

**widespread****wide·spread** **AW** [ˈwɪdspreɪd] **BrE** [ˈwaɪdspred] **NAmE** [ˈwaɪdspred]

adjective

existing or happening over a large area or among many people

- widespread damage
- The plan received widespread support throughout the country.

**Example Bank:**

- a geographically widespread species
- The Internet only came into widespread public use in the 1990s.
- The decision met with widespread approval
- The storm caused widespread damage.
- The use of steroids was widespread in many sports.
- There is widespread dissatisfaction with the party leadership.
- There is widespread support for the policy.
- There seems to be a widespread belief that living standards are rising.

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existing or happening in many places or situations, or among many people:

the widespread use of chemicals in agriculture**widespread support/acceptance/criticism/condemnation etc**

There was widespread support for the war.

The storm caused widespread damage.

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**THESAURUS**

- **common** if something is common, there are a lot of them: Jones is a very common name in Great Britain. | Foxes are common in the area. | Personal computers are nearly as common in American homes as televisions.
- **widespread** happening in a lot of places or done by a lot of people: Racism is much more widespread than people imagine. | The report claimed that the problem of police brutality was widespread. | the widespread availability of antibiotics
- **commonplace** [not before noun] *especially written* common in a particular place or time – used especially when saying that this seems surprising or unusual: Crimes such as robbery are commonplace in big cities. | Expensive foreign cars are commonplace in this Chicago suburb.
- **prevalent** *formal* common in a place or among a group of people – used especially about illnesses, problems, or ideas: Flu is most prevalent during the winter months. | Depression remains one of the most prevalent health disorders in the US. | This belief is more prevalent among men than women.
- **rife** /raɪf/ [not before noun] very common – used about illnesses or problems: AIDS is rife in some parts of the world.
- **ubiquitous** /juːˈbɪkwɪtəs/ *formal* very common and seen in many different places – often used humorously in written descriptions: He was carrying the ubiquitous MP3 player. | In Britain, CCTV cameras are ubiquitous.
- **something is everywhere** *especially spoken* used when saying that you can see something a lot in many different places: Images of the dictator were everywhere. | Microchips seem to be everywhere these days – even in washing machines. | One of the first things you notice in Amsterdam are the bicycles – they're everywhere.

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