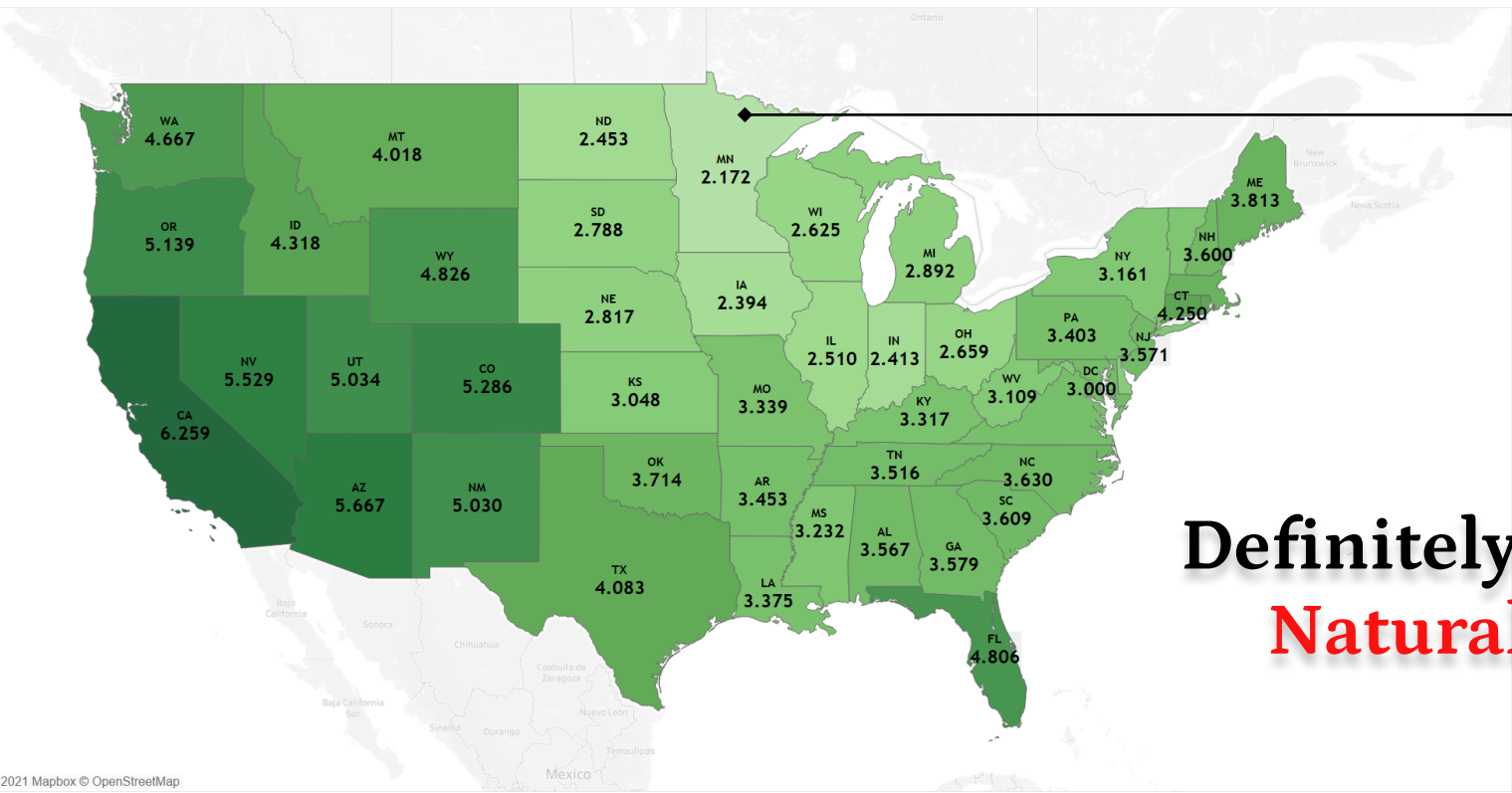


# Does Red Lake County *DESERVE* “America’s *WORST* place to live”?

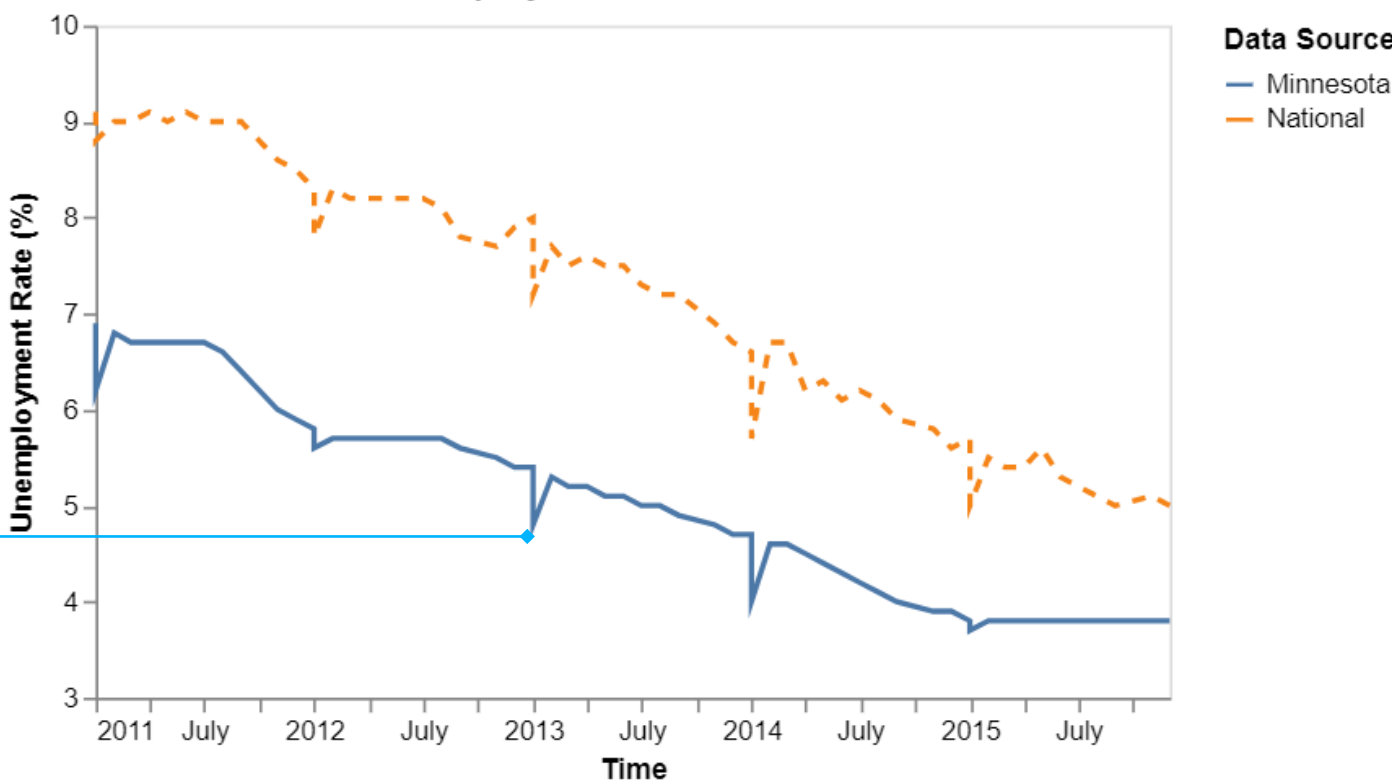
National Natural Amenity Rating



Minnesota has the **lowest** average natural amenity rating across the country according to USDA, and Red Lake County ranks **last** in Minnesota.

