



Bow, NH

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County	Merrimack
Labor Market Area	Concord NH Micro-NECTA
Tourism Region	Merrimack Valley
Planning Commission	Central NH Regional
Regional Development	Capitol Region Economic Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 2
State Senate	District 16
State Representative	Merrimack County District 13

Incorporated: 1727

Origin: One of several towns established in the Merrimack Valley to alleviate population congestion in the seacoast, which formed a 'bow' on the map. There is also a bend in the Merrimack River within its borders, and the name Bow may have come from either source. Bow is the birthplace of Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the First Church of Christ, Scientist and leader of the Christian Science movement.

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

Population Trends: Since 1950, the town of Bow has experienced population growth well above the statewide average rate. Decennial growth rates ranged from a 26 percent increase between 1950-1960 to an 85 percent increase between 1960-1970. Bow's 2000 population of 7,138 was more than six and a half times larger than the 1950 population of 1,062, a total increase of 6,076 residents. The 2004 Census estimate for Bow was 7,961 residents, which ranked 38th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2004: 282.6 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.

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



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen/TownManager
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2004	\$10,310,655
Budget: School Appropriations, 2005-2006	\$20,659,354
Zoning Ordinance	1955/05
Master Plan	2004
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Budget; Trustees of Trust Funds; Library Trustees
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Ambulance; Business Dev.; 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 & part time

Nearest Hospital(s):**Concord Hospital, Concord**

Distance: 3 miles

Staffed Beds: 202

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Concord Electric; PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	KeySpan
Water Supplier	Private wells
Sanitation	Private septic & Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Muncpl & private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service: Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES

2004 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.51
2004 Equalization Ratio	76.2
2004 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.23
2004 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	66.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	10.8%
Other Property including Utilities	23.0%

HOUSING

2003 Total Housing Units	2,610
2003 Single-Family Units	2,449
Building Permits Issued	28
2003 Multi-Family Units	155
Building Permits Issued	56
2003 Manufactured Housing Units	6

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2004	7,961	145,542
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

(Census 2000)

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

1994

2004

Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	3,775	4,194
Employed	3,697	4,087
Unemployed	78	107
Unemployment rate	2.1%	2.6%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1994

2004

Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	1,125	1,351
Average Weekly Wage	\$552	\$878
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	1,061	1,398
Average Weekly Wage	\$596	\$857
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	2,185	2,749
Average Weekly Wage	\$574	\$867
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	366	507
Average Weekly Wage	\$439	\$682

Total, Private Industry plus Government

Average Employment	2,551	3,256
Average Weekly Wage	\$554	\$839

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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	
Grade Levels	P K 1-4	5-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	581	624	606	

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2004: Total Facilities: 5 Total Capacity: 205

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Concord**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Franklin Pierce Law; Southern NH University**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Universal Packaging Corporation	Paperboard containers	250	1961
Pitco-Frialator, Inc.	Commercial frying equipment	205	1925
Pitco Mastermatic	Conveyorized fryers	75	1986
Structures Unlimited	Skylight systems	75	1968
Blue Seal Feeds	Animal, poultry feed	50	1886
Town of Bow	Municipal services	45	1727
Bovie Screen Process Printing	Screen printing, roll labels	40	1950
TAFA Incorporated	Thermal spray equipment	35	1976

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	I-89, I-93
	State Routes	3A, 13
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-89, I-93, Exit 1; 12
	Distance	Local access
Railroad		Boston & Maine
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Airport		Concord
	Runway	6,005 feet
	Lighted? Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport		Manchester
	Distance	22 miles
Driving distance to select cities:		
	Manchester, NH	12 miles
	Portland, Maine	109 miles
	Boston, Mass.	68 miles
	New York City, NY	265 miles
	Montreal, Quebec	247 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

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
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Pat's Peak, Sunapee
	Other: Antiques; Summer concert series