

Need another word that means the same as “excess”? Find 52 synonyms and 30 related words for “excess” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Excess” are: overindulgence, excessiveness, inordinateness, overabundance, surfeit, nimiety, surplus, surplusage, superabundance, superfluity, profusion, plethora, glut, remainder, rest, residue, overflow, overspill, profligacy, lack of thrift, thriftlessness, improvidence, wastefulness, waste, prodigality, squandering, lavishness, overconsumption, intemperance, intemperateness, immoderation, lack of restraint, extravagance, decadence, self-indulgence, self-gratification, debauchery, dissipation, dissolution, dissoluteness, extra, redundant, spare, supererogatory, superfluous, supernumerary, unwanted, unneeded, unused, excessive, leftover

Excess as a Noun

Definitions of "Excess" as a noun

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

- *The state of being more than full.*
- *A quantity much larger than is needed.*
- *Immoderation as a consequence of going beyond sufficient or permitted limits.*
- *Lack of moderation, especially in eating or drinking.*
- *The action of exceeding a permitted or acceptable limit.*

- *An amount of something that is more than necessary, permitted, or desirable.*
- *A part of an insurance claim to be paid by the insured.*
- *Outrageous or immoderate behaviour.*
- *The amount by which one quantity or number exceeds another.*
- *Excessive indulgence.*



Synonyms of "Excess" as a noun (40 Words)

debauchery	Excessive indulgence in sex, alcohol, or drugs.
decadence	Luxurious self-indulgence. <i>Cream cakes on a Wednesday pure decadence.</i>
dissipation	Loss of energy through its conversion into heat. <i>Mindless dissipation of natural resources.</i>
dissoluteness	Separation into component parts.
dissolution	Debauched living; dissipation. <i>The dissolution of the flesh.</i>
excessiveness	Immoderation as a consequence of going beyond sufficient or permitted limits.
extravagance	Excessive elaboration. <i>We were surprised by the extravagance of his description.</i>
glut	The quality of being so overabundant that prices fall. <i>There is a glut of cars on the market.</i>
immoderation	The quality of being excessive and lacking in restraint; overindulgence. <i>He paid a high price for his immoderation.</i>
improvidence	A lack of prudence and care by someone in the management of resources.
inordinateness	Immoderation as a consequence of going beyond sufficient or permitted limits.
intemperance	Excessive indulgence, especially in alcohol. <i>His occasional intemperance of tone.</i>
intemperateness	Consumption of alcoholic drinks.
lack of restraint	The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable.
lack of thrift	The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable.
lavishness	The quality possessed by something that is excessively expensive.
nimiety	A quantity much larger than is needed. <i>Coleridge criticized Schiller for what he called the nimiety of his blank verse.</i>
overabundance	The state of being more than full. <i>The country suffers from an overabundance of laws.</i>
overconsumption	The action or fact of consuming something to excess. <i>The overconsumption of alcohol.</i>
overflow	A large flow. <i>There was some overflow after heavy rainfall.</i>

overindulgence	Excessive gratification of a person's wishes. <i>His overindulgence of her whims.</i>
overspill	The relocation of people from overcrowded cities; they are accommodated in new houses or apartments in smaller towns. <i>There was an extra bed for the overspill of sleepers.</i>
<u>plethora</u>	An excess of a bodily fluid, particularly blood. <i>Allen won a plethora of medals during his illustrious career.</i>
prodigality	The trait of spending extravagantly.
profligacy	Licentious or dissolute behaviour. <i>An era of extreme decadence and profligacy.</i>
profusion	An abundance or large quantity of something. <i>A rich profusion of flowers.</i>
remainder	The number which is left over in a division in which one quantity does not exactly divide another. <i>The remainder of the year.</i>
<u>residue</u>	A small amount of something that remains after the main part has gone or been taken or used. <i>The ash was a residue from coal fired power stations.</i>
<u>rest</u>	An instance or period of resting. <i>You look as though you need a rest.</i>
self-gratification	The act of satisfying your own desires and giving yourself pleasure.
self-indulgence	An inability to resist the gratification of whims and desires.
squandering	Spending resources lavishly and wastefully. <i>More wasteful than the squandering of time.</i>
superabundance	A quantity that is more than what is appropriate.
superfluity	An unnecessarily or excessively large amount or number of something. <i>They thought the garrison a superfluity.</i>
surfeit	An illness caused or regarded as being caused by excessive eating or drinking. <i>A surfeit of food and drink.</i>
<u>surplus</u>	The excess value of a company's assets over the face value of its stock. <i>A trade surplus of 1 395 million.</i>
surplusage	A quantity much larger than is needed.
thriftness	The trait of wasting resources. <i>A life characterized by thriftness and waste.</i>
waste	The gradual loss or diminution of something. <i>Nuclear waste.</i>

wastefulness

The trait of wasting resources.
*The **wastefulness** of missed opportunities.*



Usage Examples of "Excess" as a noun

- *As regards other cancers in this age group, there is a small excess during 1984—90.*
- *The worst excesses of the French Revolution.*
- *We will deduct the excess from the loss and then pay up to the policy limit.*
- *There is no issue as to excess of jurisdiction.*
- *Are you suffering from an excess of stress in your life?*
- *Bouts of alcoholic excess.*



