

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.*

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

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

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

