

# Your Insider's Look at Phone and Home Internet Plans for September 2024!





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Digital Plus Solutions is proud to present this comprehensive guide, which provides an in-depth comparison of phone and home internet plans available in September 2024. This guide meticulously analyzes various plans tailored for students, individuals, families, and high-data users, aiming at assisting consumers in making informed decisions. Our goal is to empower our clients with the knowledge to navigate the complex landscape of digital solutions efficiently.

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# **Mobile Carrier Plans**

<u>Carrier</u>	<u>Plan</u>	Price (1 line)	Price (2 lines)	<u>Price (3</u> <u>lines)</u>	<u>Price (4</u> <u>lines)</u>	<u>Benefits</u>
<u>AT&amp;T</u>	Unlimited Premium Plan	\$85.99/ month	\$151.98/ month	\$182.97/ month	\$203.96/ month	Unlimited high-speed data, 5G access, 60GB of mobile hotspot data per line, Up to 4K UHD Streaming, along with AT&T ActiveArmorSM advanced security.
<u>AT&amp;T</u>	Unlimited Extra Plan	\$75.99/ month	\$131.98/ month	\$152.97/ month	\$163.96/ month	75GB premium data post consumption AT&T may temporarily slow data speeds if the network is busy, 30GB of mobile hotspot data per line, along with AT&T ActiveArmorSM advanced security.
<u>AT&amp;T</u>	Unlimited Starter Plan	\$65.99/ month	\$121.98/ month	\$137.97 /month	\$143.96/ month	AT&T may temporarily slow data speeds if the network is busy, with 5G access, 5GB of mobile hotspot data per line, and AT&T ActiveArmorSM advanced security.
AT&T	AT&T Value Plus	\$50.99/ month	\$101.98/ month	\$113.97/ month	\$123.96/ month	Unlimited talk, text, and data in the US, Canada, and Mexico with 5G access. AT&T may slow data speeds during congestion. ActiveArmorSM security included.
<u>AT&amp;T</u>	AT&T 4GB	\$50/month	\$90/month	\$120/month	\$160/month	Unlimited talk, text, and 4GB data with 5G in the US, Canada, and Mexico. ActiveArmorSM security included. Mobile Hotspot counts towards data cap.
<u>Verizon</u>	Unlimited Ultimate	\$90/month,	\$160/month	\$195/month	\$220/month	Unlimited 5G/4G LTE, Mobile 60GB Hotspot data, Add-ons Verizon Home Internet as low as \$35/Month. Add Apple one by paying \$10/line per month.
<u>Verizon</u>	Unlimited Plus	\$80/month	\$140/month	\$165/month	\$180/month	Unlimited 5G/4G LTE, 30GB of mobile hotspot data per line. Add Disney bundle or Netflix & MAX, or 100 GB Mobile Hotspot by paying \$10/line per month.

<u>Carrier</u>	Plan	<u>Price (1</u> line)	<u>Price (2</u> lines)	<u>Price (3</u> lines)	<u>Price (4</u> lines)	<u>Benefits</u>
<u>Verizon</u>	Unlimited Welcome	\$65/month	\$110/month	\$120/month	\$120/month	Unlimited 5G/4G LTE Add-ons Verizon home Internet as low as \$40/Month. Add Walmart+ by paying \$10/line per month
<u>Google Fi</u>	Flexible	\$20/month + data	\$35/month + data	\$50/month + data	\$65/month + data	Pay only for the data you use, data shareable with tablets, and data usage in 200+ destinations at local rates. <b>Cost \$10/GB+</b> Bill Protection
<u>Google Fi</u>	Simply Unlimited	\$50/month	\$80/Month	\$90/month	\$100/month	Unlimited data, 5GB hotspot tethering, and calls and texts to Canada and Mexico are included.
<u>Google Fi</u>	Unlimited Plus	\$65/month	\$110/month	\$135/month	\$160/month	Unlimited data, hotspots, calls, and texts to 50+ countries and 100 GB of cloud storage with Google One. Six months of YouTube Premium
<u>Boost</u>	Unlimited	\$12.5/month	\$50/month	\$75/month	\$100/month	Unlimited Talk, Text & Data, No Contract Required, \$25/mo. Forever., Buy Now, Pay Later Available, 30GB of Premium Data
<u>Boost</u>	Unlimited +	\$50/month	\$100/month	\$150/month	\$200/month	Unlimited Talk & Text, 40GB Premium Data, Mobile Hotspot, No Contract Required, Global Talk & Text, Monthly Taxes Included, Buy Now, Pay Later Available
<u>Boost</u>	Unlimited Premium	\$60/month	\$120/month	\$180/month	\$240/month	Unlimited Talk & Text, 50GB Premium Data, Mobile Hotspot, No Contract Required, Global Talk & Text, North America Connect Monthly Taxes Included, Buy Now, Pay Later Available
Mint	5GB Plan	\$15/month	\$30/month	\$45/month	\$60/month	Unlimited Talk & Text, 5GB 5G/4G Data/mo, Mobile Hotspot
<u>Mint</u>	15GB Plan	\$15/month	\$40/month	\$60/month	\$80/month	Unlimited Talk & Text, 15GB 5G/4G Data/mo, Mobile Hotspot
<u>Mint</u>	20GB Plan	\$15/month	\$50/month	\$75/month	\$100/month	Unlimited Talk & Text, 20GB 5G/4G Data/mo, Mobile Hotspot
Mint	Unlimited Plan	\$15/month	\$60/month	\$90/month	\$120/month	Unlimited Talk & Text, 40GB 5G/4G Data, Mobile Hotspot limited to 10GB

