rank of County if it were a State	Number Reduction to reach US Average	Current Number*	Current Rate*	Ratio: County/US Rate
Low Birthweight	%	42	15	115	9.0	1.15
Infant Mortality	Per 1,000	40	2	10	8.2	1.17
Child Deaths (1-14)	Per 100,000	39	1	6	26.2	1.25
Teen Deaths (15-19)	Per 100,000	37	1	6	82.2	1.21
Births to Teens (15-19)	Per 1,000	30	2	161	43.5	1.01
Idle Teens (16-19)	%	32	43	529	9.8	1.09
Child Poverty	%	4	**	3,268	11.9	0.66
Children in Single-Parent Households***	%	11	**	27,204	26.3	0.88
Dropouts	%	NA	176	546	38.4	1.48

*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.