

Boscawen, NH



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Town of Boscawen

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Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen: Wednesday, 4:30 pm - 6 pm; TClerk, TCollector:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm,
Thursday, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm; Plan & Community Dev Office:
Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm;
closed daily, 12 noon – 1 pm

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 8, 26

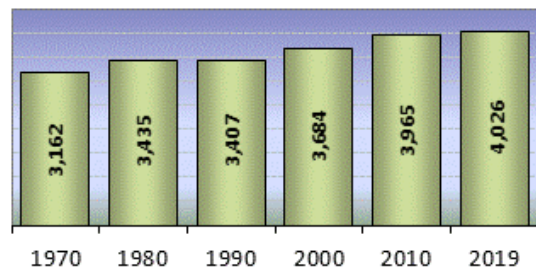
Incorporated: 1760

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 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		
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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		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Concord Hospital, Concord	8 miles	245	
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	None		
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)			
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$28.12		
2019 Equalization Ratio	95.9		
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	Community	County	
2019	4,026	151,391	
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) 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 – ELMII)			
Annual Average	2009	2019	
Civilian labor force	2,012	1,971	
Employed	1,871	1,919	
Unemployed	141	52	
Unemployment rate	7.0%	2.6%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	241	294	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 927	\$1,212	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	338	342	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 597	\$ 848	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	578	635	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 734	\$1,016	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	729	720	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 703	\$ 839	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	1,307	1,356	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 716	\$ 922	

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Merrimack Valley Regional (Andover, Boscowen, 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 **250**

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	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Merrimack County Nursing Home & Jail	Nursing home, correctional facility	827	1800
Elektrisola, Inc.	Copper magnet wire	185	1976
Ross Express	Trucking firm	60	1947
Alan's Restaurant	Restaurant & catering	37	1984
Town of Boscowen	Municipal services	24	1733
National Lumber	Retail building materials & contractor sales	20	1933
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			118 miles
Boston, Mass.			76 miles
New York City, NY			272 miles
Montreal, Quebec			249 miles
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			80.3%
Carpooled, 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
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019			
Working in community of residence			7.7
Commuting to another NH community			89.6
Commuting out-of-state			2.7

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
X	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	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