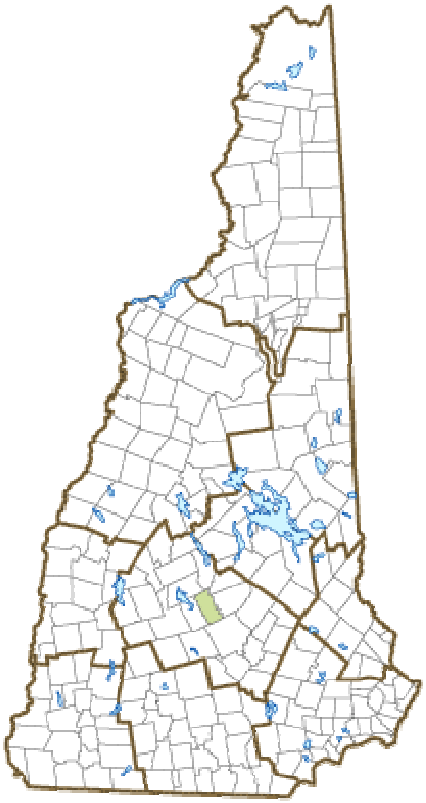
Boscawen, NH



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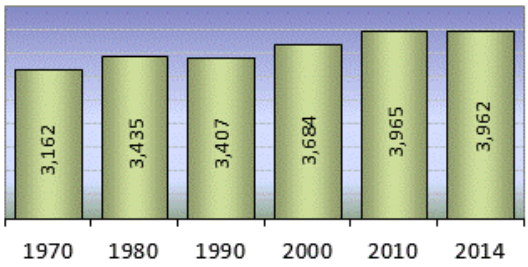
Municipal Office Hours	**Selectmen: Wednesday, 4:30 pm - 6 pm; TClerk, TCollector: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30 am - 11 am, 12 noon - 4:30 pm, Thursday, 8:30 am - 11 am, 12 noon - 5:30 pm**
County	**Merrimack**
Labor Market Area	**Concord, NH Micropolitan NECTA**
Tourism Region	**Merrimack Valley**
Planning Commission	**Central NH Regional**
Regional Development	**Capital Regional Development Council**
Election Districts	
US Congress	**District 2**
Executive Council	**District 2**
State Senate	**District 7**
State Representative	**Merrimack County Districts 8, 26**

Incorporated: 1760

Origin: This community was originally granted in 1732 as Contoocook, after the river of the same name. In 1760, the town was incorporated as Boscawen, in honor of an English admiral, Edward Boscawen, who fought under General Amherst in the conquest of Canada. Admiral Boscawen was responsible for the capture of the fortress at Louisbourg, Nova Scotia. The Contoocook Fort on the Merrimack, one of the first log forts constructed for protection against the Indians, was built here in 1739. In July 1997, the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery was established by legislature in Boscawen on 104 acres previously used as a state forest.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,108 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Boscawen totaled 1,781 over 54 years, from 2,181 in 1960 to 3,962 in 2014. The largest decennial percent change was between 1960 and 1970, when the population increased by 45 percent. The 2014 Census estimate for Boscawen was 3,962 residents, which ranked 95th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2014 *(US Census Bureau)***:** 159.4 persons per square mile of land area. Boscawen contains 24.9 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.

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Municipal Services

Type of Government	**Selectmen**
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2015	**$3,710,281**
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Zoning Ordinance	**1973/10**
Master Plan	**2002**
Capital Improvement Plan	**Yes**
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	**Planning Board/CNHRPC**

Boards and Commissions

Elected: **Selectmen; Library; Town Clerk**

Appointed: **Planning; Zoning; Budget; Conservation; Parks & Recreation; Public Works; AG Comm; Police Comm**

Public Library **Boscawen Public**

Emergency Services

Police Department	**Full-time**
Fire Department	**Part-time & volunteer**
Emergency Medical Service	**Private, part-time & volunteer**

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Concord Hospital, Concord	**8 miles**	**237**

