

Need another word that means the same as “insufficient”? Find 3 synonyms and 30 related words for “insufficient” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Insufficient” are: **deficient, inadequate, not enough**

Insufficient as an Adjective

Definitions of "Insufficient" as an adjective

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

- *Of a quantity not able to fulfill a need or requirement.*
- *Not enough; inadequate.*



Synonyms of "Insufficient" as an adjective (3 Words)

[deficient](#)

Inadequate in amount or degree.
*The documentary evidence is **deficient**.*

inadequate Of insufficient quantity to meet a need.
An **inadequate** income.

not enough Sufficient for the purpose.

Usage Examples of "Insufficient" as an adjective

- *There was insufficient evidence to convict him.*
- *Insufficient funds.*

Associations of "Insufficient" (30 Words)

absent	Not being in a specified place. <i>He absented himself.</i>
cramped	Suffering from cramp. <i>He felt cramped in a large organization.</i>
dearth	An insufficient quantity or number. <i>There is a dearth of evidence.</i>
deficiency	A lack or shortage. <i>Water is the critical deficiency in desert regions.</i>
deficient	Insufficient or inadequate. <i>The documentary evidence is deficient.</i>
inadequacy	Inability to deal with a situation or with life. <i>The inadequacy of available resources.</i>
inadequate	(of a person) unable to deal with a situation or with life. <i>These labels prove to be wholly inadequate.</i>
incompleteness	The state of being crude and incomplete and imperfect. <i>The study was criticized for incompleteness of data but it stimulated further research.</i>
insufficiency	Lack of an adequate quantity or number. <i>Renal insufficiency.</i>
lacking	Not available or in short supply. <i>Adequate resources are sadly lacking.</i>
meager	Deficient in amount or quality or extent. <i>Meager resources.</i>
meagerly	Deficient in amount or quality or extent. <i>These voices are meagerly represented at the conference.</i>

measly	Contemptibly small in amount. <i>A measly tip.</i>
minus	A mathematical operation of subtraction. <i>For every plus with this equipment there can be a minus.</i>
<u>missing</u>	Not able to be found. <i>Missing in action.</i>
paucity	An insufficient quantity or number. <i>A paucity of information.</i>
pittance	A pious bequest to a religious house or order to provide extra food and wine at particular festivals, or on the anniversary of the benefactor's death. <i>They work all day for a mere pittance.</i>
rareness	Noteworthy scarcity.
<u>rarity</u>	Something unusual — perhaps worthy of collecting. <i>The rarity of the condition.</i>
scant	Less than the correct or legal or full amount often deliberately so. <i>Companies with scant regard for the safety of future generations.</i>
scanty	Small or insufficient in quantity or amount. <i>Her dress was scanty and revealing.</i>
<u>scarce</u>	Scarcely. <i>A babe scarce two years old.</i>
scarcity	The state of being scarce or in short supply; shortage. <i>A time of scarcity.</i>
short	Short circuit or cause to short circuit. <i>A short flaky pie crust.</i>
<u>sparse</u>	Not dense. <i>Trees were sparse.</i>
subsist	Support oneself. <i>The effect of genetic maldevelopment may subsist in chromosomal mutation.</i>
substandard	Below the usual or required standard. <i>Substandard spellings.</i>
undermanned	Inadequate in number of workers or assistants etc.
undersized	Of less than the usual size. <i>The undersized cubs may not survive the winter.</i>
wanting	Lacking in a required or necessary quality. <i>Tested and found wanting.</i>