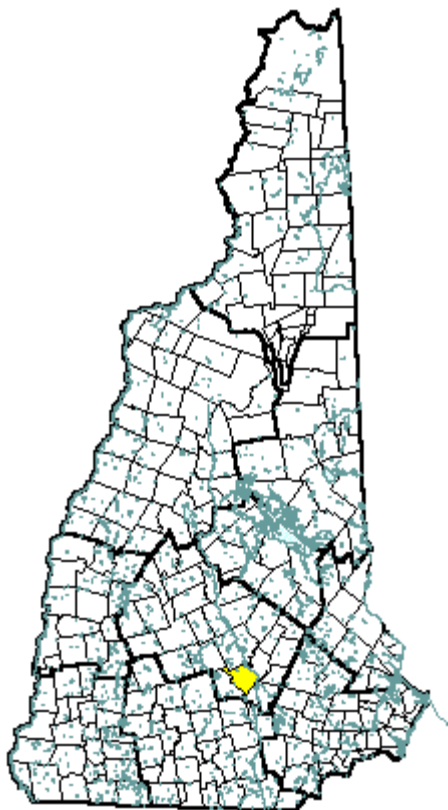


Bow, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Merrimack
Concord NH Micro-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 16
Merrimack County District 13

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.

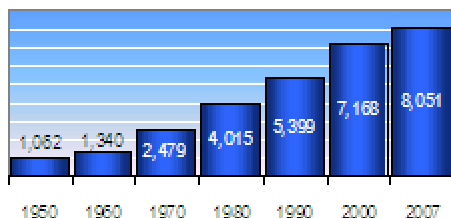
Villages and Place Names: Bow Bog, Bow Center, Bow Junction, Bow Mills, South Bow

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

Population Trends: Population change for Bow totaled 6,106 over 50 years, from 1,062 in 1950 to 7,168 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was an 85 percent increase between 1960 and 1970; the population increased by at least 25 percent each decade. The 2007 Census estimate for Bow was 8,051 residents, which ranked 38th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Merrimack County



Population Density and Land Area (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 274.8 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, 2009	\$10,103,186
Budget: School Appropriations, 2008-2009	\$24,830,746
Zoning Ordinance	1955/08
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; Recreation; Recycling

Public Library **Baker Free****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	6/9
Emergency Medical Service	Full-time
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Concord Hospital, Concord	4 miles 295

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Unitil; PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	National Grid
Water Supplier	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
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	Yes Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.02
2007 Equalization Ratio	98.8
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.81
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	69.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	11.9%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	18.3%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	2,713
2007 Single-Family Units	2,511
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	12
2007 Multi-Family Units	196
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	12
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	6

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	8,051	148,274
2000	7,168	136,716
1990	5,399	120,618
1980	4,015	98,302
1970	2,479	80,925

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	3,560	Female	3,578
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			449
Age 5 to 19			2,026
Age 20 to 34			673
Age 35 to 54			2,755
Age 55 to 64			632
Age 65 and over			603
Median Age			38.6 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	94.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	45.4%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$29,557
Median 4-person family income	\$83,567
Median household income	\$79,329
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$60,375
Female	\$30,929
Families below the poverty level	2.0%

LABOR FORCE

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	3,997	4,351
Employed	3,917	4,234
Unemployed	80	117
Unemployment rate	2.0%	2.7%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	1,336	993
Average Weekly Wage	\$645	\$1,375
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	1,314	1,762
Average Weekly Wage	\$634	\$978
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	2,650	2,755
Average Weekly Wage	\$640	\$1,121
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	410	483
Average Weekly Wage	\$497	\$834
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	3,060	3,238
Average Weekly Wage	\$621	\$1,078

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Bow operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 67**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Concord High School; Pembroke Academy** Region: **11**

Educational Facilities	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	K 1-3
Total Enrollment	516	523	662	38

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: **6** Total Capacity: **312**

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Franklin Pierce Law; Southern NH University**

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
Public Service Co of NH	Electric utility	120	1960
Capitol Distributors	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
Z-Tech	High performance zirconia products	27	1969

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		8
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		15 miles
Portland, Maine		107 miles
Boston, Mass.		65 miles
New York City, NY		266 miles
Montreal, Quebec		244 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK *(US Census Bureau)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	88.1%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.7%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.0
Other means	0.2%
Worked at home	5.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	25.3 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	19%
Commuting to another NH community	77%
Commuting out-of-state	4%

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
	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: Antiques; Summer Concert Series