Boscawen, NH

Community Contact
Boscawen Municipal Office
Alan H. Hardy, Co-Administrator
116 North Main Street
Boscawen, NH 03303

Telephone
(603) 753-9188 x305
Fax
(603) 753-9184
E-mail
ahardy@townofboscawen.org
Website
www.townofboscawen.org

Municipal Office Hours
Selectmen: Wednesday, 4:30 pm - 6 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Thursday, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm; Planning & Community Development Office: Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm; closed daily, 12 noon – 1 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
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 1,901 over 58 years, from 2,181 in 1960 to 4,082 in 2018. The largest decennial percent change was between 1960 and 1970, when the population increased by 45 percent. The 2018 Census estimate for Boscawen was 4,082 residents, which ranked 95th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2018 (US Census Bureau): 164.2 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

Nearest Hospital(s): Concord Hospital, Concord
Distance: 8 miles
Staffed Beds: 245

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier: Unutil
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
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**

(ACS 2014-2018)

2018 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $29.97
2018 Equalization Ratio: 88.2
2018 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $26.28

2018 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type
- Residential Land and Buildings: 84.9%
- Commercial Land and Buildings: 12.2%
- Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 3.2%

**HOUSING**

(ACS 2014-2018)

Total Housing Units: 1,497
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached: 1,062
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
- Two to Four Units in Structure: 152
- Five or More Units in Structure: 142
- Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 141

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

(ACS 2014-2018)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Population</th>
<th>Community</th>
<th>County</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2018</td>
<td>4,082</td>
<td>151,132</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2017</td>
<td>3,965</td>
<td>146,445</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2016</td>
<td>3,684</td>
<td>136,716</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2015</td>
<td>3,407</td>
<td>120,618</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2014</td>
<td>3,435</td>
<td>98,302</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2013</td>
<td>3,162</td>
<td>80,925</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(ACS 2014-2018)

Population by Gender
- Male: 1,871
- Female: 2,158

Population by Age Group
- Under age 5: 220
- Age 5 to 19: 730
- Age 20 to 34: 629
- Age 35 to 54: 1,069
- Age 55 to 64: 511
- Age 65 and over: 870
- Median Age: 42.9 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over
- High school graduate or higher: 89.1%
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 17.3%

**INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED $**

(ACS 2014-2018)

- Per capita income: $27,546
- Median family income: $75,000
- Median household income: $71,566

- Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
  - Male: $54,590
  - Female: $43,558

- Individuals below the poverty level: 7.6%

**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES – ELM)

Annual Average
- 2008: 2018
- Civilian labor force: 1,980
- 1,939
- Employed: 1,890
- 1,893
- Unemployed: 90
- 46
- Unemployment rate: 4.5%
- 2.4%

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES – ELM)

Annual Average Covered Employment
- 2008: 2018
- Goods Producing Industries
  - Average Employment: 244
  - Average Weekly Wage: $ 932
- Service Providing Industries
  - Average Employment: 351
  - Average Weekly Wage: $ 583
- Total Private Industry
  - Average Employment: 595
  - Average Weekly Wage: $ 726
- Government (Federal, State, and Local)
  - Average Employment: 76
  - Average Weekly Wage: $ 649
- Total, Private Industry plus Government
  - Average Employment: 670
  - Average Weekly Wage: $ 717

**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)  
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**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>BUSINESS</th>
<th>PRODUCT/SERVICE</th>
<th>EMPLOYEES</th>
<th>ESTABLISHED</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Merrimack County Nursing Home &amp; Jail</td>
<td>Nursing home, correctional facility</td>
<td>827</td>
<td>1800</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elektrisola, Inc.</td>
<td>Copper magnet wire</td>
<td>185</td>
<td>1976</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ross Express</td>
<td>Trucking firm</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>1947</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alan's Restaurant</td>
<td>Restaurant &amp; catering</td>
<td>37</td>
<td>1984</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Town of Boscawen</td>
<td>Municipal services</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>1733</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>National Lumber</td>
<td>Retail building materials &amp; contractor sales</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>1933</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KSD</td>
<td>Custom windows, doors</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>1989</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Colby Lumber Company</td>
<td>Soft, hardwood lumber</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>1947</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>All States Asphalt</td>
<td>Sales &amp; application of liquid asphalt</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>1956</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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**

Workers 16 years and over  
Drove alone, car/truck/van 76.8%  
Carpooled, car/truck/van 10.2%  
Public transportation 0.0%  
Walked 2.5%  
Other means 10.6%  
Worked at home 5.1%

Mean Travel Time to Work 26.7 minutes

**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  
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