

Need another word that means the same as “regression”? Find 31 synonyms and 30 related words for “regression” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Regression” are: regression toward the mean, simple regression, regress, retrogression, retroversion, reversion, arrested development, fixation, decline, downturn, fall, slipping, drop, deterioration, worsening, degeneration, dereliction, backsliding, decay, descent, sinking, slide, ebb, waning, corruption, debasement, tainting, corrosion, impairment, lapse, recidivism**

## Regression as a Noun

### Definitions of "Regression" as a noun

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

- *A return to a former or less developed state.*
- *A measure of the relation between the mean value of one variable (e.g. output) and corresponding values of other variables (e.g. time and cost).*
- *A lessening of the severity of a disease or its symptoms.*
- *The relation between selected values of x and observed values of y (from which the most probable value of y can be predicted for any value of x.*
- *An abnormal state in which development has stopped prematurely.*
- *A defense mechanism in which you flee from reality by assuming a more infantile state.*
- *(psychiatry) a defense mechanism in which you flee from reality by assuming a more infantile state.*
- *A return to an earlier stage of life or a supposed previous life, especially through hypnosis.*

- *Returning to a former state.*



## Synonyms of "Regression" as a noun (31 Words)

<b>arrested development</b>	The act of apprehending (especially apprehending a criminal). A failure to maintain a higher state.
<b>backsliding</b>	<i>There would be no <b>backsliding</b> from the government s sound policies.</i>
<b>corrosion</b>	Damage caused to metal stone or other materials by corrosion. <i>Engineers found the <b>corrosion</b> when checking the bridge.</i>
<b>corruption</b>	The action or effect of making someone or something morally depraved. <i>This procedure creates a temporary file to prevent accidental <b>corruption</b>.</i>
<b>debasement</b>	The action or process of reducing the quality or value of something. <i>The outcome is rot and <b>debasement</b> of the system.</i>

<b>decay</b>	An inferior state resulting from the process of decaying. <i>Hardwood is more resistant to <b>decay</b> than softwood.</i>
<b>decline</b>	A gradual decrease; as of stored charge or current. <i>A serious <b>decline</b> in bird numbers.</i>
<b>degeneration</b>	The state of being degenerate in mental or moral qualities. <i>Overgrazing has caused serious <b>degeneration</b> of grassland.</i>
<b>dereliction</b>	The state of having been abandoned and become dilapidated. <i>His <b>derelictions</b> were not really intended as crimes.</i>
<b><u>descent</u></b>	A movement downward. <i>His <b>descents</b> on the manager of any shop he took a fancy to visit.</i>
<b>deterioration</b>	The process of becoming progressively worse. <i>A <b>deterioration</b> in the condition of the patient.</i>
<b><u>downturn</u></b>	A decline in economic, business, or other activity. <i>The market took a <b>downturn</b>.</i>
<b>drop</b>	An act of dropping supplies or troops by parachute. <i>Eye <b>drops</b>.</i>
<b>ebb</b>	The outward flow of the tide. <i>The <b>ebb</b> tide.</i>
<b>fall</b>	The season when the leaves fall from the trees. <i>His mother had a <b>fall</b> as she alighted from a train.</i>
<b><u>fixation</u></b>	(histology) the preservation and hardening of a tissue sample to retain as nearly as possible the same relations they had in the living body. <i><b>Fixation</b> at the oral phase might result in dependence on others.</i>
<b><u>impairment</u></b>	The state or fact of being impaired, especially in a specified faculty. <i>A speech <b>impairment</b>.</i>
<b>lapse</b>	A decline from previously high standards. <i>There was a considerable <b>lapse</b> of time between the two events.</i>
<b><u>recidivism</u></b>	The tendency of a convicted criminal to reoffend. <i>The prison has succeeded in reducing <b>recidivism</b>.</i>
<b><u>regress</u></b>	The action of returning to a former or less developed state. <i>A <b>regress</b> to the nursery.</i>
<b>regression toward the mean</b>	Returning to a former state.

<b>retrogression</b>	The process of returning to an earlier state, typically a worse one. <i>A <b>retrogression</b> to 19th century attitudes.</i>
<b>retroversion</b>	Translation back into the original language. <i>Uterine <b>retroversion</b>.</i>
<b>reversion</b>	A property to which someone has the right of reversion. <i>There was some <b>reversion</b> to polytheism.</i>
<b>simple regression</b>	A person lacking intelligence or common sense.
<b>sinking</b>	A feeling caused by uneasiness or apprehension. <i>A <b>sinking</b> feeling in the pit of my stomach.</i>
<b>slide</b>	A transparency mounted in a frame viewed with a slide projector. <i>Use an ice axe to halt a <b>slide</b> on ice and snow.</i>
<b>slipping</b>	An unexpected slide. <i>We see lots of orthopaedic injuries due to <b>slipping</b> on ice.</i>
<b>tainting</b>	The state of being contaminated.
<b>waning</b>	A gradual decrease in magnitude or extent. <i>The waxing and <b>waning</b> of the moon.</i>
<b>worsening</b>	Changing something with the result that it becomes worse. <i>The <b>worsening</b> of air quality in pristine areas.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Regression" as a noun