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<u>T-Mobile</u>	Go5G Next	\$100/month	\$170/month	\$180/month	\$225/month	Upgrade your phone Every year, Unlimited Talk, Text & Data, Unlimited Priority Data, Ultra-High Definition Streaming, 50GB Hotspot Access, Apple TV+, Netflix™ Standard with ads, Hulu (With Ads).
<u>T-Mobile</u>	Go5G Plus	\$90/month	\$150/month	\$150/month	\$185/month	Upgrade your phone Every two years, Unlimited Talk, Text & Data, Unlimited Priority Data, Ultra-High Definition Streaming, 50GB Hotspot Access, Apple TV+, Netflix™ Standard with ads.
<u>T-Mobile</u>	Go5G	\$75/month	\$130/month	\$130/month	\$155/month	Get 100GB premium data with 15GB high-speed hotspot, then unlimited 3G hotspot. Enjoy Apple TV+ free for 6 months!
<u>T-Mobile</u>	Essential	\$60/month	\$90/month	\$90/month	\$105/month	Unlimited Talk, Text & Data, 50GB Premium Data, Unlimited 3G mobile hotspot data
<u>T-Mobile</u>	Essential Saver	\$50/month	\$80/month	\$100/month	\$100/month	Unlimited Talk, Text & Data, 50GB Premium Data, Unlimited 3G mobile hotspot data, NO Financing Promotion.
<u>U.S</u> <u>Cellular</u>	Basic	\$29.99/ month	\$59.98/ month	\$89.97/ month	\$119.96/ month	Unlimited Talk, Text & Data, SD Streaming
<u>U.S</u> <u>Cellular</u>	Everyday	\$39.99/ month	\$79.98/ month	\$119.97/ month	\$159.96/ month	Unlimited Talk, Text & Data, 50 GB Priority Data, HD Streaming, 25GB Hotspot Access
<u>U.S</u> <u>Cellular</u>	Even Better	\$49.99/ month	\$99.98/ month	\$149.97/ month	\$199.96/ month	Unlimited Talk, Text & Data, Unlimited Priority Data, Ultra-High Definition Streaming, 50GB Hotspot Access

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### <u>AT&T:</u>

Q. How does AT&T's Unlimited Premium Plan differ from its Unlimited Extra and Unlimited Starter Plans in terms of features and cost?

- AT&T's Plans Overview:
  - ≻ Cost:
    - Premium: \$85.99-\$203.96/month (1-4 lines)
    - Extra: \$75.99-\$163.96/month (1-4 lines)
    - Starter: \$65.99-\$143.96/month (1-4 lines)
  - ➤ Features:
    - Premium: Highest cost, 50GB hotspot, 4K UHD Streaming.
    - Extra: Mid-cost, 15GB hotspot.
    - Starter: Lowest cost, potential data slowdown.
  - ≻ Data:
    - Premium: Unlimited high-speed.
    - Extra: 50GB premium data.
    - Starter: May slow during congestion.

Q. What separates AT&T's mobile hotspot offerings throughout its plans, and how does it cater to a variety of consumer needs?

- Premium Plan:
  - > 50GB hotspot: Ideal for heavy data users, remote work, or streaming on the go.
- Extra Plan:
  - > 15GB hotspot: Suitable for moderate data sharing, remote work, or occasional streaming.
- Starter Plan:
  - > 3GB hotspot: Basic connectivity for light users or essential online tasks.
- AT&T caters to diverse needs by providing hotspot options that align with varying data usage patterns, from high-demand scenarios to basic connectivity requirements.

Q. Given that the Unlimited Starter Plan's internet speed may be reduced due to network congestion, how does AT&T address this issue, and what solutions do they provide?

