

## Telephone Rates to U.S. Territories on Major Carriers

Destination	AT&T	Verizon	Sprint	T-Mobile	Vonage	Skype
	Per Minute Rates					
American Samoa	\$4.00	\$2.49	\$1.59	\$3.00	\$0.076	\$0.105
Guam	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.15	\$1.00	\$0.031	\$0.023
Northern Marianas	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.15	\$1.00	\$0.045	\$0.045
Puerto Rico	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.010	\$0.023
US Virgin Islands	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.026	\$0.060

All rates apply for calls to both landline and wireless (cell phone)

The above chart shows calling rates from the U.S. States, to the U.S. Territories for the major cell phone carriers and for two VOIP carriers (voice over internet protocol).

**The first thing to notice** is that all carriers charge a huge premium for calls to American Samoa as compared to calls to other U.S. territories. Even Vonage and Skype charge nearly twice as much to American Samoa as compared to other territories.

**All carriers offer an international calling package, which is a flat rate added to your service, on a per phone basis.** Special plans are seldom worth the extra amount added to your monthly phone bill unless you make many international calls.

Verizon and T-Mobile charge \$15 per month, per line for unlimited minutes to American Samoa.

AT&T charges \$5.00 per month, per line and then adds \$0.37 per minute for calls.

On Sprint, you apparently need to pay \$15/month/line to use their international service. Then they charge \$0.37/minute for calls.

Skype has a flat rate plan for unlimited calls to American Samoa for \$6.99/month, use it or lose it.

Why is American Samoa charged these punitive fees? This is the question that needs to be answered.