

Cellphone Calling Plan Cost Worksheet

This worksheet helps you calculate the total cost of a cellphone calling plan over the term of a service contract (agreement), including the cost of the cellphone handset and phone usage.

To find the figures for an existing calling plan, look at the charges on your initial and monthly cellphone bills. To determine the cost of a prospective calling plan, read the details of the wireless service provider's contract and speak with their customer service to clarify all the charges. Then estimate your cellphone usage and charges with that plan.

After completing the worksheet, compare the total cost of the cellphone calling plan to other cellphone plans. Look for areas where you can save costs, such as high monthly recurring expenses or high usage charges. To determine the combined cost of your cellphone and landline phone services, see Mobilook's *Phone Usage and Cost Worksheet*.

Length of Contract Term (12, 24 or 36 months)	Months
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Initial Expenditures

One-time fees and charges to setup and start a cellphone service.

Cellphone Feature or Service	Amount (\$)
Handset Purchase Price (after discounts, before rebates)	
<i>Subtract:</i> All Rebates (from manufacturer, retailer, group, association)	()
Sign-up Fee (for service, contract, promotion)	
Account Setup Fee	
Service Activation Fee	
Extended Warranty and Insurance Charges	
Other Initial Charges or Fees	
Total Net Initial Expenditures (sum all above Amounts)	

Monthly Recurring Charges

Fees and charges for cellphone features that are automatically included (recur) on your monthly bill. They are not related to how much you use the phone (for usage charges, see the two tables below).

Cellphone Feature or Service	Amount (\$)
Calling Plan Fee	
Plan Feature Fees (call anywhere, unlimited calling, extended hours, bundled services)	
Shared Calling Plan Fee (including additional members)	
Long Distance Plan Fee	
Data Plan Fees (text messaging, e-mail, Internet)	
Call Management Feature Fees (voice mail, caller ID display, call forwarding, call waiting, three-way calling, and others)	
Subscription Fees (for news, sports, ringtone, content services)	
System or Network Access Charges	
Service Charges (account, billing, administration, etc.)	
Number Portability, 911 Charges	
Surcharges and Government Fees	
Other Monthly Recurring Charges	
Total Monthly Recurring Charges (sum all above Amounts)	
Total Contract Recurring Charges (multiply the Total Monthly Recurring Charges by the months of contract term, less any free usage months)	

Pay-per-Minute Charges

For cellphone features that are charged per minute of usage. List the minutes, usage and amounts that are billed in a typical month. Ignore negative Excess Minutes.

Cellphone Feature or Service	Minutes Used (a)	Included Minutes (b)	Excess Minutes (a-b)	Rate per Minute (\$/Minute)	Cost of Excess Minutes (\$)
Anytime Calls					
Peak-time Calls (weekday)					
Off-peak-time Calls (evenings & weekends)					
In-coming Calls					
On-network Calls					
Roaming Calls (off-network)					
Long Distance Calls (to other area codes)					
Other Pay-per-Minute Usage Charges					
Total Monthly Pay-per-Minute Charges (sum all above Cost of Excess Minutes)					
Total Contract Pay-per-Minute Charges (multiply the Total Monthly Pay-per-Minute Charges by the months of contract term, less any free usage months)					

Pay-per-Use Charges

For cellphone usage items that are charged per megabyte, per item downloaded or per call. Mostly data usage charges. List items and charges that are billed in a typical month. Ignore negative Excess Items.

Cellphone Calling Plan Item or Feature	Items Used (a)	Included Items (b)	Excess Items (a-b)	Rate per Item (\$/Item)	Cost of Excess Items (\$)
Pay-per-Megabyte Charges (E-mail, messages, ringtones, images, etc.)					
Pay-per-Download Charges (E-mail, messages, ringtones, images, etc.)					
Pay-per-Call Charges (Directory Assistance, Taxi, etc.)					
Other Pay-per-Use Charges					
Total Monthly Pay-per-Use Charges (sum all above Cost of Excess Items)					
Total Contract Pay-per-Use Charges (multiply the Total Monthly Pay-per-Use Charges by the months of contract term, less any free usage months)					

Total Cost of Cellphone Calling Plan

Total cost over the full length of the calling plan contract. List only whole dollars, not cents. Calculate the Percentage % of Total Cost by dividing each Amount by the Total Cost. Note any high proportion of spending on any of the types of charges.

Cellphone Calling Plan Charge	Amount (\$)	% of Total Cost
Total Net Initial Expenditures		
Total Contract Monthly Recurring Charges		
Total Contract Pay-per-Minute Charges		
Total Contract Pay-per-Use Charges		
Total Cost of Cellphone Calling Plan (sum all above Amounts)		100%