Difference between Enough to and Too...to

**Enough to** shows sufficiency. It has a positive meaning.

Verb pattern: **Subject + verb + adjective / adverb / noun + enough + to-infinitive**

He is strong **enough to** lift that box.
The boy wasn’t clever **enough to** understand that.
We are not rich **enough to** buy a car.
He didn’t run fast **enough to** catch the thief.
Was he foolish **enough to** trust her?

Note that **enough** comes after the adjective or adverb it modifies.

She is **old enough** to be a grandmother. (NOT She is enough old to be a grandmother.)
He was **kind enough** to lend me a pound. (NOT He was enough kind to lend me a pound.)

**Too...to**

**Too-to** shows undesirable excess. It has a negative meaning.

**Subject + verb + too + adjective / adverb + to-infinitive**

It was **too hot to** go out. (= It was so hot that we / he / they didn’t go out.)
He was **too tired to** walk. (= He was so tired that he couldn’t walk.)
The coffee was **too hot for me to** drink. (= The coffee was so hot that I could not drink it.)
She has become **too fat to** wear her old jeans.
You have become **too much of a nuisance to** put up with.

**Notes**

**Too** does not mean **very**.

She is **very beautiful**. (NOT She is too beautiful.)
She is **too fat**. OR She is **very fat**.

In an informal style, however, **too** is often used instead of **very**.

You are **too kind**. (Less formal than ‘You are very kind’.)