



Boscawen

Incorporated: **1760**

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City/Town Office Hours: **Town Clerk, Monday and Thursday, 8 am – 11 am
and 12 noon – 5 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday,
8 – 11 am and 12 noon – 6:30 pm**

County: **Merrimack**
Labor Market Area: **Concord**
Planning Commission: **Central NH Regional**
Tourism Region: **Merrimack Valley**

Demographics, 2000 Census: From 1990 to 2000, population in Boscawen grew by only 2.4 percent to 3,672, a numeric increase of 86. The median age is 39.4, with 22.9 percent of the population under the age of 18 and 18.5 percent age 65 and older. The total number of households is 1,260, with an average size of 2.57 persons. Of those, 913 are family households, with an average size of 2.97 persons. As of April 1, 2000, there were 1,295 total housing units.

Population density, 2000: 147.9 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.

Origin: Named for an English admiral, Edward Boscawen, who fought under General Amherst in the conquest of Canada. One of the first log forts was located here. The Contoocook Fort on the Merrimack, built in 1739, was used for protection against the Indians. Boscawen includes the village of Gerrish, and is home to the State Veterans Cemetery.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

City/Town Office Hours:

Clerk: MTh 8-11am 12-5pm, TW 8-11am 12-630pm

Type of Government	Selectmen
Annual Budget (2001)	\$1,760,389
Planning Board	Appointed
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Selectmen/Planning Brd.
Zoning	1973/01
Master Plan	1989
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes

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

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	6/9

Emergency Medical Service **Volunteer**

Nearest Hospital(s):

Concord, ConcordDistance: **9 miles** Beds: **188****TAXES**

2001 Total Tax Rate	\$33.20
2001 Equalization Ratio	0.71
2001 Full Value Tax Rate	\$23.05

2001 Property Valuation:	Residential	79.9%
	Commercial	16.6%
	Other	3.5%

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Unitil; PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	EnergyNorth
Water Supplier	Penacook Boscawen Precinct

Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Treatment Plant	No
Curbside Trash Pickup	No
Mandatory Recycling Program	No

Telephone Company	Verizon; Kearsarge
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes

HOUSING**2000**Total Housing Units **1,295**

Single-Family Units	775
Building Permits Issued	12
Multi-Family Units	294
Building Permits Issued	0
Manufactured Housing Units	226

Median Value, Owner-Occupied Housing	\$101,100
Median Gross Rent (monthly)	\$567

DEMOGRAPHICS**(US CENSUS)**

Total Population	Community	County
2000	3,672	136,225
1990	3,586	120,005
1980	3,435	98,302
1970	3,162	80,925

Population by Gender, 2000		
Male	1,761	Female 1,911

Population by Age Group, 2000	
Under age 5	207
Age 5 to 19	730
Age 20 to 34	619
Age 35 to 54	1,120
Age 55 to 64	315
Age 65 and over	681

Median Age **39.4 years**

Total Households	1,251	Ave. Size	2.57 persons
Total Families	908	Ave. Size	2.97 persons

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	79.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	15.5%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**(US CENSUS)**

Per capita income	\$18,732
Median 4-person family income	\$45,850
Median household income	\$42,524

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$31,350
Female	\$23,375

Families below the poverty level **5.4%****TRANSPORTATION**

Road Access	Federal Routes	3, 4
	State Routes	3A
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 17
	Distance	3 miles

Railroad	Boston & Maine
Public Transportation	No

Nearest Airport	Concord
Runway	6,005 feet
Lighted? Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes

Nearest Commercial Airport	Manchester
Distance	27 miles

DISTANCE TO

Manchester, NH	27 miles
Portland, ME	104 miles
Boston, MA	77 miles
New York City, NY	274 miles
Montreal, Quebec	250 miles

EDUCATION/CHILD CARE FACILITIES

	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Primary & Secondary				
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	P-5			
Total Enrollment	294			

If no schools, district students attend: **Merrimack Valley High School, Penacook**
 Regional Career Technology Center(s): **Concord High School; Pembroke Academy**

Distance: **3 miles**
 Region: **11**

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2001: Total Facilities: **5** Total Capacity: **305**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Concord**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Magdalen; New England; Franklin Pierce Law**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Merrimack County Home & Farm	Nursing home, correctional facility	512	1800
Elektrisola, Inc.	Copper magnet wire	225	1976
Steenbeke & Sons Home Centers	Retail building materials	150	1954
Ross Express	Trucking firm	60	
Prototek	Sheet metal parts fabrication	25	1987
KSD	Custom windows, doors	14	1989
Colby Lumber Company	Soft, hardwood lumber	12	1947
Penacook Fibre	Paper board	12	1940
NH Bituminous	Sales & application of liquid asphalt	11	1956

LABOR FORCE

Annual Average	1990	2001
Civilian labor force	1,634	2,080
Employed	1,554	2,013
Unemployed	80	67
Unemployment rate	4.9%	3.2%

COMMUTING TO WORK, 2000 (US CENSUS)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	80.6%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	16.0%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.6%
Other means	0.5%
Worked at home	2.3%

Mean Travel Time to Work **20.2 minutes**

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES 1991 2000

Manufacturing Industries		
Average Employment	n	302
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$875
Non-Manufacturing Industries		
Average Employment	n	381
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$386
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	450	683
Average Weekly Wage	\$416	\$602
Government		
Average Employment	23	52
Average Weekly Wage	\$515	\$530
Total, Private plus Government		
Average Employment	473	734
Average Weekly Wage	\$421	\$597

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Gunstock**

Other: **Hannah Dustin Memorial**