

Bow, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Merrimack
Concord, NH Micropolitan NECTA
Merrimack Valley
Central NH Regional
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

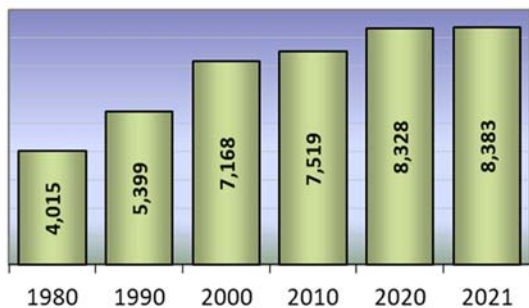
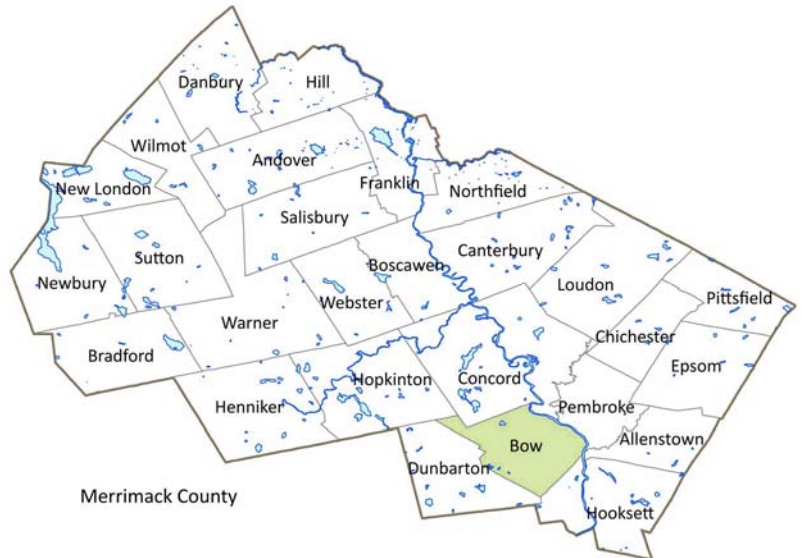
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Merrimack County District 9

Incorporated: 1727

Origin: This community was one of several established in the Merrimack Valley to relieve population congestion in the seacoast. When drawn on a map, the line of communities formed a bow. There is also a bend in the Merrimack River within its borders, and the name Bow may have come from either source. Grants in this expansion were given to many prominent Portsmouth families, causing concern by residents of Rumford to the north, who objected to being hemmed in from the south, and protested to the English crown against extension of such colonization. Upon settlement of the dispute, Rumford was renamed Concord. Bow is the birthplace of Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the First Church of Christ, Scientist and leader of the Christian Science movement.

Villages and Place Names: Bow Bog, Bow Center, Bow Junction, Bow Mills, South Bow

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 568 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Bow totaled 4,368 over 41 years, from 4,015 in 1980 to 8,383 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a 34 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2021 Census estimate for Bow was 8,383 residents, which ranked 39th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 297.6 persons per square mile of land area. Bow contains 28.2 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government	Selectmen/Town Manager		
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022-2023	\$14,225,174		
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Zoning Ordinance	1955/21		
Master Plan	2017		
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes		
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board		
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Budget; Trust Funds; Library		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Business Development; Heritage; Recycling & Solid Waste		
Public Library	Baker Free		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department	Full-time		
Fire Department	Full-time		
Emergency Medical Service	Full-time		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Concord Hospital, Concord	4 miles	245	
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Unitil; Eversource Energy		
Natural Gas Supplier	Liberty Utilities		
Water Supplier	Municipal; Private wells		
Sanitation	Private septic & municipal		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes		
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal & private		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No		
Recycling Program	Voluntary - Curbside		
Telephone Company	Consolidated Communications; Dunbarton Telephone		
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes		
Cable Television Access	Yes		
Public Access Television Station	No		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>			
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$25.49		
2021 Equalization Ratio	81.5		
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.32		
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	75.8%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	16.5%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	7.8%		
HOUSING <i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>			
Total Housing Units	2,756		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,577		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	27		
Five or More Units in Structure	144		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	8		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2021	8,383	155,238	
2020	8,337	153,922	
2010	7,519	146,445	
2000	7,168	136,716	
1990	5,399	120,618	
1980	4,015	98,302	
DEMOGRAPHICS <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	3,899	Female	4,045
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	549		
Age 5 to 19	1,736		
Age 20 to 34	947		
Age 35 to 54	2,161		
Age 55 to 64	1,184		
Age 65 and over	1,367		
Median Age	42.0 years		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	97.5%		
Bachelor's degree or higher	56.1%		
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>			
Per capita income	\$49,813		
Median family income	\$129,847		
Median household income	\$125,078		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$86,625		
Female	\$66,012		
Individuals below the poverty level	2.0%		
LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average	2011	2021	
Civilian labor force	4,316	4,372	
Employed	4,146	4,254	
Unemployed	170	118	
Unemployment rate	3.9%	2.7%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	1,238	1,204	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 964	\$1,351	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	1,666	2,035	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,040	\$1,243	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	2,905	3,238	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,008	\$1,283	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	444	458	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 882	\$1,020	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	3,349	3,697	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 991	\$1,250	

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Bow operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 67**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Concord Regional Technical Center**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	1
Grade Levels	P K 1-4	5-8	9-12	P K 1-4
Total Enrollment	522	526	621	49

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **UNH School of Law; Southern NH University**

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **5** Total Capacity: **228**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
The Grappone Companies	New, used vehicle sales & service	300	1924
Pitco/MagiKitch'n	Commercial cooking equipment	280	1918
R.S. Audley, Inc.	General construction contractor	175	1955
Exel/DHL	State Liquor Commission warehouse/distribution	170	2013
Coastal & Quality Wood Priming	Siding, decking, and engineered wood products	150	1998
Granite Shore Power	Electric utility	120	1960
Amoskeag Beverages, LLC	Beer wholesaler	75	2006
Structures Unlimited/Keller/Kalwall	Skylight systems	75	1968
Hampton Inn	Hotel	57	1990
Bovie Screen Printing	Industrial, commercial screen printing	38	1987

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	3A, 13
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-89, Exit 1; I-93, Exit 12
Distance		Local access; 1 mile
Railroad		Boston & Maine
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Concord Municipal	Runway	6,005 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	21 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		15 miles
Portland, Maine		107 miles
Boston, Mass.		65 miles
New York City, NY		262 miles
Montreal, Quebec		244 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.1%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.3%
Public transportation	0.2%
Walked	0.2%
Other means	0.5%
Worked at home	9.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	25.9 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020

Working in community of residence	64.9%
Commuting to another NH community	31.3%
Commuting out-of-state	3.8%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Pat's Peak, Mount Sunapee
	Other: Indoor Soccer; Summer Concert Series