

Need another word that means the same as “underprivileged”? Find 16 synonyms and 30 related words for “underprivileged” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Underprivileged” are: needy, deprived, in need, in want, in distress, disadvantaged, needful, poor, destitute, in reduced circumstances, in straitened circumstances, impoverished, poverty-stricken, penurious, indigent, unable to keep the wolf from the door

Underprivileged as an Adjective

Definitions of "Underprivileged" as an adjective

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

- *(of a person) not enjoying the same standard of living or rights as the majority of people in a society.*
- *Lacking the rights and advantages of other members of society.*



Synonyms of "Underprivileged" as an adjective (16 Words)

deprived

Suffering a severe and damaging lack of basic material and cultural benefits.

*Boys from a **deprived** environment wherein the family life revealed a pattern of neglect moral degradation and disregard for law.*

destitute

Completely wanting or lacking.

*Towns **destitute** of commerce.*

<u>disadvantaged</u>	(of a person or area) in unfavourable circumstances, especially with regard to financial or social opportunities. Disadvantaged groups such as the unemployed.
<u>impoverished</u>	(of a person or area) made poor. Areas of impoverished soil.
in distress	Currently fashionable.
in need	Currently fashionable.
in reduced circumstances	Currently fashionable.
in straitened circumstances	Holding office.
in want	Currently fashionable.
<u>indigent</u>	Poor; needy. A charity for the relief of indigent artists.
needful	Necessary; requisite. Provided them with all things needful .
<u>needy</u>	Demanding or needing attention, affection, or reassurance to an excessive degree. Needy and elderly people.
penurious	Not having enough money to pay for necessities. Lived in a most penurious manner denying himself every indulgence.
poor	(of a person) deserving of pity or sympathy. The food in the cafeteria was of poor quality.
poverty-stricken	Poor enough to need help from others.
unable to keep the wolf from the door	Lacking in power or forcefulness.

Usage Examples of "Underprivileged" as an adjective

- *The plight of the underprivileged.*
- *Needy and underprivileged members of the community.*

Associations of "Underprivileged" (30 Words)

calamitous	Having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. A calamitous defeat.
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deprived	Suffering a severe and damaging lack of basic material and cultural benefits. <i>Boys from a deprived environment wherein the family life revealed a pattern of neglect moral degradation and disregard for law.</i>
disadvantaged	(of a person or area) in unfavourable circumstances, especially with regard to financial or social opportunities. <i>Disadvantaged groups such as the unemployed.</i>
disastrous	Having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. <i>The battle was a disastrous end to a disastrous campaign.</i>
disillusioned	Disappointed in someone or something that one discovers to be less good than one had believed. <i>The minority groups were completely disillusioned with the party.</i>
fateful	(of events) having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. <i>A fateful error.</i>
foreboding	A feeling of evil to come. <i>With a sense of foreboding she read the note.</i>
hapless	Deserving or inciting pity- Galsworthy. <i>A hapless victim.</i>
inauspicious	Not conducive to success; unpromising. <i>My words with inauspicious thunderings shook heaven.</i>
infelicitous	Marked by or producing unhappiness- American Guide Series. <i>The infelicitous typesetting was due to illegible copy.</i>
inferior	Of low or inferior quality. <i>Inferior goods.</i>
misadventure	An instance of misfortune. <i>The petty misdemeanours and misadventures of childhood.</i>
mischance	An unlucky occurrence. <i>Innumerable mischances might ruin the enterprise.</i>
miserable	(of a person) wretchedly unhappy or uncomfortable. <i>You miserable skunk.</i>
mishap	An unlucky accident. <i>Although there were a few minor mishaps none of the pancakes stuck to the ceiling.</i>
ominous	Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments. <i>Ominous rumblings of discontent.</i>
pathetic	Inspiring mixed contempt and pity. <i>Their efforts were pathetic.</i>

penury	The state of being very poor; extreme poverty. <i>He couldn't face another year of penury.</i>
piteous	Deserving or arousing pity. <i>A piteous cry.</i>
pitiable	Contemptibly poor or small. <i>The men were in a pitiable condition.</i>
<u>pitiful</u>	Bad; unfortunate. <i>A pitiful attempt to impress her.</i>
poor	Characterized by or indicating poverty. <i>The food in the cafeteria was of poor quality.</i>
poverty	The state of being extremely poor. <i>The poverty of her imagination.</i>
<u>unfortunate</u>	A person who is considered immoral or lacking in religious faith or instruction, especially a prostitute. <i>An unfortunate speech.</i>
unfulfilled	Not carried out or brought to completion. <i>It was his unfulfilled ambition to write.</i>
unhappy	Experiencing or marked by or causing sadness or sorrow or discontent. <i>Unhappy caravans straggling afoot through swamps and canebrakes.</i>
unlucky	Marked by or promising bad fortune. <i>An unlucky defeat.</i>
unpropitious	Not propitious. <i>His reports were submitted at a financially unpropitious time.</i>
<u>unsuccessful</u>	Not successful; having failed or having an unfavorable outcome. <i>An unsuccessful attempt to enter Parliament.</i>
wretched	Morally reprehensible. <i>Spent a wretched night on the floor.</i>