Definitely Last One In  
Natural Amenity

Unemployment Rate 2011-2015



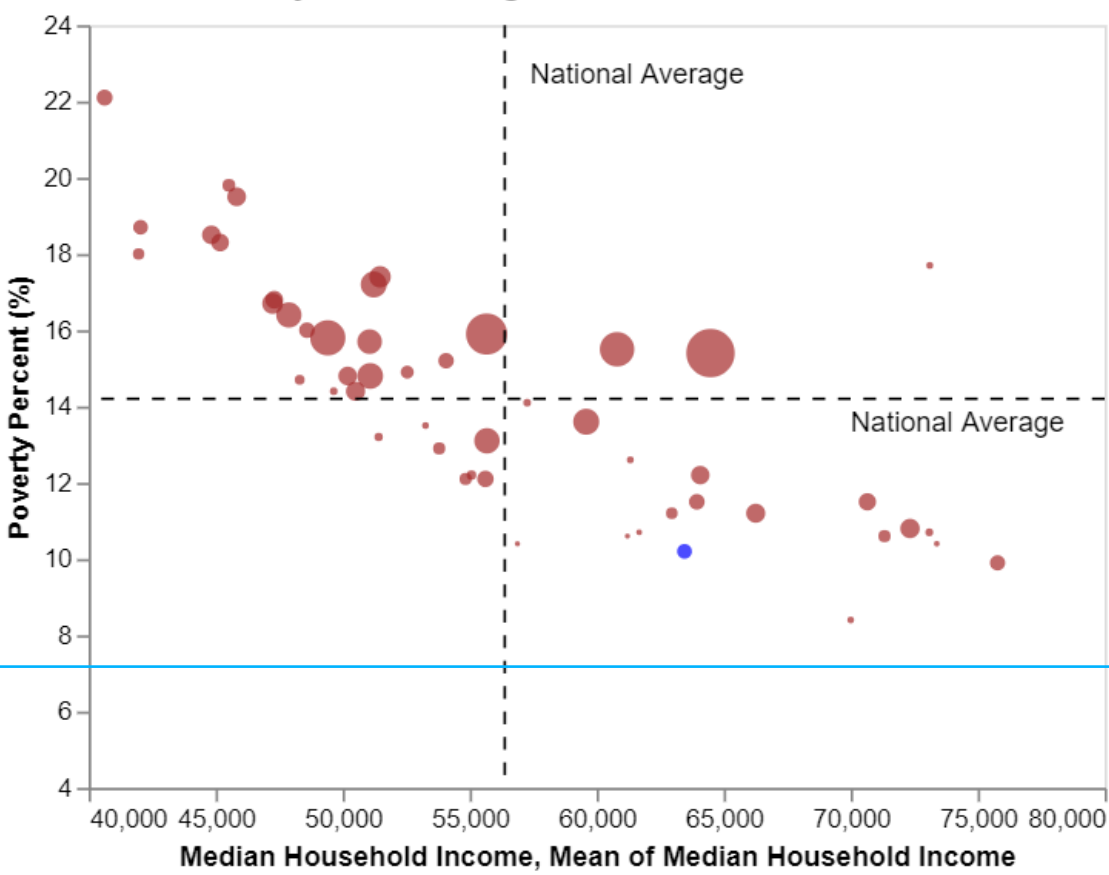
## Unemployment Rate, Poverty Rate: **BELOW** average

Both unemployment rate and poverty rate of Red Lake County are well below the country average, the place is definitely not “worst” by two of the most common economic metrics.

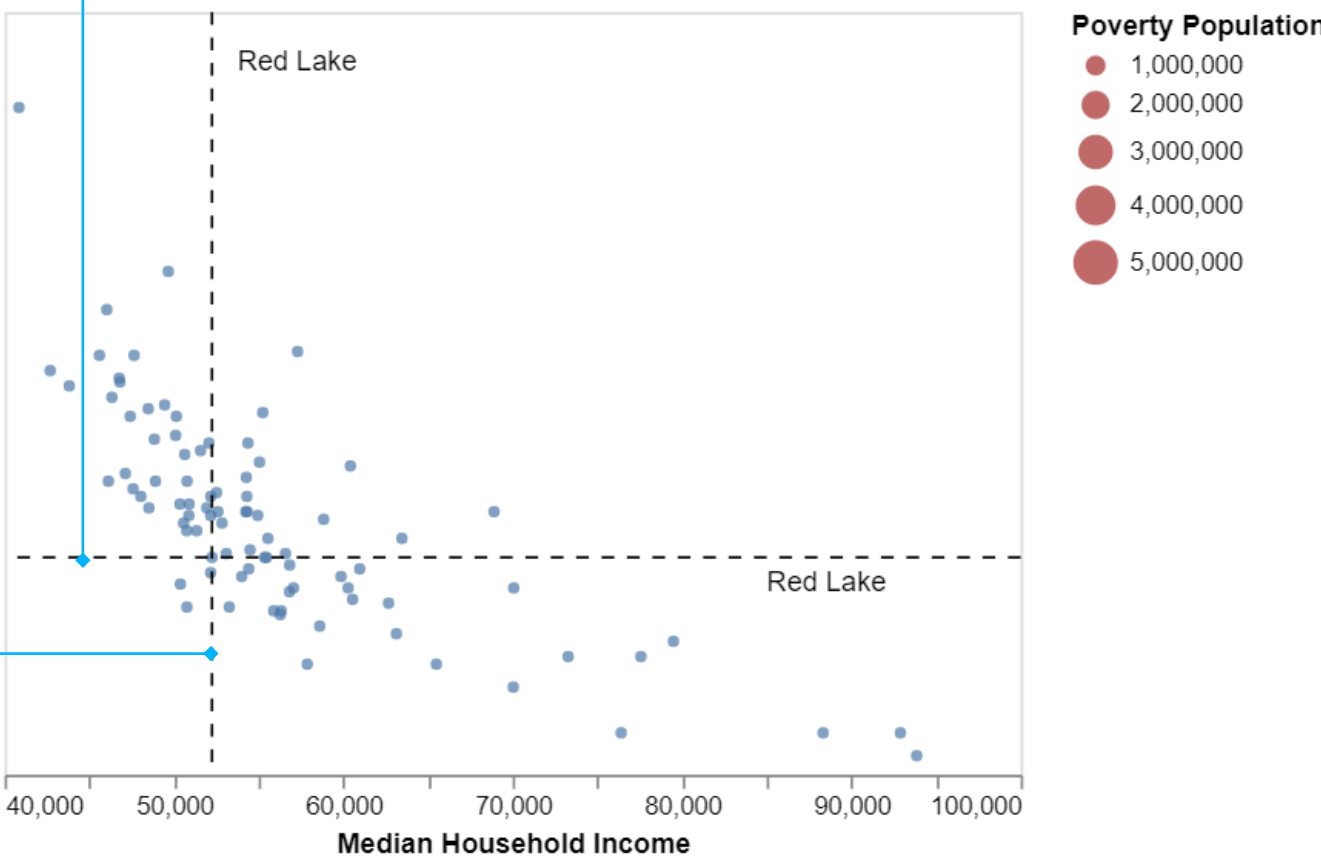
## Median Household Income: a bit lagging behind

