

Need another word that means the same as “downturn”? Find 23 synonyms and 30 related words for “downturn” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Downturn” are: downswing, setbacks, upsets, reverses, reversals, reversals of fortune, downturns, mishaps, strokes of ill luck, strokes of bad luck, accidents, shocks, vicissitudes, crises, catastrophes, tragedies, calamities, trials, crosses, knocks, burdens, blows, buffets

Downturn as a Noun

Definitions of "Downturn" as a noun

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

- *A decline in economic, business, or other activity.*
- *A worsening of business or economic activity.*



Synonyms of "Downturn" as a noun (23 Words)

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| accidents | An unfortunate mishap; especially one causing damage or injury. <i>Winning the lottery was a happy accident.</i> |
| blows | Forceful exhalation through the nose or mouth. <i>He gave his nose a loud blow.</i> |
| buffets | A meal set out on a buffet at which guests help themselves. |
| burdens | An onerous or difficult concern. <i>The burden of responsibility.</i> |
| calamities | An event resulting in great loss and misfortune. <i>The whole city was affected by the irremediable calamity.</i> |
| catastrophes | A state of extreme (usually irremediable) ruin and misfortune. <i>Lack of funds has resulted in a catastrophe for our school system.</i> |
| crises | A crucial stage or turning point in the course of something. |

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| crosses | A marking that consists of lines that cross each other. <i>That is his cross to bear.</i> |
| downswing | A swing downward of a golf club. <i>Your body must not sway to the left during the downswing.</i> |
| downturns | A worsening of business or economic activity. <i>The market took a downturn.</i> |
| knocks | A bad experience. <i>The school of hard knocks.</i> |
| mishaps | An unpredictable outcome that is unfortunate. |
| reversals | The act of reversing the order or place of. <i>The reversal of the image in the lens.</i> |
| reversals of fortune | Turning in an opposite direction or position. |
| reverses | An unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; something that is thwarting or frustrating. <i>We thought Sue was older than Bill but just the reverse was true.</i> |
| <u>setbacks</u> | An unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; something that is thwarting or frustrating. |
| shocks | A reflex response to the passage of electric current through the body. <i>Electricians get accustomed to occasional shocks.</i> |
| strokes of bad luck | The maximum movement available to a pivoted or reciprocating piece by a cam. |
| strokes of ill luck | The act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club or racket or bat or cue or hand. |
| <u>tragedies</u> | An event resulting in great loss and misfortune. |
| trials | The determination of a person's innocence or guilt by due process of law. <i>The trials for the semifinals began yesterday.</i> |
| upsets | A tool used to thicken or spread metal (the end of a bar or a rivet etc.) by forging or hammering or swaging. <i>Everyone gets stomach upsets from time to time.</i> |
| vicissitudes | A variation in circumstances or fortune at different times in your life or in the development of something. <i>The project was subject to the usual vicissitudes of exploratory research.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Downturn" as a noun

- *The market took a downturn.*
- *A downturn in the housing market.*



Associations of "Downturn" (30 Words)

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| abate | Make (something) less intense. <i>This action would not have been sufficient to abate the odour nuisance.</i> |
| adversely | In a way that prevents success or development; harmfully or unfavourably. <i>His self confidence was adversely affected for years to come.</i> |
| attritional | Relating to or caused by attrition. |
| curtail | Reduce in extent or quantity; impose a restriction on. <i>Personal freedom is curtailed in many countries.</i> |
| debase | Corrupt debase or make impure by adding a foreign or inferior substance often by replacing valuable ingredients with inferior ones. <i>War debases people.</i> |
| decline | Diminish in strength or quality; deteriorate. <i>The birth rate continued to decline.</i> |
| decrease | The amount by which something decreases. <i>A decrease in births.</i> |
| depletion | The state of being depleted. <i>The depletion of the ozone layer.</i> |
| descend | Move or fall downwards. <i>She was descended from an old Italian noble family.</i> |
| descending | (of sound) becoming lower in pitch. <i>The categories are listed in descending order of usefulness.</i> |
| deteriorate | Become progressively worse. <i>Her condition deteriorated.</i> |
| diminish | Make or become less. <i>The pain will gradually diminish.</i> |
| diminished | Diminished in size or strength as a result of disease or injury or lack of use. <i>A diminished fifth.</i> |
| diminution | Change toward something smaller or lower. <i>A permanent diminution in value.</i> |
| downgrade | A downward gradient on a railway or road. <i>A steep downgrade for which he had to put the car in second.</i> |
| dwindle | Become smaller or lose substance. <i>Her savings dwindled down.</i> |
| exacerbate | Make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling) worse. <i>The exorbitant cost of land in urban areas only exacerbated the problem.</i> |

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| fall | Go as if by falling. <i>In the fall of 1973.</i> |
| lessen | Decrease in size, extent, or range. <i>The warmth of the afternoon lessened.</i> |
| lower | The lower of two berths. <i>Managers lower down the hierarchy.</i> |
| mitigation | To act in such a way as to cause an offense to seem less serious. <i>The identification and mitigation of pollution.</i> |
| reducible | (of a subject or problem) capable of being simplified in presentation or analysis. <i>Shakespeare's major soliloquies are not reducible to categories.</i> |
| reduction | Any process in which electrons are added to an atom or ion (as by removing oxygen or adding hydrogen); always occurs accompanied by oxidation of the reducing agent. <i>The reaction is limited to reduction to the hydrocarbon.</i> |
| rundown | (of a company or industry) in a poor economic state. <i>A rundown in the business would be a devastating blow to the local economy.</i> |
| slump | Fall heavily or suddenly; decline markedly. <i>Prices slumped.</i> |
| subside | Descend into or as if into some soft substance or place. <i>The valleys subside.</i> |
| wane | Become smaller. <i>Interest in the project waned.</i> |
| waning | Pertaining to the period during which the visible surface of the moon decreases. <i>The waxing and waning of the moon.</i> |
| weaken | Lessen the strength of. <i>His resistance had weakened.</i> |
| wither | Wither as with a loss of moisture. <i>A business that can wither the hardiest ego.</i> |

