

**sparse**[spa:s] *a*

редкий, неплотный разбросанный, рассеянный  
 sparse beard - реденькая борода  
 sparse hair - редкие /жидкие/ волосы  
 sparse vegetation - скудная растительность  
 a land with sparse population - малонаселённая местность

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**sparse** *BrE* [spaɪs] *NAmE* [spaɪrɪs] *adjective* (comparative **sparser**, no superlative)

only present in small amounts or numbers and often spread over a large area

- the sparse population of the islands
- Vegetation becomes sparse higher up the mountains.
- The information available on the subject is sparse.

Derived Words ↑sparsely ▪ ↑sparseness

Word Origin:

[**sparse sparsely sparseness**] early 18th cent. (used to describe writing in the sense 'widely spaced'): from Latin **sparsus**, past participle of **spargere** 'scatter'.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[**Date:** 1700-1800; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** sparsus 'spread out', from the past participle of spargere 'to scatter']

existing only in small amounts:

- his sparse brown hair
- rural areas with sparse populations

—**sparsely** *adverb*:

- a sparsely populated area

—**sparseness** *noun* [uncountable]

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