

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)

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



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

<b>excessive</b>	Beyond normal limits. <i>He was drinking <b>excessive</b> amounts of brandy.</i>
<b>extra</b>	Excessive or extravagant. <i>An <b>extra</b> pair of shoes.</i>
<b>leftover</b>	Remaining; surplus. <i><b>Leftover</b> meatloaf.</i>
<b>redundant</b>	(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 <b>redundant</b>.</i>
<b>spare</b>	Lacking embellishment or ornamentation. <i>He tried to write poetry in his <b>spare</b> time.</i>
<b>supererogatory</b>	More than is needed, desired, or required. <i>It was <b>supererogatory</b> of her to gloat.</i>
<b>superfluous</b>	Serving no useful purpose; having no excuse for being. <i>Delete <b>superfluous</b> 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)

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

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

