

# Boscawen, NH



## Community Contact

## Town of Boscawen

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Town Administrator: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 9-5, Thursday, 10-6; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday to Wednesday, 8:30-4:30, Thursday, 8:30-5:30; Planning: Monday to Thursday, 8:30-4:30**

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Merrimack  
Concord, NH Micropolitan NECTA  
Merrimack Valley  
Central NH Regional  
Capital Regional Development Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

**District 2  
District 2  
District 7  
Merrimack County Districts 1, 26**

**Incorporated:** 1760

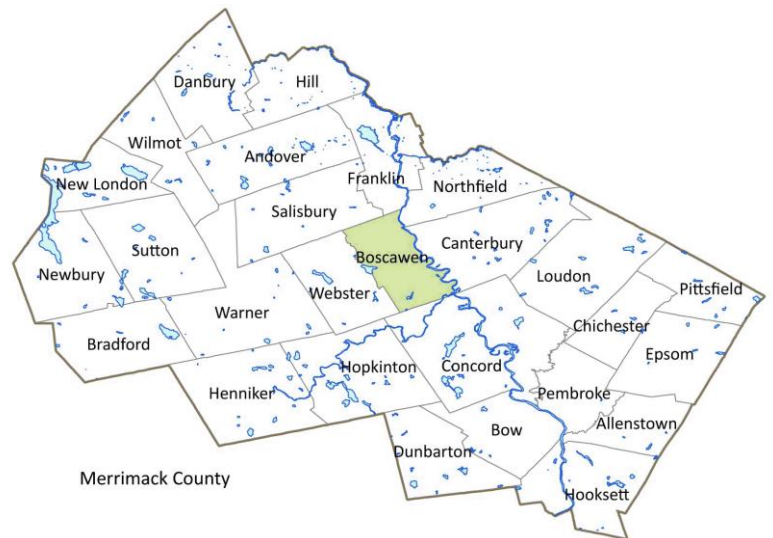
**Origin:** This community was originally granted in 1732 as Contoocook, after the river of the same name. In 1760, the town was incorporated as Boscawen, in honor of an English admiral, Edward Boscawen, who fought under General Amherst in the conquest of Canada. Admiral Boscawen was responsible for 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 783 over 50 years, from 3,162 in 1970 to 3,945 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a nine percent increase from 1970 to 1980; and by eight percent from 1990 to 2000 and 2000 to 2010. The town's population declined by one percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Boscawen was 4,045 residents, which ranked 97th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 162.7 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.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>		
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023	<b>\$4,863,268</b>	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	<b>\$8,108,493</b>	
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1973/22</b>	
Master Plan	<b>2021</b>	
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board/CNHRPC</b>	
Boards and Commissions		
Elected:	<b>Selectboard; Library; Town Clerk; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Treasurer</b>	
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Budget; Conservation; Parks &amp; Recreation; energy; Beautification; Economic Development; Agriculture; Police Advisory</b>	
Public Library	<b>Boscawen Public</b>	
<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>		
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>	
Fire Department	<b>Part-time &amp; volunteer</b>	
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Private, part-time &amp; volunteer</b>	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Concord Hospital, Concord</b>	<b>8 miles</b>	<b>236</b>
<b>UTILITIES</b>		
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource; Unitil</b>	
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>Liberty Utilities</b>	
Water Supplier	<b>Penacook/Boscawen Precinct</b>	
Sanitation	<b>Private septic &amp; municipal</b>	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>	
Solid Waste Disposal		
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>	
Recycling Program	<b>Voluntary</b>	
Telephone Company	<b>AT&amp;T; Consolidated; Comcast</b>	
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>	
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>	
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>Limited</b>
	Residential	<b>Limited</b>
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>		
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$30.97</b>	
2022 Equalization Ratio	<b>68.0</b>	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$20.98</b>	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>86.0%</b>	
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>10.4%</b>	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>3.7%</b>	
<b>HOUSING</b> <i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>		
Total Housing Units	<b>1,475</b>	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>1,109</b>	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>94</b>	
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>151</b>	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>121</b>	

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2022	<b>4,045</b>	<b>156,020</b>	
2020	<b>3,998</b>	<b>153,808</b>	
2010	<b>3,965</b>	<b>146,445</b>	
2000	<b>3,684</b>	<b>136,716</b>	
1990	<b>3,407</b>	<b>120,618</b>	
1980	<b>3,435</b>	<b>98,302</b>	
<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>1,966</b>	Female	<b>1,981</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>171</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>713</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>567</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>1,070</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>485</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>941</b>
Median Age			<b>44.6 years</b>
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: <b>2,874</b>			
High school graduate or higher			<b>92.9%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher			<b>21.8%</b>
<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		<i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Per capita income			<b>\$31,990</b>
Median family income			<b>\$87,375</b>
Median household income			<b>\$79,691</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			<b>\$59,801</b>
Female			<b>\$48,750</b>
Individuals below the poverty level			<b>7.8%</b>
<b>LABOR FORCE</b> <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average	2012	2022	
Civilian labor force	<b>1,912</b>	<b>1,912</b>	
Employed	<b>1,807</b>	<b>1,870</b>	
Unemployed	<b>105</b>	<b>42</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	
<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>255</b>	<b>351</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 992</b>	<b>\$1,297</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>409</b>	<b>363</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 732</b>	<b>\$ 964</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>664</b>	<b>714</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 832</b>	<b>\$1,127</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>754</b>	<b>550</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 715</b>	<b>\$1,033</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>1,418</b>	<b>1,264</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 770</b>	<b>\$1,086</b>	
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**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**

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	235			

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Magdalen College; New England; UNH School of Law; Granite State**

2022 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	481	1800
Elektrisola, Inc.	Copper magnet wire	223	1976
Ross Express	Trucking firm	60	1947
Kentek	Laser Safety Eyeware	41	1983
Alan's Restaurant	Restaurant & catering	34	1984
KSD	Custom windows, doors	27	1989
Town of Boscawen	Municipal services	24	1733
VCA Riverside Veterinary Hospital	Veterinary Services	24	1988
Huckleberry Propane & Oil	Home Heating Services	24	2001
Black Forest Nursery	Plants and Landscaping Services	29	1976

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		<b>3, 4</b>
	State Routes		
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-93, Exit 17</b>	
	Distance		<b>2 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>Boston &amp; Maine</b>	
Public Transportation			<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
<b>Concord Municipal</b>	Runway	<b>6,005 ft. asphalt</b>	
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance		<b>29 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport			<b>4</b>
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH			<b>25 miles</b>
Portland, Maine			<b>118 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.			<b>76 miles</b>
New York City, NY			<b>272 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec			<b>249 miles</b>
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			<b>85.9%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van			<b>5.5%</b>
Public transportation			<b>0.0%</b>
Walked			<b>0.5%</b>
Other means			<b>0.0%</b>
Worked at home			<b>8.1%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work			<b>29.1 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents			
Working in community of residence			<b>16.9%</b>
Commuting to another NH community			<b>79.6%</b>
Commuting out-of-state			<b>3.5%</b>

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
	Cinemas
<b>X</b>	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Gunstock</b>
	Other: <b>Hannah Dustin Memorial; River Canoeing; NH State Veterans Cemetery; Merrimack County Facilities; Seasonal farm stands; Community Garden; Rail Trail</b>