

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

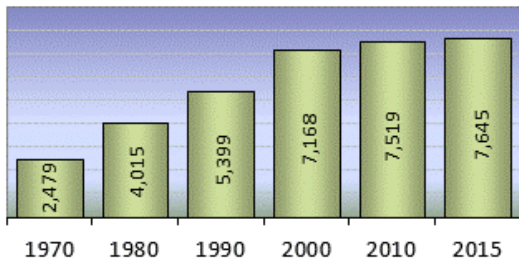
District 2
District 4
District 16
Merrimack County District 23

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 6,305 over 55 years, from 1,340 in 1960 to 7,645 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was an 85 percent increase between 1960 and 1970, followed by a 62 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; the population increased by at least 30 percent in the next two decades. The 2015 Census estimate for Bow was 7,645 residents, which ranked 39th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 270.2 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, 2017-2018	\$15,675,641
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018	\$29,872,529
Zoning Ordinance	1955/16
Master Plan	2004
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	242	

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	Fairpoint; 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>	
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$26.29		
2016 Equalization Ratio	99.0		
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.68		
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	68.4%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	14.3%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	17.3%		

HOUSING		<i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Total Housing Units	2,887		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,704		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	41		
Five or More Units in Structure	135		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	7		

DEMOGRAPHICS			<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County		
2015	7,645	147,262		
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, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015

Population by Gender			
Male	3,918	Female	3,727

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	187
Age 5 to 19	1,801
Age 20 to 34	869
Age 35 to 54	2,244
Age 55 to 64	1,434
Age 65 and over	1,110
Median Age	45.7 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	94.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	49.2%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Per capita income	\$42,764		
Median family income	\$112,759		
Median household income	\$102,847		

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$86,396
Female	\$43,977

Individuals below the poverty level	4.9%
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LABOR FORCE				<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average		2006		2016	
Civilian labor force	4,307			4,397	
Employed	4,196			4,299	
Unemployed	111			98	
Unemployment rate	2.6%			2.2%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES				<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2006		2016	
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment	1,117			1,469	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 951			\$1,047	
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment	1,635			2,092	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 939			\$ 978	
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment	2,752			3,561	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 944			\$1,007	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment	471			455	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 826			\$ 922	
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment	3,223			4,016	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 927			\$ 997	

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	480	500	625	51

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**

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

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **7** Total Capacity: **425**

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
Eversource	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	40	1987
Blue Seal Feeds	Specialty commercial feeds	40	1886

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 2011-2015)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	84.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.1%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.4%
Other means	0.4%
Worked at home	8.8%
Mean Travel Time to Work	24.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015	
Working in community of residence	21.4
Commuting to another NH community	73.9
Commuting out-of-state	4.7

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