The median household income is a little bit lower than country average. Since Minnesota is far from any prosperous areas in the US, where income is great and the living cost is also high. Red Lake is lagging behind mainly for geographical reasons.

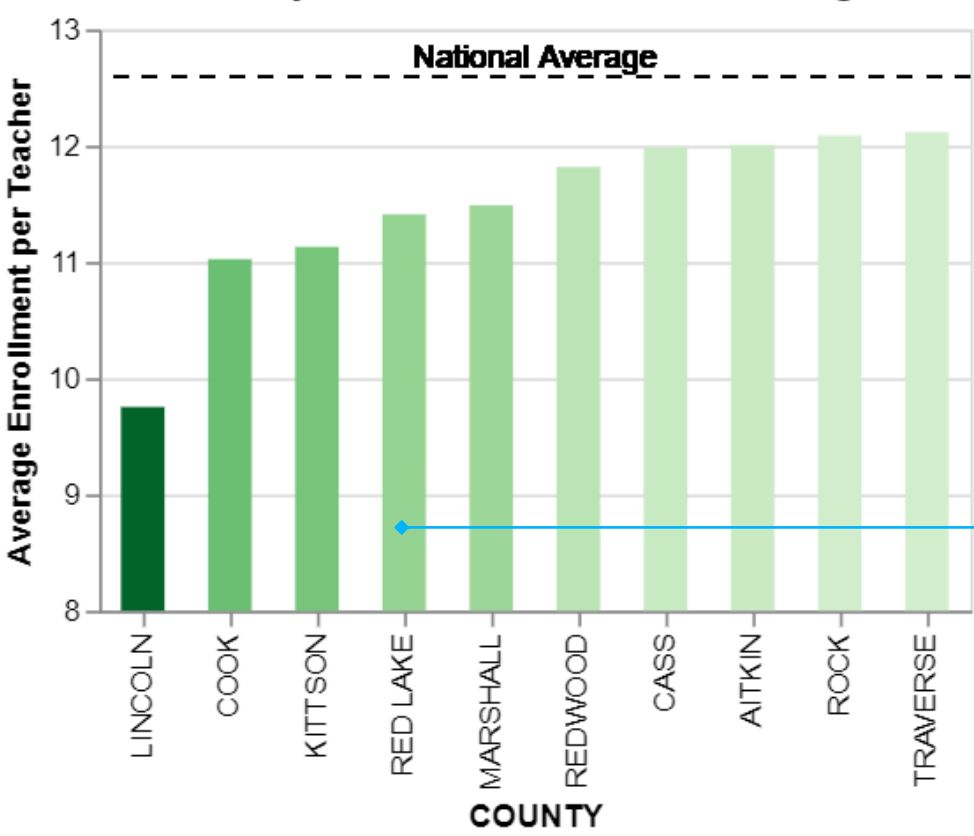
Poverty Rate, Average House Income for each State



