Perham, Minnesota
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC PROFILE

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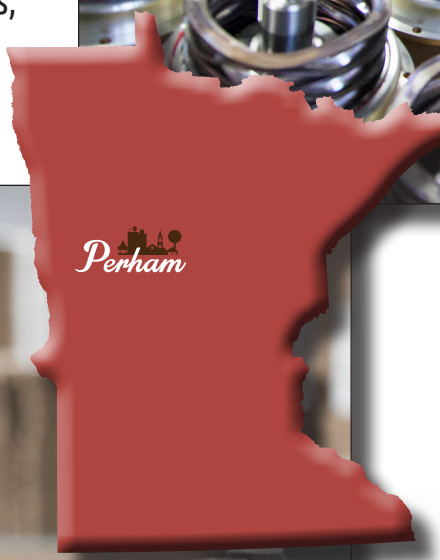

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OVERVIEW

Perham has always been a small town with big ideas. These big ideas combined with a progressive entrepreneurial attitude have helped the community realize a longtime tradition of business growth. Perham also offers the perfect combination of job opportunities in the agriculture, manufacturing, and tourism industries.

Yet the community remains family-friendly due to our high performance, award-winning schools, quality health care, numerous parks and bike trails, Boys & Girls Club, and community center with pool, water slide, weight room, gyms, and more.

Perham offers many of the attractions of big-city life while providing the home-town feel of a smaller community. If you have an idea and want the support of a city that will do what it takes to help you succeed, you have come to the right place in Perham. For more information about the Perham area, please visit our website at www.ProgressivePerham.com.

LOCATION

Perham, Minnesota is located in the heart of the west central lakes area, in the northeast corner of Otter Tail County along US Highway 10, and Minnesota Highways 78 and 108.

Those who live and work here know that Perham is a great place to play. The Perham area features a beautiful 27-hole, championship golf course, various specialty shops, restaurants, and pubs, and offers an abundance of recreational opportunities courtesy of the 1048 lakes and over 140 miles of snowmobile trails in Otter Tail County.

County: Otter Tail
Region: West Central
Distance from Fargo/Moorhead: 65
Distance from Minneapolis: 180
Minnesota Congressional District: 7
Minnesota House District: 08A
Minnesota Senate District: 08

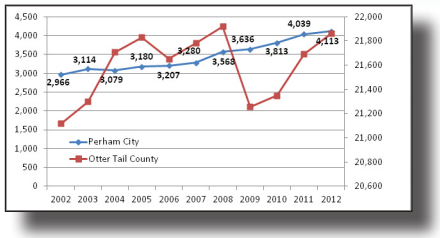
STATISTICAL SUMMARY (as of 2010)

Population: 2,985 (increased to 3,018 in 2012)
Median Age: 41.5
Total Households: 1,304
Total Housing Units: 1,388
Average Household Size: 2.19
Median Household Income: $50,972
Mean travel time to work: 16.5 minutes

EMPLOYMENT

Because of its location, Perham offers the perfect combination of job opportunities in the agriculture, manufacturing, and tourism industries. Employment in Perham grew by 13.6% from 2008 to 2013. For those looking for job opportunities as well as a lower cost of living, Perham delivers. Visit www.ProgressivePerham.com for a current listing of job opportunities in Perham.

JOB GROWTH (annual 2002-2012)



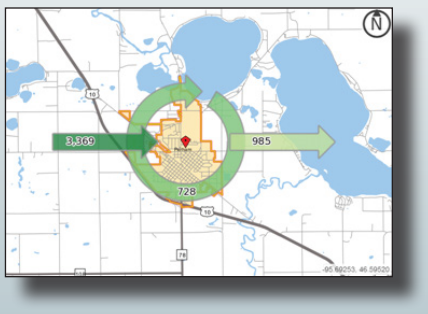
TOP EMPLOYERS

Barrel O' Fun: 829 employees
Perham Health and Perham Living: 465
Tuffy's Pet Foods: 228
Perham-Dent Public School District: 210
Arvig: 180 local (650 company-wide in Minnesota)
Kit Masters: 125
Kenny's Candies: 121
Bongards Creameries: 115
Industrial Finishing Services: 80

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Total, All Industries = 3,886
Manufacturing = 1,460
Education and Health Services = 789
Leisure and Hospitality = 214
Financial Activities = 122
Professional and Business Services = 278
Public Administration = 41
Trade, Transportation and Utilities = 509
Information = 117
Other Services = 63

INFLOW/OUTFLOW JOB COUNTS (as of 2011)



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BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED (2009-2018)

Year	Permits Issued	Total Value
2009	153	$11,191,121
2010	120	$8,346,678
2011	113	$7,332,179
2012	134	$15,039,331
2013	120	$44,910,387
2014	105	$19,971,037
2015	104	$13,377,552
2016	109	$23,115,370
2017	111	$8,738,974
2018	90	$18,878,708

UTILITIES

- Arvig (Telephone, Cable TV, Internet), (218) 346-5500
- Garbage: Waste Management, (218) 847-7577,
- or Steve's Sanitation, (218) 346-4834
- Otter Tail Power Company (Electricity), 218-736-6947
- Perham Natural Gas, (218)346-4455
- Perham Public Works (Water/Wastewater/Recycling), (218)346-4455

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Arvig offers advanced communications services that often exceed communications services available in metro areas. For example, Perham and surrounding communities can receive high-speed Internet with up to 100 Mb in download speeds, and 4G mobile coverage. To learn more about Arvig's Internet, television, and telephone services, call (218) 346-5500 or visit www.Arvig.com.

