

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

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The synonyms of “Needy” are: destitute, impoverished, indigent, necessitous, poverty-stricken, poor, deprived, disadvantaged, underprivileged, in want, needful, hard up, in reduced circumstances, in straitened circumstances, unable to make ends meet, unable to keep the wolf from the door, dirt poor, penurious, impecunious, penniless, moneyless, insolvent, ruined

Needy as an Adjective

Definitions of "Needy" as an adjective

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

- *Demanding or needing attention, affection, or reassurance to an excessive degree.*
- *(of circumstances) characterized by poverty.*
- *Poor enough to need help from others.*
- *(of a person) needing emotional support; insecure.*
- *(of a person) lacking the necessities of life; very poor.*



Synonyms of "Needy" as an adjective (23 Words)

deprived

Marked by deprivation especially of the necessities of life or healthful environmental influences.

*The charity cares for destitute and **deprived** children.*

destitute

Completely wanting or lacking.

*Towns **destitute** of commerce.*

dirt poor

Not leveled or drained; unsuitable for all year travel.

disadvantaged

Marked by deprivation especially of the necessities of life or healthful environmental influences.

*We began to help the **disadvantaged**.*

hard up

Being distilled rather than fermented; having a high alcoholic content.

impecunious

Not having enough money to pay for necessities.

*A titled but **impecunious** family.*

<u>impoverished</u>	Deprived of strength or vitality. <i>An impoverished and debased language.</i>
in reduced circumstances	Currently fashionable.
in straitened circumstances	Currently fashionable.
in want	Directed or bound inward.
<u>indigent</u>	Poor; needy. <i>A charity for the relief of indigent artists.</i>
insolvent	Unable to meet or discharge financial obligations. <i>An insolvent person.</i>
moneyless	Having no money. <i>Virtually moneyless rural regions.</i>
necessitous	Poor enough to need help from others. <i>Dried milk was supplied to necessitous mothers.</i>
needful	Necessary for relief or supply. <i>Provided them with all things needful.</i>
penniless	Not having enough money to pay for necessities. <i>A penniless young student.</i>
penurious	Excessively unwilling to spend. <i>A penurious old tramp.</i>
poor	Lacking in quality or substances. <i>Her work was poor.</i>
poverty-stricken	Poor enough to need help from others.
ruined	Destroyed physically or morally. <i>The nation s ruined economy.</i>
unable to keep the wolf from the door	Not having the necessary means or skill or know-how.
unable to make ends meet	Not having the necessary means or skill or know-how.
<u>underprivileged</u>	(of a person) not enjoying the same standard of living or rights as the majority of people in a society. <i>Needy and underprivileged members of the community.</i>



Usage Examples of "Needy" as an adjective

- *Those from needy backgrounds.*
- *Needy and elderly people.*
- *The provision of humanitarian assistance to the needy.*



Associations of "Needy" (30 Words)

- begging** A solicitation for money or food (especially in the street by an apparently penniless person).
- dearth** An acute insufficiency.
*There is a **dearth** of evidence.*
- deficit** (sports) the score by which a team or individual is losing.
*They have serious linguistic **deficits**.*
- destitute** Not having.
*Young recruits **destitute** of experience.*
- disadvantaged** Marked by deprivation especially of the necessities of life or healthful environmental influences.
*We began to help the **disadvantaged**.*
- drought** A shortage of rainfall.
*I asked for something to slake my **drought**.*

famine	A severe shortage of food (as through crop failure) resulting in violent hunger and starvation and death. <i>Drought resulted in famine throughout the region.</i>
halve	Divide by two divide into halves. <i>They halved the extra hole in bogey 5s.</i>
hardship	Something that causes or entails suffering. <i>The shared hardships of wartime.</i>
homeless	Physically or spiritually homeless or deprived of security. <i>A homeless was found murdered in Central Park.</i>
hunger	Feel or suffer hunger. <i>When he had fasted forty days and forty nights he afterwards hungered.</i>
impecunious	Having little or no money. <i>A titled but impecunious family.</i>
inadequacy	A lack of competence. <i>Juvenile offenses often reflect an inadequacy in the parents.</i>
indigence	A state of extreme poverty; destitution. <i>Their indigence appalled him.</i>
indigent	Poor enough to need help from others. <i>A charity for the relief of indigent artists.</i>
insufficiency	The inability of an organ to perform its normal function. <i>Renal insufficiency.</i>
lack	The state of being without or not having enough of something. <i>There is a serious lack of insight into the problem.</i>
need	Have need of. <i>I won t detain you for longer than I need.</i>
neediness	A state of extreme poverty. <i>He recognized her neediness but had no time to respond to it.</i>
pauper	A poor person who may bring a legal action without payment of costs. <i>He was buried in a pauper s grave.</i>
pauperism	A state of extreme poverty or destitution.
penury	The state of being very poor; extreme poverty. <i>He couldn t face another year of penury.</i>
poor	Deserving or inciting pity- Galsworthy. <i>The country had a poor economy.</i>
poverty	The state of having little or no money and few or no material possessions. <i>Thousands of families are living in abject poverty.</i>

scarcity	A small and inadequate amount. <i>A time of scarcity.</i>
<u>shortage</u>	A state or situation in which something needed cannot be obtained in sufficient amounts. <i>Food shortages.</i>
shortfall	The property of being an amount by which something is less than expected or required. <i>They are facing an expected 10 billion shortfall in revenue.</i>
<u>starve</u>	Force someone out of (a place) or into (a specified state) by starvation. <i>The political prisoners starved to death.</i>
suffering	Psychological suffering. <i>Weapons that cause unnecessary suffering.</i>
wanting	Nonexistent. <i>The English batting technique has been found wanting.</i>

