

Bow

Incorporated: **1727**

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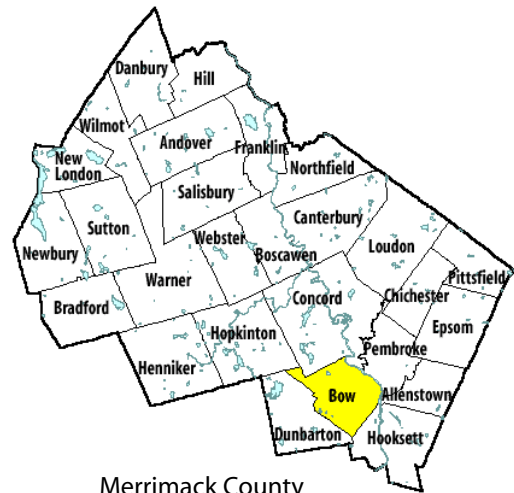
City/Town Office Hours: **Monday through Friday, 7:30 am – 4 pm**

County: **Merrimack**
Labor Market Area: **Concord**
Planning Commission: **Central NH Regional**
Tourism Region: **Merrimack Valley**

Demographics, 2000 Census: From 1990 to 2000, Bow's population grew by 29.8 percent to 7,138, adding 1,638 residents. It had the 2nd highest percent increase in Merrimack County. The median age is 38.6, with 32.6 percent of the population under the age of 18, the 6th highest percent of that age group, and 8.4 percent age 65 and older. The total number of households is 2,304, with an average size of 3.1 persons. Of those, 2,045 are family households, with an average size of 3.28 persons. As of April 1, 2000, there were 2,330 total housing units.

Population density, 2000: 253.4 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.

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.



Merrimack County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

City/Town Office Hours:

M-F 7:30-4 pm

Type of Government	Selectmen/Town Manager
Annual Budget (2002)	\$5,774,873
Planning Board	Appointed
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board
Zoning Master Plan	1955/01
Capital Improvement Plan	1992
Public Library	Baker Free

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	6/9

Emergency Medical Service **Volunteer**

Nearest Hospital(s):

Concord, ConcordDistance: **3 miles** Beds: **188****TAXES**

2001 Total Tax Rate	\$29.09
2001 Equalization Ratio	0.62
2001 Full Value Tax Rate	\$21.64
2001 Property Valuation:	
Residential	54.5%
Commercial	11.8%
Other	33.6%

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Concord Electric; PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	Keyspan
Water Supplier	Private wells

Sanitation	Septic & Municipal
Municipal Treatment Plant	No
Curbside Trash Pickup	Yes
Mandatory Recycling Program	No

Telephone Company	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes

HOUSING**2000**

Total Housing Units	2,330
Single-Family Units	2,301
Building Permits Issued	34
Multi-Family Units	23
Building Permits Issued	0
Manufactured Housing Units	6
Median Value, Owner-Occupied Housing	\$169,400
Median Gross Rent (monthly)	\$720

DEMOGRAPHICS**(US CENSUS)**

Total Population	Community	County
2000	7,138	136,225
1990	5,500	120,005
1980	4,015	98,302
1970	2,479	80,925

Population by Gender, 2000

Male	3,560	Female	3,578
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Population by Age Group, 2000

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 yearsTotal Households **2,291**Ave. Size **3.10 persons**Total Families **2,044**Ave. Size **3.28 persons**

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)**

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%**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

ConcordRunway **6,005 feet**Lighted? **Yes** Navigational Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Commercial Airport

ManchesterDistance **22 miles****DISTANCE TO**

Manchester, NH	12 miles
Portland, ME	109 miles
Boston, MA	68 miles
New York City, NY	265 miles
Montreal, Quebec	247 miles

EDUCATION/CHILD CARE FACILITIES

	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Primary & Secondary				
Number of Schools	1	1	1	
Grade Levels	P-4	5-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	626	602	555	

If no schools, district students attend:

Regional Career Technology Center(s): **Concord High School; Pembroke Academy**

Region: **11**

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2001: Total Facilities: **7** Total Capacity: **180**

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
Sara Lee Coffee	Coffee	82	1952
Pitco Mastermatic	Conveyorized fryers	75	1986
Structures Unlimited	Skylight systems	75	1968
Blue Seal Feeds	Animal, poultry feed	50	1886
Town of Bow	Municipality	45	1727
Bovie Screen Process Printing	Screen printing, roll labels	40	1950
TAFA Incorporated	Thermal spray equipment	35	1976

LABOR FORCE

Annual Average	1990	2001
Civilian labor force	2,864	4,345
Employed	2,778	4,243
Unemployed	86	102
Unemployment rate	3.0%	2.3%

COMMUTING TO WORK, 2000

(US CENSUS)

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**

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1991

2000

Manufacturing Industries		
Average Employment	978	952
Average Weekly Wage	\$516	\$741
Non-Manufacturing Industries		
Average Employment	1,144	1,956
Average Weekly Wage	\$546	\$810
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	2,121	2,908
Average Weekly Wage	\$532	\$788
Government		
Average Employment	282	463
Average Weekly Wage	\$387	\$523
Total, Private plus Government		
Average Employment	2,403	3,372
Average Weekly Wage	\$515	\$751

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RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

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
X	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Pat's Peak, Sunapee**

Other: **Antiques**