

**underclass**

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 ['ʌndəklɑ:s] *n* **обыкн. pl амер. унив. жарг.**  
 студенты первого или второго курса

II  
 ['ʌndəklɑ:s] *n*  
 низшие слои общества; беднота  
 the black underclass - негритянская /чёрная/ беднота

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**under-class** f252 [underclass underclasses] BrE ['ʌndəklɑ:s] NAmE  
 ['ʌndərk læs] *noun singular*  
 a social class that is very poor and has no status  
 • The long-term unemployed are becoming a new underclass.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**underclass** /'ʌndəklɑ:s -dərklæs/ BrE AmE *noun [singular]*  
 the lowest social class, consisting of people who are very poor and who are not likely to be able to improve their situation:  
 • an urban underclass, who have limited access to health care ⇒ ↑social exclusion

**THESAURUS**

- **class** a group of students or schoolchildren who are taught together: There are twenty kids in the class. | She gets along well with the other children in her class. | I'm going out with some friends from my dance class. | 'I graduated in 1999.' 'What class were you in?'
- **background** the type of home and family you come from, and its social class: The school takes kids from all sorts of backgrounds. | We come from the same town and share a similar background. | **working-class/middle-class etc background:** The organization helps children from working-class backgrounds to go to university.
- **middle-class** belonging to the class of people who are usually well educated, fairly rich, and who work in jobs which they have trained to do. For example, doctors, lawyers, and managers are middle-class: The newspaper's readers are mostly middle class. | They live in a middle-class neighbourhood on the edge of town.
- **white-collar** someone who works in an office, not a factory, mine etc: **white-collar worker/job/employee:** The economic recession has put many white-collar workers in danger of losing their jobs.
- **working-class** belonging to the class of people who do not have much money or power, and who have jobs where they do physical work. For example, factory workers, builders, and drivers are working-class: Most of the people who live round here are working class. | I come from a working-class family – I'm the first one to graduate from college.
- **blue-collar** someone who does physical work, for example in a factory or a mine, and does not work in an office: **blue-collar worker/job/employee:** His political support comes mainly from blue-collar workers.
- **upper-class** belonging to the class of people who originally had most of the money and power, especially families that own a lot of land: Most senior politicians in the UK are from upper-class families. | He spoke with an upper-class accent.
- **underclass** the lowest social class, who are very poor and may not have jobs, homes etc: The government has created an underclass who do not feel they have any rights in society.

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