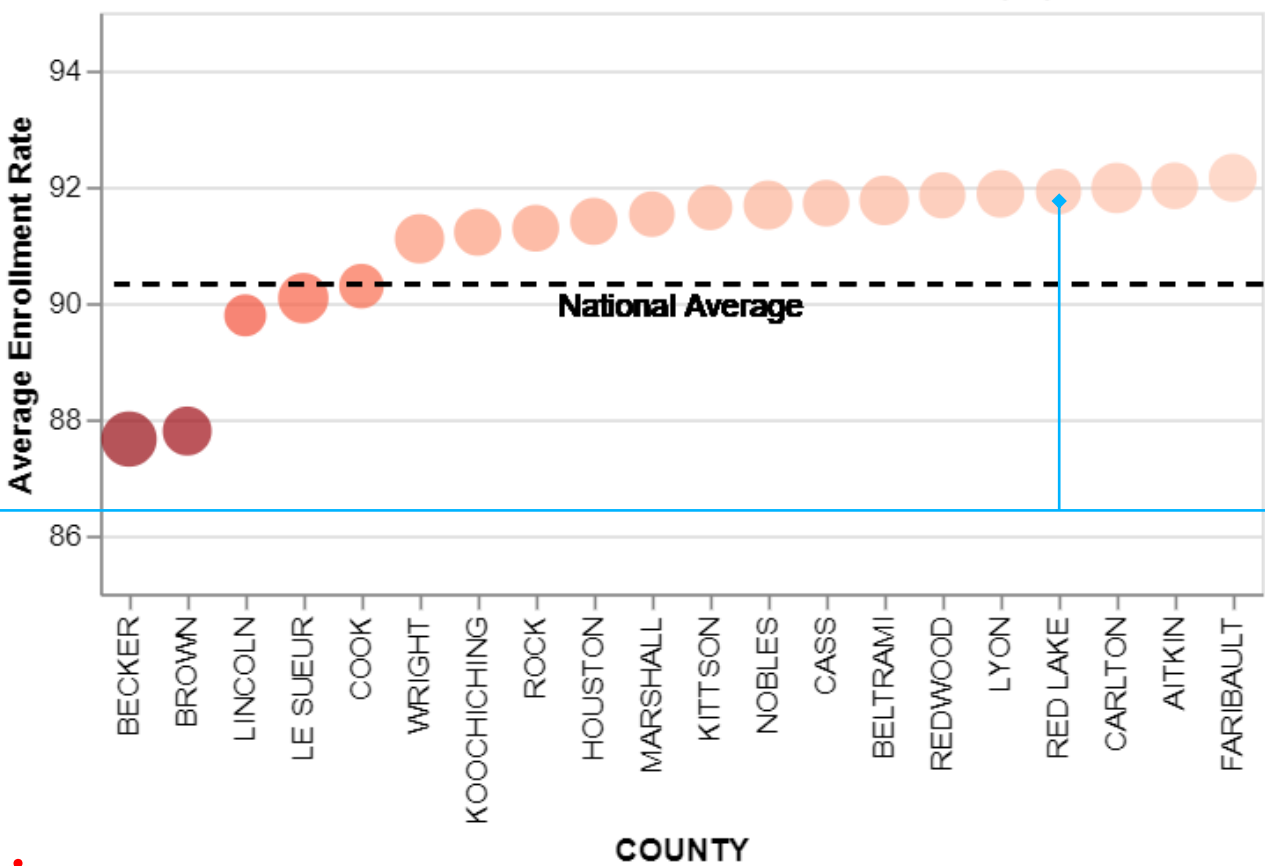
Poverty Rate, Average House Income for Minnesota



How many students is a teacher in charge of?



Bottom 20 counties of enrollment rate (%)



