

Need another word that means the same as “public”? Find 70 synonyms and 30 related words for “public” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Public” are: popular, general, common, communal, collective, shared, joint, universal, widespread, open, open to the public, not private, not exclusive, accessible to all, available, free, unrestricted, prominent, well known, in the public eye, leading, important, eminent, recognized, distinguished, notable, noteworthy, noted, outstanding, foremost, known, overt, plain, obvious, in circulation, published, publicized, exposed, national, federal, populace, world, people, citizens, subjects, general public, electors, electorate, voters, taxpayers, residents, inhabitants, citizenry, population, community, society, country, nation, body of support, backing, patronage, audience, spectators, theatregoers, followers, following, fans, devotees, aficionados, admirers**

## Public as a Noun

### Definitions of "Public" as a noun

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

- *The people who watch or are interested in an artist, writer, or performer.*
- *People in general considered as a whole.*
- *Ordinary people in general; the community.*
- *A section of the community having a particular interest or connection.*

- A body of people sharing some common interest.



## Synonyms of "Public" as a noun (30 Words)

<b>admirers</b>	Someone who admires a young woman. <i>She had many <b>admirers</b>.</i>
<b>aficionados</b>	A serious devotee of some particular music genre or musical performer.
<b>audience</b>	A gathering of spectators or listeners at a (usually public) performance. <i>He asked for questions from members of the <b>audience</b>.</i>
<b>backing</b>	Help or support. <i>The fabric has a special <b>backing</b> for durability.</i>
<b>body of support</b>	A natural object consisting of a dead animal or person.
<b>citizenry</b>	The body of citizens of a state or country. <i>The legal obligations of the <b>citizenry</b>.</i>
<b><u>citizens</u></b>	A native or naturalized member of a state or other political community.

<b>community</b>	A district where people live; occupied primarily by private residences. <i>The sense of <b>community</b> that organized religion can provide.</i>
<b>country</b>	The people who live in a nation or country. <i>His poetry celebrated the slower pace of life in the <b>country</b>.</i>
<b>devotees</b>	An ardent follower and admirer.
<b>electorate</b>	The office or territories of a German elector. <i>75 per cent of the <b>electorate</b> voted for a Scottish parliament in some form.</i>
<b>electors</b>	A citizen who has a legal right to vote.
<b>fans</b>	An ardent follower and admirer.
<b>followers</b>	A group of followers or enthusiasts.
<b>following</b>	A body of supporters or admirers. <i>The <b>following</b> are both grammatically correct sentences.</i>
<b>general public</b>	A fact about the whole (as opposed to particular).
<b>inhabitants</b>	A person who inhabits a particular place.
<b>nation</b>	The people who live in a nation or country. <i>Students who had come to the <b>nation</b>'s capitol.</i>
<b>patronage</b>	The rights and duties or position of a patron. <i>Recruits are selected on merit not through political <b>patronage</b>.</i>
<b>people</b>	The common people generally. <i>My <b>people</b> live in Warwickshire.</i>
<b>populace</b>	The people living in a particular country or area. <i>The party misjudged the mood of the <b>populace</b>.</i>
<b>population</b>	A finite or infinite collection of items under consideration. <i>The island has a <b>population</b> of about 78 000.</i>
<b>residents</b>	Someone who lives at a particular place for a prolonged period or who was born there. <i>The resident was receiving special clinical training at the hospital.</i>
<b>society</b>	A specified section of society. <i>They formed a small lunch <b>society</b>.</i>
<b>spectators</b>	A woman's pump with medium heel; usually in contrasting colors for toe and heel. <i>The <b>spectators</b> applauded the performance.</i>
<b>subjects</b>	A branch of knowledge. <i>The <b>subjects</b> for this investigation were selected randomly.</i>
<b>taxpayers</b>	Someone who pays taxes.

<b>theatregoers</b>	Someone who attends the theater.
<b>voters</b>	A citizen who has a legal right to vote.
<b>world</b>	The earth, together with all of its countries and peoples. <i>The news shocked the football <b>world</b>.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Public" as a noun

- *The library is open to the public.*
- *The reading public.*
- *Some famous last words to give my public.*
- *He is a hero in the eyes of the public.*
- *The general public have a right to know.*



## Public as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Public" as an adjective

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

- *Not private; open to or concerning the people as a whole.*
- *Of or involved in the affairs of the community, especially in government or entertainment.*
- *Affecting the people or community as a whole.*
- *Of, for, or acting for a university.*
- *Of or provided by the state rather than an independent, commercial company.*
- *Of or concerning the people as a whole.*
- *Open to or shared by all the people of an area or country.*
- *Done, perceived, or existing in open view.*