HOUSING

The Perham area has added over 102 rental units in the past five years and has over 80 build-ready residential lots. Housing incentives include down payment assistance, tax increment financing, and utility discounts. For additional housing information please visit www.ProgressivePerham.com.

AIRPORT

The Perham Municipal Airport is located two miles northwest of Perham on County Road 80. For more information, call (218) 346-5242 or (218) 346-4455.

HEALTH CARE

Whether it's your first baby, an innovative new surgery, physical therapy in your home, or a caring community for your loved one, expect the highest level of care at Perham Living and Perham Health.

Our new facility, which opened in January 2012, allows our network of medical specialists to focus on patient and family-centered environments and care. This $35 million, critical care facility has helped to put Perham Health Hospital and Clinic at the forefront of the health care industry.

Perham Living was also rated a Best Nursing Home in Minnesota by U.S. News & World Report, after earning a five-star, highest-overall rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the federal agency that sets the standards for nursing homes.

Call (218) 347-4500, visit in person at 1000 Coney Street West, Perham, MN, or visit online at www.perhamhealth.org.

BANKING

- Bremer Bank, 801 Market Street, PO Box 370, Perham, MN 56573, (218) 346-1300, www.Bremer.com
- Central Minnesota Credit Union, 108 Judd Street Perham, MN 56573, (218) 346-4450, www.myCMCU.org
- United Community Bank, 301 West Main St., Perham, MN 56573, (218) 346-5700, www.ucbankmn.com

RECREATION

Those who live and work here know that Perham is a great place to play. The Perham area features a beautiful 27-hole, championship golf course, a 66,000 square foot Community Center, three parks which include sand court volleyball, four softball fields, three Little League fields, soccer fields, and disc golf, two local bike trails, Pioneer Village (historic structures), and a skateboard park.

All this, in addition to various specialty shops, restaurants, and pubs, result in an abundance of recreational opportunities surrounded by the 1048 lakes and over 140 miles of snowmobile trails in Otter Tail County. Visit www.ProgressivePerham.com or www.Perham.com for additional recreational opportunities in the Perham area.

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DAYCARE PROVIDERS

The Perham area has several, reputable child care facilities. Visit www.ProgressivePerham.com for a complete listing of East Otter Tail Professional Childcare Association members.

SCHOOLS

Education plays an important role in the Perham area as we prepare our youth for the future. Perham School District 549 is considered The School of Champions for many reasons. Accomplishments include winning several MSHSL Challenge Cups, repeatedly earning MSHSL Section and State titles, iPads for all Junior and Senior High students (9-12), a trade-focused curriculum including residential home carpentry, motor cycle building, robotics, welding, and much more.

The Perham community provides several, high-performance, educational opportunities for your children.

- Preschools: Kids Adventure Preschool (218) 346-1618, Perham Headstart (218) 346-1480, St. Paul's Precious Lambs Preschool (218) 346-7725
- Elementary: Heart of Lakes Elementary School (218) 346-5437, St. Henry's Area Catholic School (218) 346-6190, St. Paul's Lutheran School (218) 346-2300
- Middle School: Prairie Wind Middle School (218) 346-1701
- High School: Perham High School (218) 346-6500

CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND CHURCHES

Perham area clubs and organizations include the American Legion, 549 Family Foundation, Boys and Girls Club, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, East Otter Tail Historical Society, Women of Focus, Knights of Columbus, Masonic Lodge, Chamber of Commerce, Perham Area Foundation, Perham Athletic Association, Perham Jaycees, Perham Lakes Area Lions, Perham Lions, Perham Rotary, VFW Post 4020, and Dreams for Kids Organization/Make a Wish Foundation. Contact information for these groups can be found online at www.ProgressivePerham.com.

The churches of the Perham area welcome you to share in their worship and praise hours. Visitors and members alike are invited to attend. For a complete listing of area churches, please visit www.ProgressivePerham.com.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Perham businesses export to over 21 countries world- wide. Our businesses believe in supporting each other – something you don't always find in a larger city. Perham's economic development programs are also very friendly to business, with multiple tax incentives, $2 million in our revolving loan pool, and additional assistance made available by the city directly. We have prime commercial and industrial lots for sale. The city's commercial and industrial areas are both thriving, and you are invited to join in!

If you have an idea and want the support of a city that will do what it takes to help you succeed, you have come to the right place in Perham. Please contact us for more information about why Perham is the best choice for your new or existing/expanding business. We will be happy to discover more about your plans and work with you to help your business in achieving great success.

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