

Need another word that means the same as “destitute”? Find 16 synonyms and 30 related words for “destitute” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Destitute” are: impoverished, indigent, necessitous, needy, poverty-stricken, barren, devoid, free, innocent, penniless, poor, impecunious, down and out, bereft, deprived, in need

Destitute as an Adjective

Definitions of "Destitute" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “destitute” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Completely wanting or lacking.*
- *Poor enough to need help from others.*
- *Not having.*
- *Extremely poor and lacking the means to provide for oneself.*



Synonyms of "Destitute" as an adjective (16 Words)

barren	Showing no results or achievements; unproductive. <i>Barren lands.</i>
bereft	Deprived of or lacking (something). <i>Bereft of hope.</i>
deprived	(of a person) lacking a specified benefit that is considered important. <i>A childhood that was unhappy and deprived the family living off charity.</i>
devoid	Entirely lacking or free from. <i>The sentence was devoid of meaning.</i>
down and out	Shut.
free	Using or expending something without restraint; lavish. <i>A free choice.</i>
impecunious	Having little or no money. <i>A titled but impecunious family.</i>

<u>impoverished</u>	Destroyed financially. <i>Impoverished villages.</i>
in need	Currently fashionable.
<u>indigent</u>	Poor; needy. <i>A charity for the relief of indigent artists.</i>
innocent	(used of things) lacking sense or awareness. <i>Fine innocent weather.</i>
necessitous	(of a person) lacking the necessities of life; needy. <i>Dried milk was supplied to necessitous mothers.</i>
<u>needy</u>	Demanding or needing attention, affection, or reassurance to an excessive degree. <i>Those from needy backgrounds.</i>
penniless	Not having enough money to pay for necessities. <i>A penniless young student.</i>
poor	Deserving or inciting pity. <i>Many people are eating a very poor diet.</i>
poverty-stricken	Poor enough to need help from others.



Usage Examples of "Destitute" as an adjective

- *Young recruits destitute of experience.*
- *The charity cares for destitute children.*
- *Towns destitute of commerce.*



Associations of "Destitute" (30 Words)

beggar	Reduce to beggary. <i>This beggars description.</i>
begging	A solicitation for money or food (especially in the street by an apparently penniless person).
deprived	Marked by deprivation especially of the necessities of life or healthful environmental influences. <i>I was so sleep deprived I was bumping into walls.</i>
devoid	Completely wanting or lacking. <i>Lisa kept her voice devoid of emotion.</i>
disadvantaged	Marked by deprivation especially of the necessities of life or healthful environmental influences. <i>Disadvantaged groups such as the unemployed.</i>
famish	Deprive of food. <i>Many famished in the countryside during the drought.</i>

hardship	Something hard to endure. <i>The many hardships of frontier life.</i>
homeless	Physically or spiritually homeless or deprived of security James Stern. <i>The plight of young homeless people.</i>
<u>hunger</u>	Feel or suffer hunger. <i>They died from cold and hunger.</i>
impecunious	Having little or no money. <i>A titled but impecunious family.</i>
indigence	A state of extreme poverty or destitution. <i>Their indigence appalled him.</i>
<u>indigent</u>	Poor; needy. <i>A charity for the relief of indigent artists.</i>
mendicant	A member of a mendicant order. <i>A mendicant friar.</i>
neediness	A state of extreme poverty. <i>He recognized her neediness but had no time to respond to it.</i>
<u>needy</u>	Needy people collectively. <i>The provision of humanitarian assistance to the needy.</i>
nothing	A quantity of no importance. <i>It looked like nothing I had ever seen before.</i>
pauper	A poor person who may bring a legal action without payment of costs. <i>He was buried in a pauper's grave.</i>
pauperism	A state of extreme poverty or destitution.
penniless	(of a person) having no money; very poor. <i>A penniless young student.</i>
penury	The state of being very poor; extreme poverty. <i>He couldn't face another year of penury.</i>
poor	Used ironically to deprecate something belonging to or offered by oneself. <i>They were too poor to afford a telephone.</i>
poverty	The state of being extremely poor. <i>Thousands of families are living in abject poverty.</i>
privation	A state in which food and other essentials for well-being are lacking. <i>The privations of life at the front.</i>
<u>shortage</u>	The property of being an amount by which something is less than expected or required. <i>The problems of land shortage in the countryside.</i>

- starve** Be hungry; go without food.
*German U boats hoping to **starve** Britain into submission.*
- sympathy** Sharing the feelings of others (especially feelings of sorrow or anguish).
*The two of them were in close **sympathy**.*
- truant** Of a pupil being a truant.
***Truant** schoolboys.*
- underprivileged** (of a person) not enjoying the same standard of living or rights as the majority of people in a society.
*The plight of the **underprivileged**.*
- unemployed** People who are involuntarily out of work (considered as a group).
*The long term **unemployed** need assistance.*
- void** Discharge or drain away (water, gases, etc).
*The earth was without form and **void**.*

