

swarm

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1. [swɔ:m] *n*
 - 1) рой, туча; стая
swarms of mosquitoes [ants] - тучи москитов [полчища муравьёв]
 - 2) толпа
swarms of people - толпы людей
in swarms - толпами
 - 3) пчелиный рой
 2. масса
swarms of dust - клубы пыли
2. [swɔ:m] *v*
 1. толпиться
people swarmed into the cinema - люди толпой повалили /хлынули/ в кино
ants swarmed the house - муравьи заполонили дом
 2. (with) кишеть
the house is swarming /is swarmed/ with insects - дом кишит насекомыми
the beach is swarming with bathers - пляж кишит купающимися
 3. роиться (о пчёлах)

II

[swɔ:m] *v*
взбираться, карабкаться (*мж.* swarm up)
to swarm up a pole - вскарабкаться на столб

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swarm [swarm swarms swarmed swarming] *noun, verb* BrE [swɔ:ɹŋ] ^{us} NAmE

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noun ~ (of sth)

1. a large group of insects, especially ↑bees, moving together in the same direction
• a **swarm of bees/locusts/flies**
2. a large group of people, especially when they are all moving quickly in the same direction

Syn: ↑horde

Word Origin:

Old English swearn (noun), of Germanic origin; related to German **Schwarm**, probably also to the base of Sanskrit **svarati** 'it sounds'.

Example Bank:

- Gnats came in swarms to torment them.

Derived ↑swarm with somebody

verb

1. **intransitive + adv./prep.** (often disapproving) (of people, animals, etc.) to move around in a large group
• Tourists were swarming all over the island.
2. (of ↑bees and other flying insects) to move around together in a large group, looking for a place to live

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	swarm
	BrE /swɔ:m/
	NAmE /swɔ:ɹm/
he / she / it	swarms
	BrE /swɔ:mz/
	NAmE /swɔ:ɹmz/
past simple, past participle	swarmed
	BrE /swɔ:md/
	NAmE /swɔ:ɹmd/
-ing form	swarming
	BrE /swɔ:mɪŋ/
	NAmE /swɔ:ɹmɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Police swarmed into the building.
- Schoolchildren were swarming all over the museum.
- The museum was swarming with schoolchildren.
- There are tourists swarming all over the island at this time of year.

swarmI. **swarm**¹ /swɔːm\$ swɔːrm BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ *noun* [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: swarm]

1. a large group of insects, especially ↑**bees**, moving together
2. a crowd of people who are moving quickly

swarm of

Swarms of tourists jostled through the square.

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THESAURUS

- **crowd** a large number of people together in one place: The exhibition is expected to attract large crowds of visitors.
- **mob** a crowd of noisy and violent people who are difficult to control: The mob set fire to cars and buildings.
- **mass** a very large crowd which is not moving and which is very difficult to move through: the mass of people in the station
- **horde** a large crowd of people, especially people who are behaving in a way that you disapprove of or that annoys you: the hordes of tourists on the island
- **droves** [plural] a crowd of people – used especially when you are talking about a crowd of people who move from one place to another: The public came in droves to see the event.
- **throng** *literary* a very large crowd: A great throng had gathered to listen to his speech.
- **flock** a large group of people of the same type, especially when they have a leader: A flock of children were being shown through the museum.
- **pack** a group of people of the same type, especially a group you do not approve of: A pack of reporters shouted questions.
- **swarm** a large crowd of people who are moving quickly in many directions in a very uncontrolled way: a swarm of children in the playground
- **crush** a crowd of people who are pressed close together: There was such a crush on the Metro this morning.
- **multitude** *formal literary* a very large number of people, especially ordinary people: The Emperor came out to speak to the multitude.

⇒ ↑**group**II. **swarm**² BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ *verb* [intransitive]

1. [always + adverb/preposition] if people swarm somewhere, they go there as a large uncontrolled crowd: Photographers were swarming around the princess.
2. if ↑**bees** swarm, they leave a ↑**hive** (=place where they live) in a large group to look for another home

swarm with somebody/something *phrasal verb*

to be full of a moving crowd of people or animals:

The museum was swarming with tourists.

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