

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



## 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)

<b><u>ante</u></b>	Put up an amount as an ante in poker or brag and similar games. <i>He <b>anted</b> up 925 000 of his own money.</i>
<b><u>austerity</u></b>	The trait of great self-denial (especially refraining from worldly pleasures). <i>He was noted for his <b>austerity</b> and his authoritarianism.</i>
<b><u>barter</u></b>	Goods or services used in bartering. <i>We had no money so we had to live by <b>barter</b>.</i>
<b>budget</b>	Provide a sum of money for a particular purpose from a budget. <i>Keep within the household <b>budget</b>.</i>
<b><u>commerce</u></b>	The activity of buying and selling, especially on a large scale. <i>The noise and warmth of human <b>commerce</b>.</i>
<b>cutback</b>	A reduction in quantity or rate. <i><b>Cutbacks</b> in defence spending.</i>

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

<b>shortfall</b>	A deficit of something required or expected. <i>They are facing an expected 10 billion <b>shortfall</b> in revenue.</i>
<b>spending</b>	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 <b>starved</b> 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 <b>swapped</b> my busy life in London for a peaceful village retreat.</i>
<b>tariff</b>	A list of import or export tariffs. <i>These services are <b>tariffed</b> by volume.</i>
<u>trade</u>	Be traded at a certain price or under certain conditions. <i>In the <b>trade</b> this sort of computer is called a client based system.</i>