AT&T Unlimited Starter Plan Speed Management:

- During network congestion, AT&T may temporarily slow data speeds for users on the Unlimited Starter Plan.
- AT&T provides 5G access to enhance network capabilities, offering improved speeds and reduced congestion effects in 5G-covered areas.
- Users experiencing reduced speeds during congestion can benefit from 5G technology for a more consistent and faster internet experience.

#### Verizon:

Q. How does Verizon balance pricing and functionality throughout its plans, especially the Unlimited Plus and Unlimited Welcome Plans?

 Unlimited Ultimate: Priced at \$90/line per month, it offers a balance with unlimited 5G/4G LTE and includes Mobile + Home Discount with Fios Home Internet, providing comprehensive functionality at a higher cost.

Unlimited Plus: Positioned at \$80/line per month, it strikes a balance with 50GB premium 5G data and 15 GB hotspot, providing a mix of features at a slightly lower cost.

 Unlimited Welcome: At \$65/line per month, it maintains a balance with basic functionality, including 5G data, a 3GB hotspot, and a more budget-friendly price point.

Q. Examine Verizon's mix of price and features, particularly when comparing the Unlimited Plus and Unlimited Welcome plans.

- Verizon's Unlimited Plus and Unlimited Welcome plans to cater to different budget and feature preferences:
  - ➤ Unlimited Plus (\$80/line per month):
    - Higher cost but offers 50GB premium data, 5G access, and 15 GB hotspot.
    - Suitable for users requiring ample high-speed data and enhanced hotspot capabilities.
  - > Unlimited Welcome (\$65/line per month):
    - More budget-friendly option with essential features like 5G access and 3GB hotspot.
    - Appeals to users seeking cost-effectiveness with essential plan features.

# Google Fi:

Google Fi Flexible Plan

- Pay \$10 per GB until you reach your data level, then all data is free.
- Data level depends on the number of lines on the plan (see table).
- Data speed slows to 256 kbps after 15 GB of use per member (you can pay \$10/GB to regain full speed).

	Individual	2 members	3 members	4 members	5 members	6 members
Calls & texts	\$20	\$35	\$50	\$65	\$80	\$95
Data level	6 GB	10 GB	12 GB	14 GB	16 GB	18 GB
Max data cost	\$60	\$100	\$120	\$140	\$160	\$180
Max combined cost*	\$80	\$135	\$170	\$205	\$240	\$275

• Hotspot tethering is available at \$10 per GB.

Unlimited Plus plan

- Fixed prices that don't unexpectedly change.
- Unlimited data and texts in the US and over 200 countries or regions.
- Free calls from the US to over 50 countries, regions, and territories, Affordable calls to other destinations.
- Up to 50 GB of free, unmetered data. Data speed slows to 256 kbps after 50 GB of use per person. Video speeds may be optimized to 480p (DVD-quality).
- 100 GB of Google One storage per person at no additional cost.
- Full-speed hotspot tethering at no additional cost.
- 6 months of YouTube Premium per user at no additional cost.

#### **Boost:**

Q. What is the advantage of Boost's 5GB Plan over its 15GB and Unlimited Plans, and how does it cater to different consumer needs?

- Boost's Plan Comparison:
  - ➢ Boost's 5GB Plan:
    - Lower cost at \$15/month.
    - Suitable for users with light data needs.
    - Ideal for essential communication and limited data usage customers.
  - ➢ Boost's 15GB Plan:
    - Priced higher at \$25/month.
    - Appeals to users with moderate data requirements.
    - Offers increased data allowance for more usage without the commitment of an unlimited plan.
  - Boost's Unlimited Plan:
    - Priced at \$40/month.
    - Targets users with high data demands and those seeking unlimited data access.
    - Ideal for heavy data users and those who want worry-free, up to 30 GB data usage.

Q. How does Boost include mobile hotspot services in its plans, and what are the limitations or enhancements to each plan?

- Mobile Hotspot Services:
  - ➤ Inclusion in Plans:
    - 5GB Plan:
      - Mobile hotspot included with 5GB of 5G/4G data per month.
      - Suitable for basic internet sharing needs.
    - 15GB Plan:
      - Mobile hotspot feature integrated with 15GB of 5G/4G data monthly.
      - Enhanced data allowance for more extensive hotspot use.
    - Unlimited Plan:
      - Upto 30GB mobile hotspot is included for extensive data sharing.
      - Ideal for users requiring unlimited hotspot connectivity.
- Limitations/Enhancements:
  - > Limitations:
    - Data speed may be subject to network conditions.
    - Higher plans offer greater data allowances but may face deprioritization during network congestion.
  - > Enhancements:
    - Gradual increase in data allowance from 5GB to 30GB, catering to diverse user needs.
    - Flexibility to choose a plan based on desired hotspot usage and budget constraints.