Utilities

Electric Supplier	**Unitil**
Natural Gas Supplier	**Liberty Utilities**
Water Supplier	**Penacook/Boscawen Precinct**
Sanitation	**Private septic & municipal**
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	**No**
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	**None**
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	**No**
Recycling Program	**Voluntary**
Telephone Company	**Fairpoint**
Cellular Telephone Access	**Yes**
Cable Television Access	**Yes**
Public Access Television Station	**No**
High Speed Internet Service: Business	**Limited**
Residential	**Limited**

Property Taxes *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

2014 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)	**$28.55**
2014 Equalization Ratio	**99.3**
2014 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)	**$28.10**

2014 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings	**85.1%**
Commercial Land and Buildings	**12.0%**
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	**2.9%**

Housing *(ACS 2010-2014)*

Total Housing Units	**1,400**
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	**905**
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	**151**
Five or More Units in Structure	**122**
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	**222**

Demographics *(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2014	**3,962**	**146,880**
2010	**3,965**	**146,445**
2000	**3,684**	**136,716**
1990	**3,407**	**120,618**
1980	**3,435**	**98,302**
1970	**3,162**	**80,925**

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014

Population by Gender

Male	**1,898**	Female	**2,064**

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	**276**
Age 5 to 19	**614**
Age 20 to 34	**821**
Age 35 to 54	**936**
Age 55 to 64	**501**
Age 65 and over	**814**
Median Age	**42.7 years**

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	**89.3%**
Bachelor's degree or higher	**14.8%**

Income, Inflation Adjusted $ *(ACS 2010-2014)*

Per capita income	**$24,875**
Median family income	**$60,972**
Median household income	**$54,623**
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	**$42,275**
Female	**$43,954**
Individuals below the poverty level	**15.8%**

Labor Force *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average	2004	2014
Civilian labor force	**1,847**	**1,901**
Employed	**1,783**	**1,822**
Unemployed	**64**	**79**
Unemployment rate	**3.5%**	**4.2%**

Employment & Wages *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	2004	2014
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	**278**	**271**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 870**	**$1,036**
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	**440**	**405**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 577**	**$ 758**
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	**718**	**676**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 690**	**$ 869**
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	**63**	**775**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 568**	**$ 756**
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	**781**	**1,450**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 681**	**$ 809**

Education and Child Care

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Merrimack Valley Regional (Andover, Boscawen, Loudon, Penacook, Salisbury, Webster)** District: **SAU 46**

Career Technology Center(s): **Concord Regional Technical Center** Region: **11**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	**1**			
Grade Levels	**P K 1-5**			
Total Enrollment	**248**			

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Northeast Catholic College; New England; UNH School of Law**

2015 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **95**

Largest Businesses	Product/Service	Employees	Established
Merrimack County Nursing Home & Jail	Nursing home, correctional facility	450	1800
Elektrisola, Inc.	Copper magnet wire	189	1976
National Lumber	Retail building materials & contractor sales	150	1933
Ross Express	Trucking firm	60	1947
Alan's Restaurant	Restaurant & catering	37	1984
Town of Boscawen	Municipal services	24	1733
KSD	Custom windows, doors	15	1989
Colby Lumber Company	Soft, hardwood lumber	12	1947
All States Asphalt	Sales & application of liquid asphalt	10	1956

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

Transportation *(distances estimated from city/town hall)*

Road Access	US Routes	**3, 4**
	State Routes	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		**I-93, Exit 17**
	Distance	**2 miles**
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 **29 miles**

Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **4**

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, NH	**25 miles**
Portland, Maine	**117 miles**
Boston, Mass.	**76 miles**
New York City, NY	**281 miles**
Montreal, Quebec	**249 miles**

Commuting to Work *(ACS 2010-2014)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	**84.7%**
Carpooled, car/truck/van	**7.3%**
Public transportation	**0.0%**
Walked	**2.4%**
Other means	**1.1%**
Worked at home	**4.4%**
Mean Travel Time to Work	**26.2 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2010-2014

Working in community of residence	**21.3**
Commuting to another NH community	**78.2**
Commuting out-of-state	**0.5**

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
X	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Gunstock**

Other: **Hannah Dustin Memorial; River Canoeing; NH State Veterens Cemetery; Merrimack County Facilities; Seasonal farm stands; Community Garden; Rail Trail**