

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 2
District 15
Merrimack County District 9

Incorporated: 1727

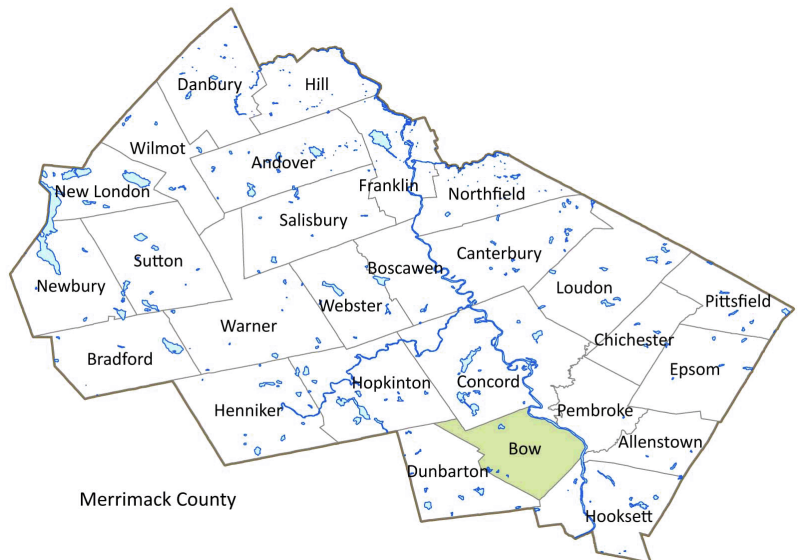
Origin: This community was one of several established in the Merrimack Valley to relieve population congestion in the seacoast. When drawn on a map, the line of communities formed a bow. There is also a bend in the Merrimack River within its borders, and the name Bow may have come from either source. 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 5,849 over 50 years, from 2,479 in 1970 to 8,328 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 62 percent increase from 1970 to 1980; population increased by 34 percent from 1980 to 1990 and 33 percent from 1990 to 2000. The town's population increased by 11 percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Bow was 8,386 residents, which ranked 39th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 297.7 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, 2023-2024	\$15,710,180		
Budget: School Appropriations, 2023-2024	\$34,889,478		
Zoning Ordinance	1955/22		
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; Drinking Water Protection; Capital Improvement Plan; Energy		
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	236	
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>			
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$26.52		
2022 Equalization Ratio	66.1		
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.20		
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	75.8%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	16.3%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	7.9%		
HOUSING <i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>			
Total Housing Units	2,823		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,667		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	24		
Five or More Units in Structure	132		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	0		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2022	8,386	156,020	
2020	8,229	153,808	
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) 2017-2021</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	4,065	Female	4,162
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	566		
Age 5 to 19	1,766		
Age 20 to 34	1,108		
Age 35 to 54	2,306		
Age 55 to 64	1,188		
Age 65 and over	1,293		
Median Age	41.1 years		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 5,560			
High school graduate or higher	97.6%		
Bachelor's degree or higher	57.9%		
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>			
Per capita income	\$55,016		
Median family income	\$138,933		
Median household income	\$132,774		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$94,688		
Female	\$67,202		
Individuals below the poverty level	1.6%		
LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average	2012	2022	
Civilian labor force	4,342	4,462	
Employed	4,167	4,368	
Unemployed	175	94	
Unemployment rate	4.0%	2.1%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	1,219	1,323	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 987	\$1,399	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	1,804	2,084	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,013	\$1,316	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	3,022	3,407	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,002	\$1,348	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	459	468	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 858	\$1,050	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	3,482	3,876	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 983	\$1,312	
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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	533	526	603	48

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord; Manchestser**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State; UNH School of Law; Southern NH University; St. Anselm, UNH-Manchester; Franklin Pierce-Manchester; MCPHS; New England**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **5** Total Capacity: **194**

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
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
Coastal & Quality Wood Priming	Siding, decking, and engineered wood products	150	1998
Exel/DHL	State Liquor Commission Warehouse & Distribution	170	2013

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 2017-2021)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			80.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van			6.4%
Public transportation			0.2%
Walked			0.6%
Other means			0.5%
Worked at home			12.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work			26.1 minutes
Percent of Working Residents			
Working in community of residence			20.3%
Commuting to another NH community			74.7%
Commuting out-of-state			5.0%

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: Summer Concert Series