

Boscawen, NH



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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
 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

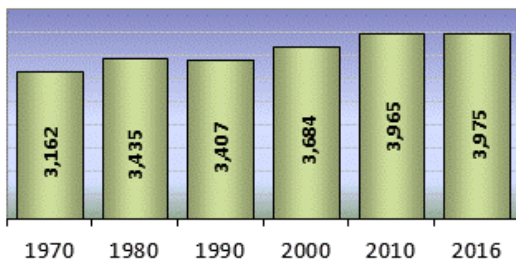
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Incorporated: 1760

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 1,794 over 56 years, from 2,181 in 1960 to 3,975 in 2016. The largest decennial percent change was between 1960 and 1970, when the population increased by 45 percent. The 2016 Census estimate for Boscawen was 3,975 residents, which ranked 94th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2016 (US Census Bureau): 159.9 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, 2017	\$3,929,847
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Zoning Ordinance	1973/17
Master Plan	2002
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	242

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)	
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$28.61
2016 Equalization Ratio	92.6
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$26.27
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	84.7%
Commercial Land and Buildings	12.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.3%

HOUSING (ACS 2012-2016)	
Total Housing Units	1,381
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	823
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	171
Five or More Units in Structure	123
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	264

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2016	3,975	148,582
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) 2012-2016			
Population by Gender			
Male	1,814	Female	2,151
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			289
Age 5 to 19			664
Age 20 to 34			826
Age 35 to 54			822
Age 55 to 64			565
Age 65 and over			799
Median Age			42.3 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			86.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher			14.7%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2012-2016)	
Per capita income	\$24,443
Median family income	\$64,219
Median household income	\$57,235
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$45,625
Female	\$40,000
Individuals below the poverty level	12.7%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average	2006	2016	
Civilian labor force	1,909	1,906	
Employed	1,840	1,854	
Unemployed	69	52	
Unemployment rate	3.6%	2.7%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	246	268	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 917	\$1,085	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	393	451	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 642	\$ 880	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	639	720	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 748	\$ 956	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	70	754	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 589	\$ 763	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	709	1,474	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 732	\$ 857	

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	238			

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**

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

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **104**

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 Boscawen	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

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

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2012-2016)	
Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	77.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	8.8%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	3.8%
Other means	5.7%
Worked at home	4.3%
Mean Travel Time to Work	26.5 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016	
Working in community of residence	17.2
Commuting to another NH community	81.8
Commuting out-of-state	1.0