## Synonyms of "Public" as an adjective (40 Words)

<b>accessible to all</b>	Capable of being reached.
<b>available</b>	Obtainable or accessible and ready for use or service. <i>Community health services <b>available</b> to Londoners.</i>
<b><u>collective</u></b>	Forming a whole or aggregate. <i><b>Collective</b> farms.</i>
<b>common</b>	Having no special distinction or quality widely known or commonly encountered average or ordinary or usual. <i>The <b>common</b> cold.</i>
<b><u>communal</u></b>	For or by a group rather than individuals. <i>A <b>communal</b> bathroom and kitchen.</i>
<b>distinguished</b>	Standing above others in character or attainment or reputation. <i>Our <b>distinguished</b> professor.</i>
<b>eminent</b>	(of a positive quality) present to a notable degree. <i><b>Eminent</b> members of the community.</i>

<b>exposed</b>	With no protection or shield. <i>The <b>exposed</b> northeast frontier.</i>
<b>federal</b>	Of or relating to the central government of a federation. <i><b>Federal</b> courts.</i>
<b>foremost</b>	Situated closest to the bow. <i>The <b>foremost</b> compartment of the ship.</i>
<b>free</b>	Using or expending something without restraint; lavish. <i>After the Civil War he was a <b>free</b> man.</i>
<b>general</b>	Prevailing among and common to the general public. <i>Bearing a <b>general</b> resemblance to the original.</i>
<b>important</b>	Important in effect or meaning. <i>It is <b>important</b> to avoid monosyllabic answers.</i>
<b>in circulation</b>	Directed or bound inward.
<b>in the public eye</b>	Directed or bound inward.
<b>joint</b>	United or combined. <i>A <b>joint</b> session of Congress.</i>
<b>known</b>	Recognized, familiar, or within the scope of knowledge. <i>A musician <b>known</b> throughout the world.</i>
<b>leading</b>	Having the leading position or higher score in a contest. <i>We rode in the <b>leading</b> car.</i>
<b>national</b>	Owned or maintained for the public by the national government. <i><b>National</b> parks.</i>
<b>not exclusive</b>	Not divided or shared with others.
<b>not private</b>	Not expressed.
<b>notable</b>	Worthy of attention because interesting, significant, or unusual. <i>The results with one <b>notable</b> exception have been superb.</i>
<b>noted</b>	Well known; famous. <i>The restaurant is <b>noted</b> for its high standards of cuisine.</i>
<b>noteworthy</b>	Worthy of notice. <i><b>Noteworthy</b> features.</i>
<b>obvious</b>	Easily perceived or understood; clear, self-evident, or apparent. <i>Unemployment has been the most <b>obvious</b> cost of the recession.</i>
<b>open</b>	Of a vowel produced with a relatively wide opening of the mouth and the tongue kept low. <i>The clarity and resonance of an <b>open</b> tone.</i>
<b>open to the public</b>	With no protection or shield.

<b>outstanding</b>	Owed as a debt. <i>Einstein was one of the <b>outstanding</b> figures of the 20th century.</i>
<b><u>overt</u></b>	Done or shown openly; plainly apparent. <i>An <b>overt</b> lie.</i>
<b>plain</b>	Not elaborate or elaborated; simple. <i>The main problem is just <b>plain</b> exhaustion.</i>
<b>popular</b>	(of music or art) new and of general appeal (especially among young people). <i>The <b>popular</b> vote.</i>
<b>prominent</b>	Conspicuous in position or importance. <i>A <b>prominent</b> citizen.</i>
<b>publicized</b>	Made known; especially made widely known.
<b><u>published</u></b>	(of information) printed or made available online so as to be generally known. <i>A course that offers the opportunity to have your writing critiqued by a <b>published</b> author.</i>
<b>recognized</b>	Generally approved or compelling recognition. <i>A <b>recognized</b> authority.</i>
<b>shared</b>	Posted or reposted on a social media website or application. <i>I lived in a <b>shared</b> house.</i>
<b><u>universal</u></b>	Of worldwide scope or applicability. <i><b>Universal</b> wrench.</i>
<b>unrestricted</b>	Accessible to all. <i><b>Unrestricted</b> verbs are usually stronger than those qualified by adverbs.</i>
<b>well known</b>	Wise or advantageous and hence advisable.
<b><u>widespread</u></b>	Widely circulated or diffused. <i>There was <b>widespread</b> support for the war.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Public" as an adjective