Q. Given Boost's pricing structure, how do the costs fluctuate between plans, and what additional features become accessible as the price rises?

- Boost Mobile Pricing Structure and Features:
  - Cost Fluctuations Between Plans:
    - 5GB Plan:
    - Priced at \$15/month, offering basic talk, text, and 5GB 5G/4G data.
    - Suited for users with light data needs.
  - ➤ 15GB Plan:
    - Priced at \$25/month, providing increased data allowance (15GB) and other standard features.
    - Catering to users requiring moderate data usage.
  - ➤ Unlimited Plan:
    - Priced at \$40/month, offering unlimited talk, text, and upto 30GB data (5G/4G).
    - Ideal for users with high data demands.
- Additional Features as Price Rises:
  - ➤ Higher Data Allowances:
    - More expensive plans offer increased data allowances, accommodating diverse user preferences.
  - ➤ Mobile Hotspot Inclusion:

- All plans include mobile hotspot services, with data allowances varying based on the plan's pricing tier.
- ➤ Flexibility:
  - Users can choose plans based on their budget and data requirements, ensuring cost-effectiveness.

# Mint:

Q. In terms of pricing, where does Mint stand in the market, and does it provide competitive rates for its plans?

- Mint Mobile Pricing Position:
  - Mint Mobile is a popular option among students as it is a budget-friendly choice in the market.
- Competitive Rates for Plans:
  - ➤ 5GB Plan:
    - Priced at \$15/month, offering 5GB 5G/4G data, unlimited talk, and text.
    - Competitive for users with light data needs seeking cost-effective plans.
  - > 15GB Plan:
    - Priced at \$20/month, providing 15GB 5G/4G data, unlimited talk, and text.
    - Competitive rates for moderate data users compared to other providers.
  - Unlimited Plan:
    - Priced at \$30/month, offering 40GB 5G/4G data, unlimited talk, and text.
    - Competitive pricing for users with high data demands.
- Summary:
  - Mint Mobile strategically positions itself with competitive rates across its plans, making it an attractive choice for users seeking affordability without compromising on features.

Q. How do Mint's data plans differ between the 5GB, 15GB, and Unlimited Plans, and what aspects should users consider when selecting a plan?

- Mint Mobile Data Plans Overview:
  - ➤ 5GB Plan:
    - Data Allowance: 5GB of 5G/4G data per month.
    - Usage Profile: Ideal for light data users who mainly use basic apps and services.
    - Considerations: Cost-effective option for users with minimal data needs.
  - ➤ 15GB Plan:
    - Data Allowance: 15GB of 5G/4G data per month.
    - Usage Profile: Suitable for moderate data users who stream occasionally and use social media.
    - Considerations: Balances data needs with affordability, catering to a broader audience.
  - Unlimited Plan:
    - Data Allowance: 40GB of 5G/4G data.

- Usage Profile: Tailored for users with high data demands, including heavy streaming and frequent use of data-intensive apps.
- Considerations: Best for those seeking worry-free, limitless data usage.

Q. Examine how Mint's Unlimited Plan implements unlimited call and text capabilities and compare them to the 5GB and 15 GB Plans.

- Mint Mobile Unlimited Plan vs. 5GB/15GB Plans:
  - ➤ Unlimited Plan:
    - Calls and Texts: Offers unlimited nationwide talk and text.
    - Data: 40GB of 5G/4G data, providing worry-free data usage.
    - Ideal for Users with extensive communication needs and high data usage.
  - ➤ 5GB/15GB Plans:
    - Calls and Texts: Similar to the Unlimited Plan, they include unlimited nationwide talk and text.
    - Data: Fixed data allowances of 5GB and 15 GB, respectively, suitable for users with moderate data needs.
    - Ideal For: Individuals who prioritize communication but have lower data usage.
  - ➤ Comparison:
    - Calls and Texts: All plans provide unlimited calling and texting features.
    - Data: The key distinction lies in the data offerings of the Unlimited Plan of 40GB 5G/4G data.
    - Usage Profile: Choose based on your data requirements, with the Unlimited Plan being optimal for heavy data users.
  - > Considerations:
    - Communication Needs: If unlimited calling and texting are sufficient, the 5GB or 15 GB plans may be suitable.
    - Data Intensity: Opt for the Unlimited Plan (40 GB) if you have high data demands.
  - ➤ Summary:
    - Mint Mobile's plans maintain consistent unlimited calling and texting capabilities, differentiating primarily based on data allowances. The choice depends on your communication preferences and data usage patterns.

