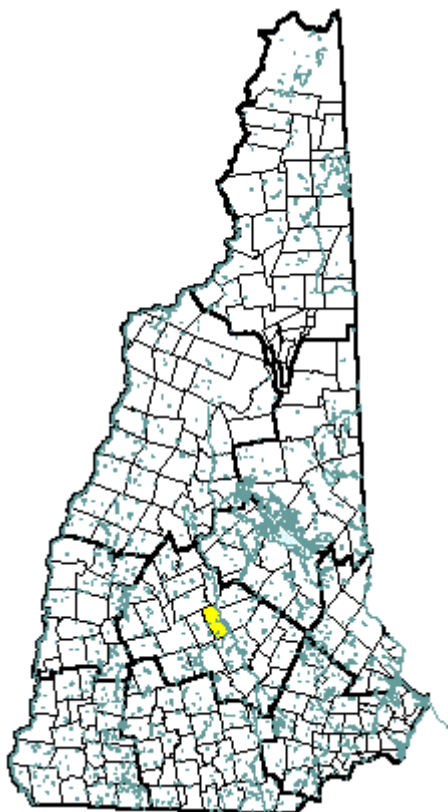


# Boscawen, NH



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Municipal Office Hours **Selectmen/Town Office: Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 11 am and 12 noon - 4:30 pm; Town Clerk: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8 am - 11 am and 12 noon - 4:30 pm, Wednesday, 8 am - 11 am and 12 noon - 6 pm, Friday, 8 am - 11 am; Tax Collector: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8 am - 11 am and 12 noon - 4:30 pm, Friday, 8 am - 11 am**

County **Merrimack**  
 Labor Market Area **Concord NH Micro-NECTA**  
 Tourism Region **Merrimack Valley**  
 Planning Commission **Central NH Regional**  
 Regional Development **Capital Regional Development Council**

Election Districts  
 US Congress **District 2**  
 Executive Council **District 2**  
 State Senate **District 7**  
 State Representative **Merrimack County District 6**

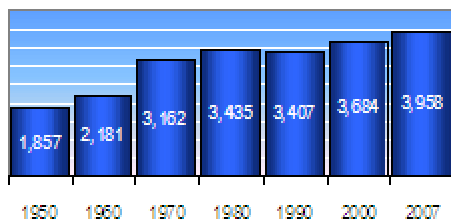
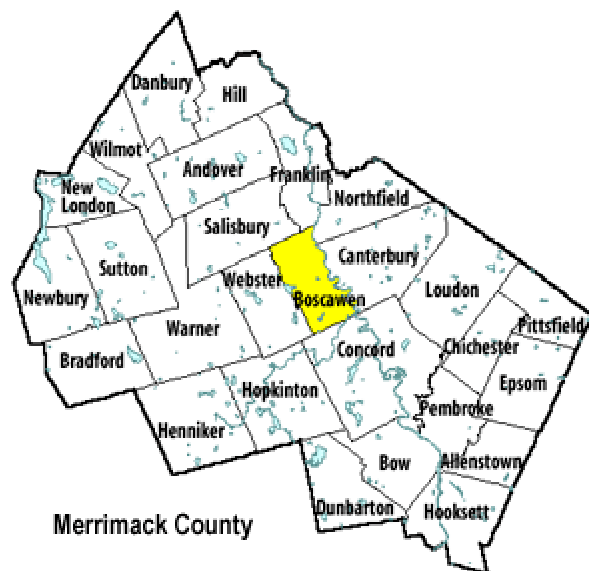
**Incorporated:** 1760

**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 1,827, from 1,857 in 1950 to 3,684 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was between 1960 and 1970, when the population increased by 45 percent, accounting for over half of



the 50-year numeric increase. The 2007 Census estimate for Boscawen was 3,958 residents, which ranked 95th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area** (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 157.7 persons per square mile of land area. Boscawen contains 24.8 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, 2008. Community Response Received 08/01/08

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**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2008	<b>\$3,311,794</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2008	<b>\$4,227,982</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1973/08</b>
Master Plan	<b>2002</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board/CNHRPC</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Library</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Library; Conservation; Police; Parks &amp; Recreation; Public Works</b>

Public Library **Boscawen Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>
Town Fire Insurance Rating	<b>6/9</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 295</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>Unitil</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>National Grid</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	<b>none</b>
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>none</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Voluntary</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint; TDS Telecom</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 Residential
	<b>Limited Limited</b>

**PROPERTY TAXES** (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$19.04</b>
2007 Equalization Ratio	<b>100</b>
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$19.00</b>
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>85.4%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>10.7%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>3.9%</b>

**HOUSING SUPPLY** (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	<b>1,428</b>
2007 Single-Family Units	<b>887</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>5</b>
2007 Multi-Family Units	<b>307</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>0</b>
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	<b>234</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	<b>3,958</b>	<b>148,274</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>
1970	<b>3,162</b>	<b>80,925</b>

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender		
Male	<b>1,761</b>	Female <b>1,911</b>
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		<b>207</b>
Age 5 to 19		<b>730</b>
Age 20 to 34		<b>619</b>
Age 35 to 54		<b>1,120</b>
Age 55 to 64		<b>315</b>
Age 65 and over		<b>681</b>
Median Age		<b>39.4 years</b>

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>79.1%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>15.5%</b>

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	<b>\$18,732</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$45,850</b>
Median household income	<b>\$42,524</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$31,350</b>
Female	<b>\$23,375</b>
Families below the poverty level	<b>5.4%</b>

**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	<b>1,957</b>	<b>1,934</b>
Employed	<b>1,901</b>	<b>1,856</b>
Unemployed	<b>56</b>	<b>78</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>102</b>	<b>247</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$512</b>	<b>\$951</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>226</b>	<b>391</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$392</b>	<b>\$617</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>328</b>	<b>638</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$429</b>	<b>\$747</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>51</b>	<b>73</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$468</b>	<b>\$615</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>378</b>	<b>711</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$434</b>	<b>\$733</b>

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Merrimack Valley Regional (Boscawen, Loudon, Penacook, Salisbury, Webster)** District: **SAU 46**

Career Technology Center(s): **Concord High School; Pembroke Academy** Region: **11**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-5</b>			
Total Enrollment	<b>281</b>			

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Magdalen; New England; Franklin Pierce Law**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Merrimack County Nursing Home & Jail	Nursing home, correctional facility	450	1800
Elektrisola, Inc.	Copper magnet wire	186	1976
National Lumber	Retail building materials & contractor sales	150	1933
Ross Express	Trucking firm	60	1947
Alan's Restaurant	Restaurant & catering	37	1984
Town of Boscawen	Municipal services	24	1733
KSD	Custom windows, doors	15	1989
Colby Lumber Company	Soft, hardwood lumber	12	1947
All States Asphalt	Sales & application of liquid asphalt	10	1956

**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? <b>Yes</b>	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>8</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>24 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>102 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>75 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>275 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>249 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*US Census Bureau*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>80.6%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>16.0%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>0.6%</b>
Other means	<b>0.5%</b>
Worked at home	<b>2.3%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>20.2 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	<b>13%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>86%</b>

Commuting out-of-state **1%**

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	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
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Gunstock</b>
	Other: <b>Hannah Dustin Memorial; River Canoeing</b>