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Bogota, New Jersey

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Bogota is a borough in Bergen County, New Jersey, United States. As of the 2010 United States Census, the borough's population was 8,187,^{[9][10][11]} reflecting a decline of 62 (-0.8%) from the 8,249 counted in the 2000 Census, which had in turn increased by 425 (+5.4%) from the 7,824 counted in the 1990 Census.^[20]

Bogota was formed on November 14, 1894, from portions of Ridgfield Township, based on the results of a referendum held that day.^[21] The borough was formed during the "Boroughitis" phenomenon then sweeping through Bergen County, in which 26 boroughs were formed in the county in 1894 alone.^[22] Portions of Bogota were taken in 1895 to form part of the newly created Township of Teaneck. Bogota was named in honor of the Bogert family, which had been the first to occupy the area,^[23] and may also be a portmanteau of Bogert and Banta, another early family, with an "O" added to ease pronunciation.^{[24][25][26]}

The borough's name is pronounced /bəˈɡoʊtə/ *buh-**GO**-ta*, unlike Bogotá, capital city of Colombia, whose name is accented on the final syllable.^{[25][27]} Coincidentally, 1.54% of Bogota's residents are from Colombia.^[28]

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Geography

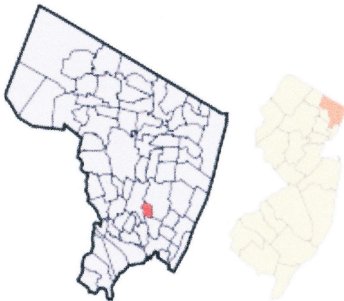
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Borough

Borough of Bogota



Bogota Borough Hall



Map highlighting Bogota's location within Bergen County. Inset: Bergen County's location within New Jersey



Census Bureau map of Bogota, New Jersey

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Country	 United States
State	 New Jersey
County	Bergen
Incorporated	November 14, 1894
Named for	Bogert / Banta families
Government ^[7]	

the Garden State Parkway and other portions of the area's transportation network. There are several bridges, including the Court Street Bridge, that span the Hackensack River to Hackensack.

Public transportation

Several New Jersey Transit bus lines travel through Bogota between Hackensack, Jersey City, Paramus and New York City. New Jersey Transit bus service is available to and from the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Midtown Manhattan on the 155 and 168 routes; to the George Washington Bridge Bus Station on the 182 route; and to other New Jersey communities served on the 83 (to Jersey City), 751 and 755 routes.^[106]

There is no passenger rail service, but the right of way for freight lines of New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad and the CSX River Subdivision (formerly the West Shore Railroad) run along the riverbank on the west side of town.

Popular culture

The 2005 documentary film *Anytown, USA* focused on the 2003 mayoral race between Republican Steve Lonegan, Democrat Fred Pesce and independent Dave Musikant.^[56] The film was screened at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Film Festival on April 9, 2005, where it won the award for Best Documentary.^[107]

Notable people

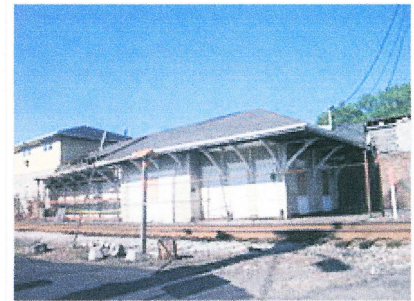
See also: Category:People from Bogota, New Jersey.

People who were born in, residents of, or otherwise closely associated with Bogota include:

- Jimmy Gnecco (born 1973), musician from the Ours.^[108]
- Steve Lonegan (born 1956), conservative activist who served for 12 years as Mayor of Bogota and was candidate for Governor of New Jersey in 2005 and 2009, and was the 2013 U.S. Senate candidate in an off-year election to replace the deceased Frank Lautenberg.^[109]
- Norman Pittenger (1905-1997), Anglican theologian who was one of the first acknowledged Christian defenders for the open acceptance of homosexual relations among Christians.^[110]
- Stanley Foster Reed (1917–2007), entrepreneur.^[111]
- Pat Schuber, served for four years as Mayor of Bogota, represented the district in the New Jersey General Assembly from 1982 to 1990 and served 12 years as the County Executive of Bergen County.^[112]
- Vin Scully (born 1927), sportscaster for the Los Angeles Dodgers.^[113]

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The former New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad station, as seen in August 2011, has since been integrated into a nearby building

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, *The Record (Bergen County)*, June 17, 2005. Accessed August 27, 2013. "The reason Bogota is called buh-GO-ta - and not the South American sounding bo-go-TA - is that the word has nothing to do with Colombia or its capital, Bogota. The 'Bog' recalls the Bogarts and the 'ta' is for the Bantas, two families that used to own all of what is now Bogota. 'Or so the story goes,' Henry Komorowski, the borough historian, said dryly. In any case, the story explains the first syllable and the last. But what about that 'O' in the middle? It might have come about as a means of making pronunciation easier, Komorowski said."