# T-mobile:

Q. Compare T-Mobile's priority data allocation among its Go5G Next, Go5G Plus, and Essential plans, and examine the impact on customer experience.

- T-Mobile's priority data allocation varies among its plans:
  - ➤ Go5G Next:
    - Priority Data: Unlimited Priority Data
    - Impact on Customer Experience: Go5G Next subscribers enjoy constant high-speed data access without fear of being deprioritized amid network congestion, resulting in a superior and reliable data experience.
  - ➤ Go5G Plus:
    - Priority Data: Unlimited Priority Data

- Impact on Customer Experience: Similar to Go5G Next, Go5G Plus subscribers enjoy uninterrupted high-speed data, ensuring a reliable and consistent data experience even during peak usage times.
- ➤ Essential:
  - Priority Data: 50GB Premium Data
  - Impact on Customer Experience: While Essential offers a large quantity of priority data, there is a 50GB cap. Consumers may experience slower speeds during network congestion when reached at this level. This plan is appropriate for those with modest data use.
- In summary, Go5G Next and Go5G Plus provide limitless priority data, ensuring clients have an optimal and reliable data experience. Essential offers an abundance of priority data but has a cap, which will impact speeds beyond 50GB usage depending on network congestion. The decision is based on the user's data requirements and preferences for a smooth data experience.

Q. Examine T-Mobile's plans' versatility in meeting the demands of various users, particularly when comparing Go5G Next, Go5G Plus, and Essential.

- T-Mobile's plans, including Go5G Next, Go5G Plus, and Essential, cater to various user demands with differences in features and pricing. Here's an examination of their versatility:
  - ➤ Go5G Next:
    - Target Audience: Users wanting a premium and comprehensive package.
    - Key Features:
      - Unlimited Talk, Text & Data.
      - Unlimited Priority Data for a superior network experience.
      - Ultra-High Definition Streaming for top-tier video quality.
      - 50GB Hotspot Access for on-the-go connectivity.
      - Annual phone upgrade for those who want the latest devices.
  - ➤ Go5G Plus:
    - Target Audience: Users seeking a good price/feature ratio.
    - Key Features:
      - Unlimited Talk, Text & Data.
      - 50GB Priority Data for a reliable network experience.
      - HD Streaming for good video quality.
      - 25GB Hotspot Access for moderate mobile connectivity.
      - Phone upgrade every two years.
  - ➤ Essential:
- Target Audience: Users on a tight budget want basic communication services.
- Key Features:
  - Unlimited Talk, Text & Data.
  - 50GB Premium Data for standard network usage.
  - Unlimited 3G mobile hotspot data, suitable for basic connectivity.
  - A cost-effective option without some of the premium features of higher-tier plans.
- Plans comparison:

- Data Priority: Go5G Next provides unlimited priority data, ensuring a top-tier network experience, while Go5G Plus and Essential offer varying degrees of priority data to suit different needs and budgets.
- Hotspot Access: Go5G Next has a higher hotspot allowance (50GB) compared to Go5G Plus (25GB) and Essential (3G unlimited). This caters to users with diverse hotspot requirements.
- Streaming Quality: Go5G Next offers Ultra-High Definition Streaming, providing the best video quality. Go5G Plus offers HD Streaming, balancing quality and cost. Essential focuses on standard network usage without premium streaming features.
- In summary, T-Mobile's plans showcase versatility by providing options for users with different preferences, priorities, and budget constraints. Whether users prioritize premium features, a balance between cost and features, or budget-friendly options, T-Mobile's plans cater to diverse user demands.

## **U.S Cellular:**

Q. How does U.S Cellular guarantee a high-quality streaming experience in its Everyday and Even Better plans, and how does data management work?

- US Cellular ensures a high-quality streaming experience in its Everyday and Even Better plans through key features and effective data management:
  - EveryDAY Plan:
    - High-Quality Streaming: The plan includes HD Streaming, ensuring that users can enjoy content in high definition for an enhanced viewing experience.
    - 50GB Priority Data: With 50GB of priority data, users receive a reliable and fast network connection, especially during periods of network congestion.
  - ➤ Even Better Plan:
    - Ultra-High Definition Streaming: This plan takes the streaming experience further by offering Ultra-High Definition (UHD) Streaming. This provides the highest quality video streaming for users who prioritize excellent visual content.
    - Unlimited Priority Data: Users benefit from unlimited priority data, ensuring a consistently high-speed and reliable network connection even during peak times.
  - > Data Management:
    - Priority Data: Both plans include a significant amount of priority data, ensuring that users have access to fast and reliable network speeds. This is crucial for streaming, online gaming, and other data-intensive tasks.
    - Network Congestion Management: US Cellular may implement data management practices during network congestion. While Everyday and Even Better plans provide priority data, exceeding certain thresholds might lead to reduced speeds for specific users during congestion to maintain a smoother network experience for all users.
    - HD and UHD Streaming: By offering HD and UHD Streaming in Everyday and Even Better plans, US Cellular allows users to enjoy high-quality video content without compromising on clarity.

