

KIDS COUNT 2005
TABLE II

WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR LAURENS 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	%	48	19	83	10.2	1.31
Infant Mortality	Per 1,000	50	3	9	10.8	1.54
Child Deaths (1-14)	Per 100,000	36	0	3	24.4	1.16
Teen Deaths (15-19)	Per 100,000	50	3	6	128.8	1.89
Births to Teens (15-19)	Per 1,000	47	45	148	61.5	1.43
Idle Teens (16-19)	%	41	93	470	11.2	1.25
Child Poverty	%	40	362	3,467	20.1	1.12
Children in Single-Parent Households***	%	45	2,655	17,137	35.5	1.18
Dropouts	%	NA	168	355	49.4	1.90

*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.