Boscawen, NH

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 864 over 49 years, from 3,162 in 1970 to 4,026 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was between 1970 and 1980, when the population increased by 8.6 percent. The 2019 Census estimate for Boscawen was 4,026 residents, which ranked 95th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 161.9 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.
**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

- **Type of Government**: Selectmen
- **Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018**: $4,072,176
- **Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018**: $4,488,078
- **Zoning Ordinance**: 1973/18
- **Master Plan**: 2018
- **Capital Improvement Plan**: Yes
- **Industrial Plans Reviewed By**: Planning Board/CNHRPC

**Boards and Commissions**
- **Elected**: Selectmen; Library; Town Clerk; Cemetery
- **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

**Sanitation**

- **Private Septic & Municipal**

**Utilities**

- **Electric Supplier**: Unitil
- **Natural Gas Supplier**: Liberty Utilities
- **Water Supplier**: Penacook/Boscawen Precinct

**Sanitation**

- **Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant**: No
- **Solid Waste Disposal**: Curbside Trash Pickup:
  - None
- **Pay-As-You-Throw Program**: No
- **Recycling Program**: Voluntary

**Telecommunications**

- **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)**
  - 2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $28.12
  - 2019 Equalization Ratio: 95.8
  - 2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $26.44

- **2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type**
  - Residential Land and Buildings: 85.3%
  - Commercial Land and Buildings: 10.8%
  - Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 3.9%

**HOUSING**

- **(ACS 2015-2019)**
  - Total Housing Units: 1,513
  - Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached: 1,014
  - Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
    - Two to Four Units in Structure: 183
    - Five or More Units in Structure: 170
    - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 146

**POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)**

- **(US Census Bureau)**
  - Total Population

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

- **AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019**
  - Population by Gender
    - Male: 1,851, Female: 2,153
  - Population by Age Group
    - Under age 5: 181, Age 5 to 19: 709, Age 20 to 34: 536, Age 35 to 54: 1,144, Age 55 to 64: 581, Age 65 and over: 853
    - Median Age: 44.7 years
  - Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over
    - High school graduate or higher: 89.2%, Bachelor’s degree or higher: 18.6%

**INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED $$**

- **(ACS 2015-2019)**
  - Per capita income: $29,733
  - Median family income: $82,330
  - Median household income: $74,500

  - Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
    - Male: $59,840, Female: $44,792

  - Individuals below the poverty level: 3.5%

**LABOR FORCE**

- **(NHES – ELMI)**
  - Annual Average
    - 2009: 2,012, 2019: 2,171
    - Civilian labor force: 1,871, 1,919
    - Employed: 1,144, 1,144
    - Unemployed: 141, 52
    - Unemployment rate: 7.0%, 2.6%

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

- **(NHES – ELMI)**
  - Annual Average Covered Employment
    - 2009: 241, 2019: 294
    - Goods Producing Industries
      - Average Employment: 241, Average Weekly Wage: $927
      - Average Weekly Wage: $1,212
    - Service Providing Industries
      - Average Employment: 338, Average Weekly Wage: $597
      - Average Weekly Wage: $848
    - Total Private Industry
      - Average Employment: 578, Average Weekly Wage: $734
      - Average Weekly Wage: $1,016
    - Government (Federal, State, and Local)
      - Average Employment: 792, Average Weekly Wage: $703
      - Average Weekly Wage: $839
    - Total, Private Industry plus Government
      - Average Employment: 1,307, Average Weekly Wage: $716
      - Average Weekly Wage: $922

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Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, January 2021. Community Response Received 5/22/2018
**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Grades K-12 are part of Merrimack Valley Regional (Andover, Boscawen, Loudon, Penacook, Salisbury, Webster)  
Career Technology Center(s): Concord Regional Technical Center  
District: SAU 46  
Region: 11

**EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES (INCLUDES CHARTER SCHOOLS)**

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Nearest Community College: NHTI-Concord  
Nearest Colleges or Universities: Northeast Catholic College; New England; UNH School of Law

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)  
Total Facilities: 2  
Total Capacity: 95

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**

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<td>Elektrisola, Inc.</td>
<td>Copper magnet wire</td>
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<td>Trucking firm</td>
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<td>Alan's Restaurant</td>
<td>Restaurant &amp; catering</td>
<td>37</td>
<td>1984</td>
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<td>Town of Boscawen</td>
<td>Municipal services</td>
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<td>1733</td>
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<td>National Lumber</td>
<td>Retail building materials &amp; contractor sales</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>1933</td>
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<td>KSD</td>
<td>Custom windows, doors</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>1989</td>
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<td>Colby Lumber Company</td>
<td>Soft, hardwood lumber</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>All States Asphalt</td>
<td>Sales &amp; application of liquid asphalt</td>
<td>10</td>
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**COMMITTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)**

- Workers 16 years and over:
  - Drove alone, car/truck/van: 80.3%
  - Carpoled, car/truck/van: 7.6%
  - Public transportation: 0.0%
  - Walked: 2.6%
  - Other means: 8.9%
  - Worked at home: 2.7%
- Mean Travel Time to Work: 27.0 minutes

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

- Municipal Parks
- YMCA/YWCA
- Boys Club/Girls Club
- Golf Courses
- Swimming: Indoor Facility
- Swimming: Outdoor Facility
- Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
- Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
- Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
- Bowling Facilities
- Museums
- Cinemas
- Performing Arts Facilities
- Tourist Attractions
- Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
- Youth Sports: Baseball
- Youth Sports: Soccer
- Youth Sports: Football
- Youth Sports: Basketball
- Youth Sports: Hockey
- Campgrounds
- Fishing/Hunting
- Boating/Marinas
- Snowmobile Trails
- 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 Veterans Cemetery; Merrimack County Facilities; Seasonal farm stands; Community Garden; Rail Trail