Q. How is hotspot access organized in US Cellular plans, and what alternatives exist for consumers that prefer mobile hotspot features?

- US Cellular organizes hotspot access in its plans with specific data allocations, and for consumers preferring mobile hotspot features, alternative plans are offering varying hotspot options:
- Hotspot Access in US Cellular Plans:
  - Everyday Plan: This plan provides 25GB of hotspot data, allowing users to connect their devices and enjoy internet access on the go.
  - Even Better Plan: Users of this plan benefit from a generous 50GB hotspot data allowance, providing extended mobile hotspot usage.
- Alternatives for Mobile Hotspot Users:
  - Everyday Plan: Customers opting for this plan can utilize the 25GB hotspot data for various purposes, such as connecting laptops, tablets, or other devices to the internet outside their home.
  - Even Better Plan: For those with higher mobile hotspot needs, this plan's 50GB hotspot allowance offers more flexibility, making it suitable for users who frequently rely on mobile hotspot connectivity.

Q. What are the US Cellular Unlimited Plan's benefits in data use, and how does it compare to other unlimited plans?

- The US Cellular Unlimited Plan offers several benefits regarding data use, distinguishing it from other unlimited plans:
- Unlimited Talk, Text & Data:
  - The US Cellular Unlimited Plan provides unrestricted access to talk, text, and data usage. Customers can communicate freely without worrying about exceeding limits on calls and messages.
- SD Streaming:
  - The plan includes SD streaming, allowing users to watch videos and content at standard definition quality. While not at the highest resolution, it still offers a satisfactory viewing experience for many users.
- Comparative Analysis:
  - In comparison to other unlimited plans, the US Cellular Unlimited Plan stands out for its simplicity and inclusivity. It caters to users who prioritize unlimited communication and data access without the need for premium streaming quality.
- Competitive Pricing:
  - The Unlimited Plan from US Cellular is competitively priced, providing value for customers seeking comprehensive communication and data services without the additional costs associated with premium features.
- Comparison with Other Plans:
  - When compared to plans from other carriers, the US Cellular Unlimited Plan may appeal to those who prioritize basic communication needs and general data usage without requiring high-definition streaming or extensive mobile hotspot features.
- Alternative Options:
  - For users with specific preferences such as higher-quality streaming or increased mobile hotspot data, US Cellular offers alternative plans like EveryDAY and Even Better, each tailored to different needs.

#### **ALL CARRIERS:**

- Q. Find the ideal phone plan for high hotspot usage?
  - For people who use a lot of hotspot data, T-Mobile has a plan Go5G Next. It costs \$100 for each line and gives you 50GB of hotspot data. This is good for those who need a lot of data for their other devices. If you're trying to save money, Verizon has a plan for \$80 per line that gives you 30GB of hotspot data. It's a bit cheaper and still offers a good amount of data for your needs.
- Q. Discover a phone plan tailored for high data consumption?
  - The T-Mobile Go5G Next plan, ideal for those with heavy data use, offers Unlimited Priority Data at \$100 per line/month. It's tailored for users requiring extensive data and includes perks like upgrading to a new phone every year and subscriptions to Netflix, Hulu, and Apple TV+. This plan comprehensively addresses the needs of high data consumers.
- Q. Identify a suitable phone plan for moderate data usage?
  - For moderate data usage, the Mint 15GB Plan, priced at \$40 per month for a single line offers a balanced allocation of data. With generous 15GB of 5G/4G data per month, this plan caters to users with moderate data needs, providing a cost-effective option for reliable connectivity.
- Q. Pinpoint the best phone plan for extensive international texting?
  - For extensive international texting, Mint's Unlimited Plan priced at \$30 per month for a single line is a suitable choice. This plan offers unlimited talk and text, including international texting, making it a cost-effective option for users with significant international communication needs.
- Q. Find the optimal phone plan for frequent international calls?
  - T-Mobile's Go5G Next plan is designed for those who often make international calls, priced at \$100 per line/month. It includes unlimited talk, text, data, and special rates for international calls. This plan is also packed with perks like an annual phone upgrade and subscriptions to Netflix, Hulu, and Apple TV+, catering to users who value entertainment and staying connected globally.
- Q. Identify the most cost-effective and feature-rich phone plan for four lines with unlimited data?
  - ★ T-Mobile's Go5G Next plan, at \$225/month for four lines, breaks down to \$56.25 per line/month, offering a rich mix of features like unlimited talk, text, data, priority data, ultra-high definition streaming, 50GB hotspot access, and subscriptions to Apple TV+, Netflix™ Standard (with ads), and Hulu (with ads). This blend of affordability and premium features makes it an excellent choice for families or groups requiring extensive data and entertainment.
- Q. Find the best phone plan for four lines with unlimited talk services?
  - For four lines with a focus on unlimited talk services, Mint's Unlimited Plan is a great option.
     Priced at \$120 per month for four lines, this plan includes Unlimited Talk & Text, as well as
     Unlimited 5G/4G Data. Mint Mobile's pricing structure offers a cost-effective solution for families seeking unlimited talk services on multiple lines.

