

Need another word that means the same as “deficit”? Find 5 synonyms and 30 related words for “deficit” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Deficit” are: shortage, shortfall, deficiency, undersupply, slippage

Deficit as a Noun

Definitions of "Deficit" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “deficit” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A deficiency or failure in neurological or mental functioning.*
- *The score by which a team or individual is losing.*
- *An excess of expenditure or liabilities over income or assets in a given period.*
- *An excess of liabilities over assets (usually over a certain period).*
- *(sports) the score by which a team or individual is losing.*
- *The property of being an amount by which something is less than expected or required.*
- *(in sport) the amount or score by which a team or individual is losing.*
- *The amount by which something, especially a sum of money, is too small.*
- *A deficiency or failing, especially in a neurological or psychological function.*



Synonyms of "Deficit" as a noun (5 Words)

deficiency	Lack of an adequate quantity or number. <i>Water is the critical deficiency in desert regions.</i>
<u>shortage</u>	A state or situation in which something needed cannot be obtained in sufficient amounts. <i>The problems of land shortage in the countryside.</i>
shortfall	The property of being an amount by which something is less than expected or required. <i>They are facing an expected 10 billion shortfall in revenue.</i>
slippage	Decline from a standard level of performance or achievement. <i>Slippage on any job will entail slippage on the overall project.</i>
undersupply	An insufficient stock or amount of something. <i>House price inflation has largely been caused by undersupply.</i>



Usage Examples of "Deficit" as a noun

- *A 3-0 deficit.*
- *The balance of payments is again in deficit.*
- *The people concerned have a deficit in verbal memory.*
- *New blood vessels bud out from the already dilated vascular bed to make up the nutritional deficit.*
- *Deficits in speech comprehension.*
- *They have serious linguistic deficits.*
- *An annual operating deficit.*
- *Last year there was a serious budgetary deficit.*



Associations of "Deficit" (30 Words)

ante

Put up an amount as an ante in poker or brag and similar games.
*He **anted** up 925 000 of his own money.*

austerity

The trait of great self-denial (especially refraining from worldly pleasures).
*He was noted for his **austerity** and his authoritarianism.*

barter

Goods or services used in bartering.
*We had no money so we had to live by **barter**.*

budget

Provide a sum of money for a particular purpose from a budget.
*Keep within the household **budget**.*

commerce

The activity of buying and selling, especially on a large scale.
*The noise and warmth of human **commerce**.*

cutback

A reduction in quantity or rate.
***Cutbacks** in defence spending.*

dealing	A personal connection or association with someone. <i>Share dealings.</i>
dearth	A situation where food is in short supply. <i>There is a dearth of evidence.</i>
emporium	A large retail store selling a wide variety of goods.
export	Of a high standard suitable for export. <i>Nearly all the bananas produced were exported to Britain.</i>
exporter	A businessperson who transports goods abroad (for sale). <i>Japan has only begun to be an exporter of culture in the last couple of decades.</i>
famine	Extreme scarcity of food. <i>Drought resulted in famine throughout the region.</i>
fiscal	A legal or treasury official in some countries. <i>Monetary and fiscal policy.</i>
halve	Divide by two divide into halves. <i>The sills are usually halved and pinned together at the corners.</i>
hunger	Feel or suffer hunger. <i>Her hunger for knowledge.</i>
insufficiency	The condition of being insufficient. <i>Insufficiency of adequate housing.</i>
lack	Be without or deficient in. <i>There is a lack of parking space in the town.</i>
mercantile	Of or relating to the economic system of mercantilism. <i>Preached a mercantile and militant patriotism.</i>
need	Have or feel a need for. <i>Lest you even more than needs embitter our parting.</i>
needy	Needy people collectively. <i>Needy and elderly people.</i>
poverty	The state of having little or no money and few or no material possessions. <i>The poverty of her imagination.</i>
protectionism	The policy of imposing duties or quotas on imports in order to protect home industries from overseas competition.
scarcity	A small and inadequate amount. <i>A time of scarcity.</i>
shortage	An acute insufficiency. <i>A shortage of hard cash.</i>

shortfall	A deficit of something required or expected. <i>They are facing an expected 10 billion shortfall in revenue.</i>
spending	The act of spending or disbursing money.
<u>starve</u>	Force someone out of (a place) or into (a specified state) by starvation. <i>The Royalists were starved out after eleven days.</i>
<u>swap</u>	An exchange of liabilities between two borrowers, either so that each acquires access to funds in a currency they need or so that a fixed interest rate is exchanged for a floating rate. <i>I swapped my busy life in London for a peaceful village retreat.</i>
tariff	A list of import or export tariffs. <i>These services are tariffed by volume.</i>
<u>trade</u>	Be traded at a certain price or under certain conditions. <i>In the trade this sort of computer is called a client based system.</i>