Average Enrollment per Teacher



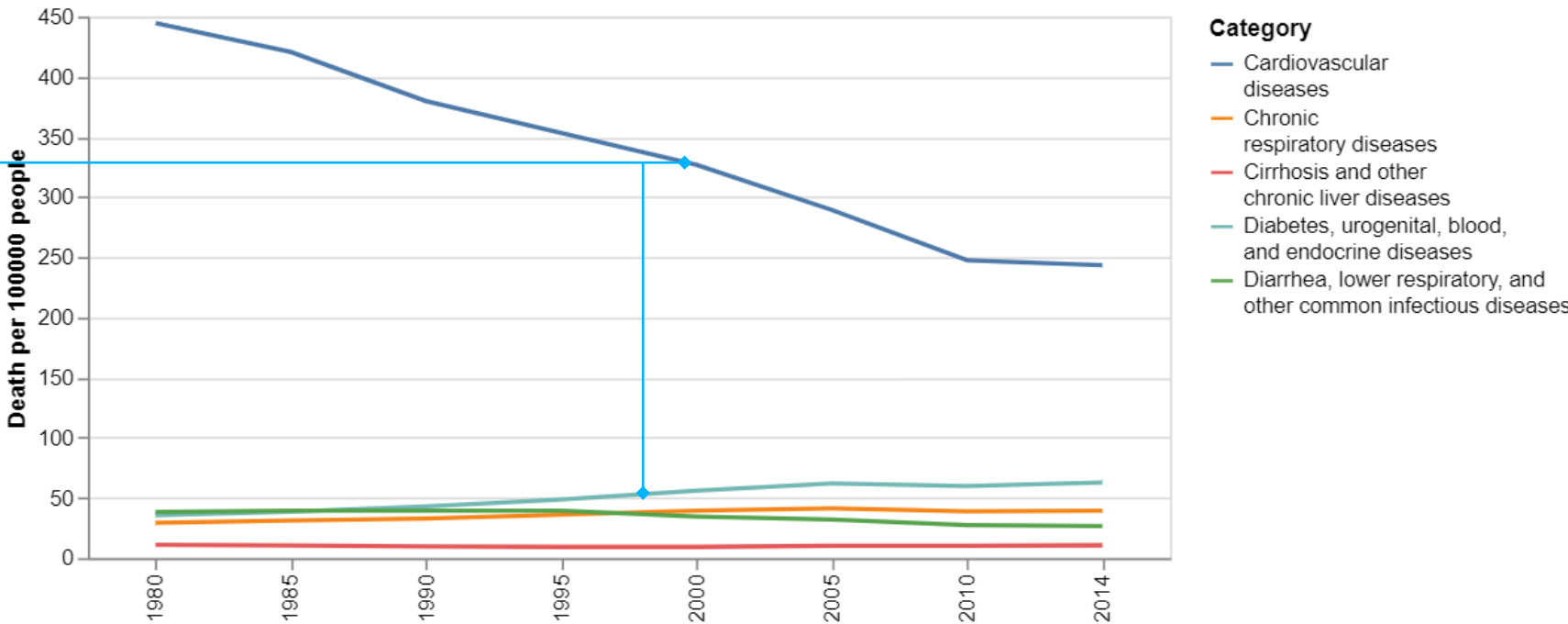
Educational Resource: **abundant**, but need **more participation**

1. Each public school teacher in Red Lake is in charge of about 11 students, one person below national average, which means Red Lake is not in short of faculty members.
2. The average of enrollment rate in Red Lake is about 92%, about 1.5% higher than national average, but still ranks among 20 lowest within the state.

## Expanded Research: **Mortality & Disease**

1. The top five diseases causing death in Red Lake County have a mortality from **10** up to **444** per 100000 people during 1980 and 2014. The most fatal disease is **cardiovascular** diseases, which deals with heart and blood vessels.
2. Cardiovascular dramatically **drop by over 40%** during the past 35 years, while diabetes, urogenital, blood and endocrine diseases **increase by nearly 80%**.
3. Among top 5 diseases, Red Lake does a good job in 4 of them compared to national data in terms of change, diabetes remains a great challenge to its residents.

Mortality of Top 5 Diseases in Red Lake County



## Conclusion: **Definitely NO!!**

Red Lake is **misunderstood** by the one-sided metric of natural amenity. Despite the terrible natural environment, Red Lake is a fair place with **low unemployment rate, low poverty rate, relatively good education resource**, as well as **a good control of mortality**.

Category

Cardiovascular diseases	444.65	420.68	379.72	353.31	326.72	289.25	247.44	243.46
Chronic respiratory diseases	29.3	31.15	32.85	36.1	39.3	41.37	38.74	39.46
Cirrhosis and other chronic liver diseases	11.04	10.38	9.61	9.21	9.23	10.08	10.28	10.56
Diabetes, urogenital, blood, and endocrine diseases	35.64	38.64	42.98	48.73	56.08	62	59.88	62.84
Diarrhea, lower respiratory, and other common infectious diseases	38.33	39.34	39.43	39.37	34.46	32.04	27.29	26.63

