

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)

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

<b><u>impoverished</u></b>	Destroyed financially. <i><b>Impoverished</b> villages.</i>
<b>in need</b>	Currently fashionable.
<b><u>indigent</u></b>	Poor; needy. <i>A charity for the relief of <b>indigent</b> artists.</i>
<b>innocent</b>	(used of things) lacking sense or awareness. <i>Fine <b>innocent</b> weather.</i>
<b>necessitous</b>	(of a person) lacking the necessities of life; needy. <i>Dried milk was supplied to <b>necessitous</b> mothers.</i>
<b><u>needy</u></b>	Demanding or needing attention, affection, or reassurance to an excessive degree. <i>Those from <b>needy</b> backgrounds.</i>
<b>penniless</b>	Not having enough money to pay for necessities. <i>A <b>penniless</b> young student.</i>
<b>poor</b>	Deserving or inciting pity. <i>Many people are eating a very <b>poor</b> diet.</i>
<b>poverty-stricken</b>	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.  
*This **beggars** description.*
- 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 was so sleep **deprived** I was bumping into walls.*
- devoid** Completely wanting or lacking.  
*Lisa kept her voice **devoid** of emotion.*
- disadvantaged** Marked by deprivation especially of the necessities of life or healthful environmental influences.  
***Disadvantaged** groups such as the unemployed.*
- famish** Deprive of food.  
*Many **famished** in the countryside during the drought.*

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