#### **Home Internet Plans**

# <u>AT&T:</u>

Plan	Download Speed	Monthly Price	Connected Devices	Features & Benefits
Internet 300	300 Mbps	\$55/mo. plus taxes	10	Unlimited data • Whole-home Wi-Fi (equipment rental may apply) • AT&T ActiveArmor security
Internet 500	500 Mbps	\$65/mo. plus taxes	11	All features of Internet 300 • Faster download speeds for streaming and gaming
1GIG Internet	1 Gbps	\$70/mo. plus taxes	12	All features of Internet 500 • Ideal for multiple connected devices and high-bandwidth activities
2GIG Internet	2 Gbps	\$145/mo. plus taxes	12+	All features of Internet 1000, Ultra-fast speeds for heavy data users and large households
5GIG Internet	5 Gbps	\$245/mo. plus taxes	12+	All features of 2 GIG Internet, Blazing-fast speeds for power users and future-proof connectivity

https://www.att.com/internet/internet-service-plans/

#### Additional Notes:

- Prices are for new customers and may be subject to change.
- Get a discount on your monthly rate when you activate and enroll in Autopay & Paperless Bill. It starts in two billing cycles. Keep autopay/paperless billing and a valid email for the discount.
- Equipment rental fees may apply depending on the plan chosen.
- Connected devices refer to the number of devices recommended for optimal performance on the plan.
- Some plans may offer additional features or benefits, such as free HBO Max or access to AT&T TV streaming services.

# Verizon:

Plans	Download Speed	Monthly Prices	Monthly Prices W/O Discount	Features & Benefits
Fios Internet Welcome	300 Mbps	\$34.99	\$49.99	Vix Premium for 12 months
Fios Internet Gaming & Streaming	500 Mbps	\$59.99	\$69.99	Vix Premium for 12 months
Fios Internet Complete	1 Gig	\$64.99	\$89.99	Vix Premium for 12 months, and Choose from one of these bundles.* NFL Sunday Ticket from YouTube or Save \$400 on Samsung Home Appliances.
Fios Internet 2 Gig	2 Gigs	\$84.99	\$109.99	Vix Premium for 12 months, and Choose from one of these bundles.* NFL Sunday Ticket from YouTube or Save \$400 on Samsung Home Appliances.
5G Home	High Speed	\$35.00	\$60.00	1080p HD Video streaming 2-Year Price Guarantee Vix Premium for 12 months
5G Home Plus	Higher Speed	\$45.00	\$80.00	3-Year Price Guarantee, Verizon Cloud Unlimited, Ultra HD 4K Video streaming, Vix Premium for 12 months Choose from one of these bundles.* NFL Sunday Ticket from YouTube or Save \$400 on Samsung Home Appliances

https://www.verizon.com/home/internet/fios-fastest-internet/ https://www.verizon.com/home/internet/5g/

Additional notes:

- Save even more with this discount. Mobile + Home Discount Save \$25/mo for existing postpaid mobile customers with an unlimited plan that includes 5G Ultra Wideband who then add and maintain a Fios 2 Gig plan. Mobile + Home Discount enrollment req'd.
  - > \$99 setup and other terms may apply. Subject to credit approval.
- Router rental and Whole-Home Wi-Fi Plus included
- \*Choose a bundle based on your plan:
- Streaming Bundle (Included with the 1 Gig/2 Gig plan):
  - > 2 TB Verizon Cloud Storage for secure backup.
  - > Disney+ Premium (No Ads) free for the first 6 months.
  - > Offer valid for new Verizon Home Internet Fios 1 Gig service customers.
  - > Install eligible service, then redeem the offer within 180 days.
  - > Disney+ subscription auto-renews at \$13.99/mo after the promo period.
  - > Must remain on a qualified Verizon Home Internet plan to retain the Disney+ offer.