- *He wanted a public apology in the Wall Street Journal.*
- *We should talk somewhere less public.*
- *Public spending.*
- *Public parks.*
- *A public scandal.*
- *He was forced to withdraw from public life.*
- *Performers and members of royal families are public figures.*
- *Public gardens.*
- *Public examination results.*
- *Public affairs.*
- *The public welfare.*
- *Public concern.*
- *Public libraries.*
- *Public funds.*

- *A public figure.*
- *A public library.*
- *Public services.*
- *The public good.*



## Associations of "Public" (30 Words)

### **accepted**

Generally approved or compelling recognition.

*Several **accepted** techniques for treating the condition.*

### **affirmation**

A judgment by a higher court that the judgment of a lower court was correct and should stand.

*The lack of one or both parents **affirmation** leaves some children emotionally crippled.*

<b>annunciation</b>	(Christianity) the announcement to the Virgin Mary by the angel Gabriel of the incarnation of Christ. <i>The <b>annunciation</b> of a set of rules applying to the relationships between states.</i>
<b>broadly</b>	Without regard to specific details or exceptions. <i><b>Broadly</b> speaking the risks are as follows.</i>
<b>chiefly</b>	For the most part. <i>An audience consisting <b>chiefly</b> of women between the ages of 18 and 54.</i>
<b>commonly</b>	Very often; frequently. <i>A <b>commonly</b> used industrial chemical.</i>
<b>declaration</b>	(contract bridge) the highest bid becomes the contract setting the number of tricks that the bidder must make. <i>His <b>declaration</b> of innocence.</i>
<b>declared</b>	Declared as fact explicitly stated. <i>Despite the company s <b>declared</b> good intentions some remained sceptical.</i>
<b>general</b>	A general officer of the highest rank. <i>The arrangements were outlined in very <b>general</b> terms.</i>
<b>generally</b>	By or to most people; widely. <i>A decade when France was moving <b>generally</b> to the left.</i>
<b>habitually</b>	By way of habit; customarily. <i>He <b>habitually</b> carried a pocket knife.</i>
<b>known</b>	(of a quantity or variable) having a value that can be stated. <i>A <b>known</b> criminal.</i>
<b>largely</b>	To a great extent; on the whole; mostly. <i>He was soon arrested <b>largely</b> through the efforts of Tom Poole.</i>
<b>mainly</b>	For the most part. <i>The west will be <b>mainly</b> dry.</i>
<b>mostly</b>	In large part; mainly or chiefly. <i>The culprits are <b>mostly</b> but not exclusively male.</i>
<b>normally</b>	At right angles to a given line or surface. <i><b>Normally</b> it takes three or four years to complete the training.</i>
<b>official</b>	Verified officially. <i>Members would know when industrial action is <b>official</b>.</i>
<b>officially</b>	With the authority of the government or other organization. <i>There is a possibility he was murdered <b>officially</b> he died in a car smash.</i>

<b>opened</b>	Made open or clear. <i>The newly <b>opened</b> road.</i>
<b>ordinarily</b>	Under normal conditions. <i>An effort to behave <b>ordinarily</b>.</i>
<b><u>overwhelmingly</u></b>	Incapable of being resisted. <i>The candy looked <b>overwhelmingly</b> desirable to the dieting man.</i>
<b>populace</b>	The people living in a particular country or area. <i>The party misjudged the mood of the <b>populace</b>.</i>
<b>principally</b>	For the most part; chiefly. <i>He was <b>principally</b> a landscape painter.</i>
<b><u>proclamation</u></b>	A formal public statement. <i>The issuing by the monarch of a <b>proclamation</b> dissolving Parliament.</i>
<b><u>routinely</u></b>	As part of a regular procedure rather than for a special reason. <i>Owners <b>routinely</b> flout local laws about restraining and picking up after their pets.</i>
<b>stated</b>	Declared as fact explicitly stated. <i>The <b>stated</b> aim of the programme.</i>
<b><u>typically</u></b>	In a way that is characteristic of a particular person or thing. <i>A <b>typically</b> English village wedding.</i>
<b>universally</b>	Everywhere. <i>Progress is not always <b>universally</b> welcomed.</i>
<b>usually</b>	Under normal conditions. <i><b>Usually</b> she was late.</i>
<b><u>wont</u></b>	An established custom. <i><b>Wont</b> thy heart to thoughts hereof.</i>

