

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)

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

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

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

backward	(used of temperament or behavior) marked by a retiring nature. <i>The child put her jersey on backward.</i>
backwards	(of an object's motion) back towards the starting point. <i>The songs look backwards to long ago battles.</i>
degeneracy	The state of being degenerate in mental or moral qualities. <i>Moral degeneracy followed intellectual degeneration.</i>
degeneration	Passing from a more complex to a simpler biological form. <i>Overgrazing has caused serious degeneration of grassland.</i>
<u>degraded</u>	Lowered in value. <i>She had felt cheap and degraded.</i>
dilution	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 dilution of 1 50.</i>
discontinuity	The state of having intervals or gaps; lack of continuity. <i>There is no significant discontinuity between modern and primitive societies.</i>
past	A verb tense that expresses actions or states in the past. <i>They made a study of the reasons why past attempts had failed.</i>
posthumous	(of a child) born after the death of its father. <i>A posthumous collection of his articles.</i>
<u>recession</u>	A small concavity. <i>The country is in the depths of a recession.</i>
recrudescence	The recurrence of an undesirable condition. <i>A recrudescence of racism.</i>
<u>regress</u>	Calculate the coefficient or coefficients of regression of a variable against or on another variable. <i>A model in which C and Y are regressed on the same variables.</i>
regressive	Adjusted so that the rate decreases as the amount of income increases. <i>Regressive aspects of recent local government reform.</i>
<u>relapse</u>	(of a sick or injured person) deteriorate after a period of improvement. <i>Two of the patients in remission relapsed after 48 months.</i>
<u>restitution</u>	Getting something back again. <i>Restitution of the damaged mucosa.</i>
retreat	Make a retreat from an earlier commitment or activity. <i>The army was in retreat.</i>
<u>retroactive</u>	Affecting things past. <i>A big retroactive tax increase.</i>

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