

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.*

### disadvantaged

(of a person or area) in unfavourable circumstances, especially with regard to financial or social opportunities.  
**Disadvantaged** groups such as the unemployed.

### impoverished

(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.

### indigent

Poor; needy.  
A charity for the relief of **indigent** artists.

### needful

Necessary; requisite.  
Provided them with all things **needful**.

### needy

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.

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

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