

**KIDS COUNT 2005**  
**TABLE II**

**WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR FAIRFIELD 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>                         | %           | 50                                       | 13  | 37                     | 12.2                 | 1.56                         |
| <b>Infant Mortality</b>                        | Per 1,000   | 48                                       | 1   | 3                      | 10.2                 | 1.46                         |
| <b>Child Deaths (1-14)</b>                     | Per 100,000 | 3  | **  | 1                      | 14.2                 | 0.68                         |
| <b>Teen Deaths (15-19)</b>                     | Per 100,000 | 50                                       | 1   | 2                      | 107.8                | 1.59                         |
| <b>Births to Teens (15-19)</b>                 | Per 1,000   | 50                                       | 21  | 57                     | 70.2                 | 1.63                         |
| <b>Idle Teens (16-19)</b>                      | %           | 9  | **  | 82                     | 6.5                  | 0.72                         |
| <b>Child Poverty</b>                           | %           | 47                                       | 425   | 1,518                  | 25.0                 | 1.39                         |
| <b>Children in Single-Parent Households***</b> | %           | 50                                       | 1,739                                       | 6,051                  | 42.1                 | 1.40                         |
| <b>Dropouts</b>                                | %           | NA                                       | 49  | 110                    | 47.3                 | 1.82                         |

\*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.