

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

**WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR JASPER 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	9	34	10.7	1.37
<b>Infant Mortality</b>	Per 1,000	45	1	3	9.2	1.31
<b>Child Deaths (1-14)</b>	Per 100,000	1	**	-	8.1	0.39
<b>Teen Deaths (15-19)</b>	Per 100,000	1	**	-	24.2	0.36
<b>Births to Teens (15-19)</b>	Per 1,000	50	37	66	101.8	2.37
<b>Idle Teens (16-19)</b>	%	50	71	182	14.8	1.64
<b>Child Poverty</b>	%	48	467	1,455	26.5	1.47
<b>Children in Single-Parent Households***</b>	%	45	858	5,457	35.6	1.19
<b>Dropouts</b>	%	NA	55	103	56.3	2.16

\*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.