- *The details recalled by Carol during the regression.*
- *There was 46.7 per cent complete regression in the placebo group.*
- *It is easy to blame unrest on economic regression.*
- *Regression therapy.*
- *A past-life regression.*



## Associations of "Regression" (30 Words)

- alcoholism** Habitual intoxication; prolonged and excessive intake of alcoholic drinks leading to a breakdown in health and an addiction to alcohol such that abrupt deprivation leads to severe withdrawal symptoms.  
*He had a long history of depression drug abuse and **alcoholism**.*
- anachronism** Something located at a time when it could not have existed or occurred.  
*The town is a throwback to medieval times an **anachronism** that has survived the passing years.*
- atavism** Recurrence of traits of an ancestor in a subsequent generation.  
*The more civilized a society seems to be the more susceptible it is to its buried **atavism**.*
- back** Support financial backing for.  
*She walked away without looking **back**.*
- backslide** Drop to a lower level, as in one's morals or standards.  
*There are many things that can cause slimmers to **backslide**.*

<b>backward</b>	(used of temperament or behavior) marked by a retiring nature. <i>The child put her jersey on <b>backward</b>.</i>
<b>backwards</b>	(of an object's motion) back towards the starting point. <i>The songs look <b>backwards</b> to long ago battles.</i>
<b>degeneracy</b>	The state of being degenerate in mental or moral qualities. <i>Moral <b>degeneracy</b> followed intellectual degeneration.</i>
<b>degeneration</b>	Passing from a more complex to a simpler biological form. <i>Overgrazing has caused serious <b>degeneration</b> of grassland.</i>
<b><u>degraded</u></b>	Lowered in value. <i>She had felt cheap and <b>degraded</b>.</i>
<b>dilution</b>	A reduction in the value of a shareholding due to the issue of additional shares in a company without an increase in assets. <i>The antibody was applied at a <b>dilution</b> of 1 50.</i>
<b>discontinuity</b>	The state of having intervals or gaps; lack of continuity. <i>There is no significant <b>discontinuity</b> between modern and primitive societies.</i>
<b>past</b>	A verb tense that expresses actions or states in the past. <i>They made a study of the reasons why <b>past</b> attempts had failed.</i>
<b>posthumous</b>	(of a child) born after the death of its father. <i>A <b>posthumous</b> collection of his articles.</i>
<b><u>recession</u></b>	A small concavity. <i>The country is in the depths of a <b>recession</b>.</i>
<b>recrudescence</b>	The recurrence of an undesirable condition. <i>A <b>recrudescence</b> of racism.</i>
<b><u>regress</u></b>	Calculate the coefficient or coefficients of regression of a variable against or on another variable. <i>A model in which C and Y are <b>regressed</b> on the same variables.</i>
<b>regressive</b>	Adjusted so that the rate decreases as the amount of income increases. <i><b>Regressive</b> aspects of recent local government reform.</i>
<b><u>relapse</u></b>	(of a sick or injured person) deteriorate after a period of improvement. <i>Two of the patients in remission <b>relapsed</b> after 48 months.</i>
<b><u>restitution</u></b>	Getting something back again. <i><b>Restitution</b> of the damaged mucosa.</i>
<b>retreat</b>	Make a retreat from an earlier commitment or activity. <i>The army was in <b>retreat</b>.</i>
<b><u>retroactive</u></b>	Affecting things past. <i>A big <b>retroactive</b> tax increase.</i>

<b>retrograde</b>	Show retrograde motion. <i>The glacier <b>retrogrades</b>.</i>
<b>retrogression</b>	Passing from a more complex to a simpler biological form. <i>A <b>retrogression</b> to 19th century attitudes.</i>
<b><u>retrospect</u></b>	A survey or review of a past course of events or period of time. <i>A full <b>retrospect</b> of the battle.</i>
<b>retrospective</b>	(of an exhibition or compilation) showing the development of an artist's work over a period of time. <i>A Georgia O Keeffe <b>retrospective</b>.</i>
<b>return</b>	Return to a previous position in mathematics. <i>The professor <b>returned</b> to his teaching position after serving as Dean.</i>
<b>reversion</b>	A property to which someone has the right of reversion. <i>Parties buying and selling leases and <b>reversions</b>.</i>
<b><u>revert</u></b>	Go back to a previous state. <i>We texted both Farah and Shirish but neither of them <b>reverted</b>.</i>
<b><u>throwback</u></b>	Characteristic of an atavist. <i>A lot of his work is a <b>throwback</b> to the fifties.</i>