



NORTH DAKOTA INFORMATION

- North Dakota was ranked the Safest State in the Nation 10 of the last 11 years
- North Dakota ranks #2 in the nation for the most affordable cost of doing business
- North Dakota was named America's friendliest state in 2006 by a Cambridge University study
- AAA named North Dakota America's most affordable vacation

LOCATION

Bowman County is nestled in the southwest corner of North Dakota, bordering both South Dakota and Montana. Neighboring Bowman County are the badlands of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Historic Medora to the north and the breathtaking Black Hills of South Dakota, featuring Mount Rushmore, to the south.

TRANSPORTATION

The city of Bowman is intersected by two major US highways, US Hwy 12 traveling east and west, and the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway, US Hwy 85 traveling north and south. All roads within the county are toll-free roads.

Bowman County is also crossed by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, entering each of the four cities.

From the sky, you can enter the county via the Bowman Municipal Airport, which is a public airport operated by the Bowman County Airport Authority.

POPULATION ESTIMATES (2000 Census)

Bowman County – 3,242
City of Bowman – 1,600
City of Rhame – 189
City of Scranton – 304
City of Gascoyne – 23

In 2008, the population of Bowman County increased by nearly 3%, the largest population increase in the state of North Dakota by the US Census Bureau.



COMMUNITY PROFILE



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For more information about Bowman County and the cities of Bowman, Rhame, Scranton and Gascoyne, please visit www.bowmand.com or call (701)523-5880.

CLIMATE

Elevation: 2,963 ft (City of Bowman)

White Butte, the highest point in North Dakota at an elevation of 3,506 ft is a prominent butte in neighboring Slope County, North Dakota. White Butte is located 20 miles north of Bowman.

Average Summer High: 79 degrees
Average Winter High: 34 degrees

UTILITIES

Water, Sewer and Garbage

Cities of Bowman, Rhame and Scranton

Rural Water

Southwest Water Authority (701) 225-0241

Telephone/Cable/Internet

Midcontinent Communications 1-800-888-1300
Consolidated Telecommunications 1-888-225-5282

Electricity/Natural Gas

Montana-Dakota Utilities 1-800-638-3278
Slope Electric Cooperative (701) 579-4191



HOUSING

Bowman County has an active County Housing Authority and five local real estate agencies.

Average Monthly Rental Rates:

\$250-\$450 apartments
\$500-\$750 homes

Average Home Sale prices in 2008:

2 bedrooms \$62,500
3 bedrooms \$101,444

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

- Bowman County historically has kept one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state of North Dakota, which is low on a national level. In January 2009, Bowman County's unemployment rate was 3.3%.
- Employment in Bowman County is primarily Agriculture, Oil and Gas, Healthcare, Education and Government.
- Oil and Gas is the highest paying industry with the average wage being \$61,082.
- Per capita personal income in Bowman County is on average \$35,966, which is the highest in southwest North Dakota.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Bowman County, for its size, has numerous financial institutions, proving the county and its citizens have a strong financial standing. Within the county, active Main Streets and a full range of businesses are available to serve all your needs.

- 5 Banks, Savings and Lending Institutions
- 8 Securities, Brokers & Investment Agencies
- 12 Insurance Carriers & Agencies
- 3 Tax and Accounting Services



HEALTH CARE

Active citizens are healthy citizens, and Bowman County's Healthcare Facilities offer round the clock service and state-of-the-art technology. The city of Bowman has a critical access hospital with emergency and surgery services available. Also available are several physical therapists, fitness facilities, chiropractors, optometrists and dentists. Newly constructed in 2006 was the Assisted Living Facility and updated senior independent living apartments/nursing home complex.

EDUCATION

Education is a top priority in Bowman County. With a low 10:1 student to teacher ratio county-wide, every student has an opportunity to succeed. Bowman County has two high schools, two middle schools, three elementary schools, three kindergartens and a number of preschools. Bowman County Schools offer state-of-the-art technology and unique learning experiences.

Educational and athletic facilities are continually updated including a new track and football stadium at Bowman County High School. Several opportunities are available for extracurricular activities including basketball, football, track, cross-country, wrestling, volleyball, music, speech, FFA and more.

PUBLIC RECREATION

Bowman County offers a wide range of recreation options including two golf courses, eight public parks, campgrounds, Olympic size swimming pool, skate park, bark park, baseball fields, volleyball, tennis and basketball courts. Newly constructed walking paths, a bowling alley, movie theatre and indoor/outdoor riding arenas are also available year round.