Excess as an Adjective

Definitions of "Excess" as an adjective

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

- *Exceeding a prescribed or desirable amount.*
- *More than is needed, desired, or required.*
- *Required as extra payment.*



Synonyms of "Excess" as an adjective (12 Words)

excessive	Beyond normal limits. <i>He was drinking excessive amounts of brandy.</i>
extra	Excessive or extravagant. <i>An extra pair of shoes.</i>
leftover	Remaining; surplus. <i>Leftover meatloaf.</i>
redundant	(of a component) not strictly necessary to functioning but included in case of failure in another component. <i>Many of the old skills had become redundant.</i>
spare	Lacking embellishment or ornamentation. <i>He tried to write poetry in his spare time.</i>
supererogatory	More than is needed, desired, or required. <i>It was supererogatory of her to gloat.</i>
superfluous	Serving no useful purpose; having no excuse for being. <i>Delete superfluous or unnecessary words.</i>

supernumerary Not wanted or needed; redundant.
*Books were obviously **supernumerary** and he began jettisoning them.*

surplus Denoting a shop selling excess or outdated military equipment or clothing.
*Make the most of your **surplus** cash.*

unneeded Not necessary.
*The disposal of **unneeded** assets.*

unused Not being, or never having been, used.
*Any **unused** equipment will be welcomed back.*

unwanted Not wanted.
*Affairs can lead to **unwanted** pregnancies.*



Usage Examples of "Excess" as an adjective

- *Trim any excess fat off the meat.*
- *Trying to lose excess weight.*
- *The full excess fare had to be paid.*



Associations of "Excess" (30 Words)

additional	Added, extra, or supplementary to what is already present or available. <i>We require additional information.</i>
cloy	Disgust or sicken (someone) with an excess of sweetness, richness, or sentiment. <i>The first sip gives a malty taste that never cloys.</i>
dispensable	Capable of being dispensed with or done without. <i>Dispensable items of personal property.</i>
excessive	Unrestrained, especially with regard to feelings. <i>Excessive charges.</i>
extra	Excessive or extravagant. <i>Found some extra change lying on the dresser.</i>
extraneous	Of external origin. <i>Water free of extraneous matter.</i>

glut	An excessively abundant supply of something. <i>There is a glut of cars on the market.</i>
gratuitous	Without cause. <i>A gratuitous insult.</i>
lavishly	In a wasteful manner. <i>Members of the band spent lavishly on their families.</i>
layout	The act of laying out (as by making plans for something). <i>The layout is uncluttered and the illustrations are helpful.</i>
myriad	(chiefly in classical history) a unit of ten thousand. <i>Myriad stars.</i>
needless	Unnecessary and unwarranted. <i>A strikers tent camp was burned with needless loss of life.</i>
overproduction	The production of more of a product, commodity, or substance than is wanted or needed. <i>There was a crisis of overproduction in traditional manufacturing.</i>
oversupply	An excessive supply. <i>Oversupply causes prices to fall.</i>
permissive	Allowing or characterized by great or excessive freedom of behaviour. <i>In vivo viral expression is restricted but in vitro cultured cells are permissive.</i>
plethora	A large or excessive amount of something. <i>A plethora of committees and subcommittees.</i>
prolix	Tediously prolonged or tending to speak or write at great length. <i>A prolix lecturer telling you more than you want to know.</i>
redundance	The attribute of being superfluous and unneeded.
redundant	Repetition of same sense in different words. <i>Eight permanent staff were made redundant.</i>
repletion	The state of being satisfactorily full and unable to take on more.
spare	Not taken up by scheduled activities. <i>Her clothes are smart and spare in style.</i>
superabundance	A quantity that is more than what is appropriate.
supererogatory	More than is needed, desired, or required. <i>It was supererogatory of her to gloat.</i>
superfluity	An unnecessarily or excessively large amount or number of something. <i>They thought the garrison a superfluity.</i>
superfluous	More than is needed, desired, or required. <i>The purchaser should avoid asking for superfluous information.</i>

- supernumerary** A supernumerary person or thing.
*Extra ribs as well as other **supernumerary** internal parts.*
- surfeit** Supply or feed to surfeit.
*I am **surfeited** with shopping.*
- surplus** More than is needed, desired, or required.
*Make the most of your **surplus** cash.*
- unmerited** Not deserved or merited.
***Unmerited** treatment of a potentially fine subject.*
- unnecessary** Unnecessary things.
*Good construction is essential to avoid **unnecessary** waste.*

