

Need another word that means the same as “sparse”? Find 9 synonyms and 30 related words for “sparse” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Sparse” are: thin, scanty, scant, scattered, thinly distributed, scarce, infrequent, sporadic, few and far between**

## Sparse as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Sparse" as an adjective

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

- *Thinly dispersed or scattered.*
- *Scanty; in short supply.*
- *Not dense.*



## Synonyms of "Sparse" as an adjective (9 Words)

**few and far between** A quantifier that can be used with count nouns and is often preceded by 'a'; a small but indefinite number.

**infrequent** Not occurring often; rare.  
*Her visits were so **infrequent**.*

**scant** Barely amounting to a specified number or quantity.  
*She weighed a **scant** two pounds.*

- scanty** Lacking in magnitude or quantity.  
*A **scanty** harvest.*
- scarce** Occurring in small numbers or quantities; rare.  
*The freshwater shrimp becomes **scarce** in soft water.*
- scattered** (of electromagnetic radiation or particles) deflected or diffused.  
***Scattered** showers.*
- sporadic** Occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered or isolated.  
*A city subjected to **sporadic** bombing raids.*
- thin** Relatively thin in consistency or low in density not viscous.  
*A **thin** line of paint.*
- thinly distributed** Lacking excess flesh-Shakespeare.



## Usage Examples of "Sparse" as an adjective

- *Trees were sparse.*
- *Information on earnings is sparse.*
- *Areas of sparse population.*



## Associations of "Sparse" (30 Words)

<b>adequacy</b>	The quality of being able to meet a need satisfactorily. <i>The <b>adequacy</b> of testing procedures.</i>
<b>collectable</b>	(of an item) worth collecting; of interest to a collector. <i>The auction attracted professional dealers trading in quality small <b>collectables</b>.</i>
<b>curio</b>	Something unusual — perhaps worthy of collecting. <i>They had such fun over the wonderful box of <b>curios</b> that Jack had sent from India.</i>

<b>curiosity</b>	An unusual or interesting object or fact. <i>Filled with <b>curiosity</b> she peered through the window.</i>
<b>deficient</b>	Inadequate in amount or degree. <i>A <b>deficient</b> education.</i>
<b>hardly</b>	Only with great difficulty. <i>We <b>hardly</b> knew them.</i>
<b>infrequent</b>	Not occurring often; rare. <i><b>Infrequent</b> outbursts of temper.</i>
<b>infrequently</b>	Not often; rarely. <i>He cooks but only <b>infrequently</b>.</i>
<b>insufficient</b>	Of a quantity not able to fulfill a need or requirement. <i><b>Insufficient</b> funds.</i>
<b>limited</b>	Denoting a limited company used after a company name. <i>A <b>limited</b> number of places are available.</i>
<b>meager</b>	Deficient in amount or quality or extent. <i><b>Meager</b> resources.</i>
<b>meagerly</b>	To a meager degree or in a meager manner. <i>These voices are <b>meagerly</b> represented at the conference.</i>
<b>measly</b>	Contemptibly small in amount. <i>Three <b>measly</b> votes.</i>
<b>occasional</b>	Occurring on a temporary or irregular basis. <i><b>Occasional</b> headaches.</i>
<b>oddity</b>	Something unusual — perhaps worthy of collecting. <i>She was regarded as a bit of an <b>oddity</b>.</i>
<b>often</b>	Frequently; many times. <i>He <b>often</b> goes for long walks by himself.</i>
<b>pittance</b>	An inadequate payment. <i>He paid his workers a <b>pittance</b>.</i>
<b>rare</b>	Having low density. <i><b>Rare</b> patches of green in the desert.</i>
<b>rarely</b>	Not often; seldom. <i>You can write <b>rarely</b> now after all your schooling.</i>
<b>rareness</b>	Noteworthy scarcity.
<b>rarity</b>	Something unusual — perhaps worthy of collecting. <i>To take the morning off was a <b>rarity</b>.</i>
<b>scant</b>	Work hastily or carelessly; deal with inadequately and superficially. <i>The press regularly <b>scants</b> a host of issues relating to safety and health.</i>

<b>scanty</b>	Small or insufficient in quantity or amount. <i>The women looked cold in their <b>scanty</b> bodices.</i>
<b><u>scarce</u></b>	Scarcely. <i>As raw materials became <b>scarce</b> synthetics were developed.</i>
<b><u>seldom</u></b>	Not often. <i>Islay is <b>seldom</b> visited by tourists.</i>
<b><u>sloppy</u></b>	(of semi-fluid matter) containing too much liquid; watery. <i>We gave away a goal through <b>sloppy</b> defending.</i>
<b><u>sometimes</u></b>	On certain occasions or in certain cases but not always. <i><b>Sometimes</b> I want to do things on my own.</i>
<b><u>sporadic</u></b>	Recurring in scattered and irregular or unpredictable instances. <i><b>Sporadic</b> fighting broke out.</i>
<b>subsist</b>	Maintain or support oneself, especially at a minimal level. <i>The effect of genetic maldevelopment may <b>subsist</b> in chromosomal mutation.</i>
<b>unique</b>	A unique person or thing. <i>A style of architecture that is <b>unique</b> to Portugal.</i>

