Bow, NH

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County Merrimack
Labor Market Area Concord, NH Micropolitan NECTA
Tourism Region Merrimack Valley
Planning Commission Central NH Regional
Regional Development Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts
US Congress District 2
Executive Council District 4
State Senate District 16
State Representative Merrimack County District 23

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 5,501 over 49 years, from 2,479 in 1970 to 7,980 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 62 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by at least 30 percent increases the next two decades. The 2019 Census estimate for Bow was 7,980 residents, which ranked 39th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 283.3 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.
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<th><strong>Type of Government</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020-2021</strong></td>
<td>$16,907,859</td>
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<td><strong>Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021</strong></td>
<td>$30,350,341</td>
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<td><strong>Zoning Ordinance</strong></td>
<td>1955/20</td>
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<td><strong>Master Plan</strong></td>
<td>2017</td>
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<td><strong>Capital Improvement Plan</strong></td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td><strong>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</strong></td>
<td>Planning Board</td>
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**Public Library** Baker Free

**Emergency Services**

- **Police Department** Full-time
- **Fire Department** Full-time
- **Emergency Medical Service** Full-time

**Nearest Hospital(s)**

- **Concord Hospital, Concord**
  - **Distance** 4 miles
  - **Staffed Beds** 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** Yes

**High Speed Internet Service:**
- **Business** Yes
- **Residential** Yes

**Property Taxes** *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

- **2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)** $26.21
- **2019 Equalization Ratio** 98.2%
- **2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)** $25.18

**2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type**

- Residential Land and Buildings: 74.9%
- Commercial Land and Buildings: 16.4%
- Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 8.7%

**Housing** *(ACS 2015-2019)*

- **Total Housing Units** 2,817
- **Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached** 2,622

**Units in Multiple-Family Structures:**

- **Two to Four Units in Structure** 18
- **Five or More Units in Structure** 169
- **Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units** 8

**Demographics** *(American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019)*

- **Population by Gender**
  - Male: 4,040
  - Female: 3,822

- **Population by Age Group**
  - Under age 5: 481
  - Age 5 to 19: 1,860
  - Age 20 to 34: 794
  - Age 35 to 54: 2,064
  - Age 55 to 64: 1,332
  - Age 65 and over: 1,331
  - Median Age: 44.0 years

- **Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**
  - High school graduate or higher: 97.5%
  - Bachelor’s degree or higher: 55.4%

**Income, Inflation Adjusted $** *(ACS 2015-2019)*

- **Per capita income**: $48,900
- **Median family income**: $132,543
- **Median household income**: $122,230

- **Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers**
  - Male: $89,688
  - Female: $71,292

- **Individuals below the poverty level**: 2.2%

**Labor Force** *(NHES – ELM)*

- **Annual Average**
  - 2009: 2019
    - Civilian labor force: 4,363
    - Employed: 4,190
    - Unemployed: 173
    - Unemployment rate: 4.0%

**Employment & Wages** *(NHES – ELM)*

- **Annual Average Covered Employment**
  - 2009: 2019
    - Goods Producing Industries
      - Average Employment: 1,011
      - Average Weekly Wage: $1,052
    - Service Providing Industries
      - Average Employment: 1,808
      - Average Weekly Wage: $950
    - Total Private Industry
      - Average Employment: 2,820
      - Average Weekly Wage: $986
    - Government (Federal, State, and Local)
      - Average Employment: 521
      - Average Weekly Wage: $925

- **Total, Private Industry plus Government**
  - Average Employment: 3,340
  - Average Weekly Wage: $977

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, January 2021. Community Response Received 8/10/2020
**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

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

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<tr>
<th>Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)</th>
<th>Elementary</th>
<th>Middle/Junior High</th>
<th>High School</th>
<th>Private/Parochial</th>
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<td>Number of Schools</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Grade Levels</td>
<td>PK 1-4</td>
<td>5-8</td>
<td>9-12</td>
<td>PK 1-4</td>
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<td>Total Enrollment</td>
<td>529</td>
<td>499</td>
<td>654</td>
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Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**
Nearest Colleges or Universities: **UNH School of Law; Southern NH University**

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**

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<th>Business Name</th>
<th>Product/Service</th>
<th>Employees</th>
<th>Established</th>
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<td>The Grappone Companies</td>
<td>New, used vehicle sales &amp; service</td>
<td>300</td>
<td>1924</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pitco/MagiKitch’n</td>
<td>Commercial cooking equipment</td>
<td>280</td>
<td>1918</td>
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<td>R.S. Audley, Inc.</td>
<td>General construction contractor</td>
<td>175</td>
<td>1955</td>
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<td>Coastal &amp; Quality Wood Priming</td>
<td>Siding, decking, and engineered wood products</td>
<td>150</td>
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<td>Granite Shore Power</td>
<td>Electric utility</td>
<td>120</td>
<td>1960</td>
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<td>Exel</td>
<td>State Liquor Commission Warehouse &amp; Distribution</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>2013</td>
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<td>Amoskeag Beverages, LLC</td>
<td>Beer wholesaler</td>
<td>75</td>
<td>2006</td>
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<td>Structures Unlimited/Keller/Kalwall</td>
<td>Skylight systems</td>
<td>75</td>
<td>1968</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hampton Inn</td>
<td>Hotel</td>
<td>57</td>
<td>1990</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bovie Screen Printing</td>
<td>Industrial, commercial screen printing</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>1987</td>
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**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

**Concord Municipal**

- Runway: 6,005 ft. asphalt
- Lighted?: Yes
- Navigation Aids?: Yes

**Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation**

- **Concord Municipal**
  - Runway: 6,005 ft. asphalt
  - Lighted?: Yes

**Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service**

- **Manchester-Boston Regional**
  - Distance: 21 miles

**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 2015-2019)*

- Workers 16 years and over:
  - Drove alone, car/truck/van: 84.5%
  - Carpooleo, car/truck/van: 7.1%
  - Public transportation: 0.2%
  - Walked: 0.3%
  - Other means: 7.7%
  - Worked at home: 5.7%
- Mean Travel Time to Work: 26.9 minutes

**Percent of Working Residents:** *(ACS 2015-2019)*

- Working in community of residence: 16.2%
- Commuting to another NH community: 78.1%
- Commuting out-of-state: 5.7%

**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
  - Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
  - Youth Sports: Baseball
  - Youth Sports: Soccer
  - Youth Sports: Football
  - Youth Sports: Basketball
  - Youth Sports: Hockey
  - Campgrounds
  - Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
  - Overnight or Day Camps

**Nearest Ski Area(s):** Pat’s Peak, Mount Sunapee

**Other:** Indoor Soccer; Summer Concert Series