

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

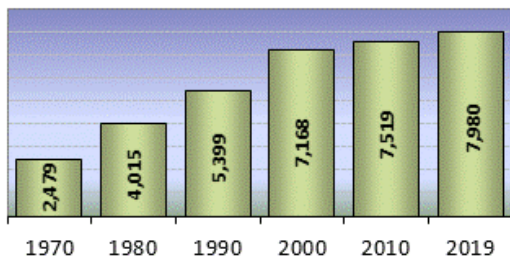
District 2
District 4
District 16
Merrimack County District 23

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.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government	Selectmen/Town Manager		
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$16,907,859		
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$30,350,341		
Zoning Ordinance	1955/20		
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; Ambulance Oversight; Business Development; Heritage; Recycling; Drinking Water Protection; Capital Improvement Plan		
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>			
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 <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>			
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		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	7,980	151,391	
2010	7,519	146,445	
2000	7,168	136,716	
1990	5,399	120,618	
1980	4,015	98,302	
1970	2,479	80,925	
DEMOGRAPHICS <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019</i>			
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 \$ <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>			
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 <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average	2009	2019	
Civilian labor force	4,363	4,532	
Employed	4,190	4,436	
Unemployed	173	96	
Unemployment rate	4.0%	2.1%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	1,011	1,316	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,052	\$1,205	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	1,808	2,250	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 950	\$1,083	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	2,820	3,566	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 986	\$1,128	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	521	438	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 925	\$1,028	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	3,340	4,004	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 977	\$1,117	

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Bow operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 67**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Concord Regional Technical Center** Region: **11**

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	529	499	654	51

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **UNH School of Law; Southern NH University**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **7** Total Capacity: **421**

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
Coastal & Quality Wood Priming	Siding, decking, and engineered wood products	150	
Granite Shore Power	Electric utility	120	1960
Exel	State Liquor Commission Warehouse & Distribution	100	2013
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 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	84.5%
Carpooled, 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
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