# **Spectrum:**

Plan	Download Speed	Monthly Price (with AutoPay)	Features & Benefits
Spectrum Internet	Up to 300 Mbps	\$49.99/month	Price for 12 months
Spectrum Internet Ultra	Up to 500 Mbps	\$69.99/month	Price for 24 months
Spectrum Gig	Up to 1 Gbps	\$79.99/month	Price for 24 months

https://www.spectrum-onlinedeals.com/thank-you/

Additional notes:

- Free advance WiFi + Unlimited mobile line for 12 Months Only For Recommended plans.
- All plans include a FREE modem, antivirus software, and no data caps

# **Google Fiber:**

Plan	Download Speed	Monthly Price	Features & Benefits
Google Fiber 1 Gig	1 Gbps	\$70	<ul> <li>Nest Wifi Pro with Wi-Fi 6E included</li> <li>1 TB of free cloud storage</li> </ul>
Google Fiber 2 Gig	2 Gbps	\$100	<ul> <li>Multi-gig Wi-Fi 6 router included</li> <li>1 Mesh Extenders included</li> </ul>
Google Fiber 5 Gig	5 Gbps	\$125	<ul> <li>Multi-gig Wi-Fi 6 router included</li> <li>Up to two Mesh Extenders included</li> </ul>
Google Fiber 8 Gig	8 Gbps	\$150	<ul> <li>Multi-gig Wi-Fi 6 router with four multi-gig ports included</li> <li>Up to two Mesh Extenders included</li> </ul>

https://fiber.google.com/

Additional Features & Benefits:

- Free professional installation or easy self-install kit
- 5 and 8 Gig plans are not available in all locations. Please check your address above to see available speeds and plans for your area.
- No data caps or overage charges: Enjoy unlimited internet usage without worry.
- No contracts: Cancel anytime with no early termination fees.

# Xfinity:

Plan	Price	Download Speed	Connected Device	Contract
150 Mbps Internet	\$19.99/month	150 Mbps	4	\$19.99/mo for the first 12 months with a 1-year agreement
300 Mbps Internet*	\$25/month	300 Mbps	5	\$25.00/mo for the first 24 months with No Term Agreement
500 Mbps Internet	\$55/month	500 Mbps	5	\$50.00/mo for the first 24 months with No Term Agreement
800 Mbps Internet	\$60/month	800 Mbps	11	\$60.00/mo for the first 24 months with No Term Agreement
1000 Mbps Internet	\$65/month	1000 Mbps	12+	\$65.00/mo for the first 24 months with No Term Agreement
2000 Mbps Internet	\$80/month	2000 Mbps	Unlimited devices	No Term Agreement

https://www.xfinity.com/learn/deals/internet

Additional Features & Benefits:

- Add an Xfinity Gateway at checkout. Enjoy a powerful, secure connection. Price varies (up to \$15/mo)
- \*Plans are limited to location. Please check with the provider.
- ✤ ADD XFINITY MOBILE + SAVE
  - > Get the best price for two lines of Unlimited just \$30/mo per line
- Prices can change, not all areas qualify, and extra fees abound.

#### T-Mobile:

Plan	Download Speed	Monthly Price	Features & Benefits
Home Internet Plus	72-245 Mbps	\$50(with AutoPay, taxes and fees included.)	24/7 interactive video support for your connected devices, Unlimited data, High-performance 5G Wi-Fi Gateway, Wi-Fi Mesh Access Point
Home Internet Unlimited	72-245 Mbps	\$40(with AutoPay, taxes and fees included.)	Unlimited data 5G Wi-Fi Gateway
Home Internet Backup™	72-245 Mbps	\$20(with AutoPay, taxes and fees included.)	Keeps you connected during ISP outages. \$20/month with AutoPay, \$35 device connection fee. Speeds may be reduced during congestion, for in-home use only.

https://www.t-mobile.com/home-internet

Additional Notes:

- Prices listed are after AutoPay discount and may vary depending on location and promotions.
- Qualifying voice lines include Go5G Next, Go5G Plus, Magenta MAX, or equivalent.
- Unlimited plans have no data caps but speeds lower than other customers and further reduction if using >1.2TB/mo or throttling, but speeds may vary based on location and network usage.
- T-Mobile Internet Lite plans are limited-time offers and may not be available in all areas.
- All plans require a one-time device fee of \$65.

#### **Offers by Different Carriers:**

#### AT&T: AT&T Phone Deals (with trade-in) as of August 26th,2024

Company	Deals	Terms & Conditions
AT&T	Get Up to \$1100 Off Samsung Galaxy Z Flip6 or Z Fold6 with Eligible Trade-In and Double Storage! Plus, Samsung Watch and Tablet for \$0.99/Month Each	Pre-order by 7/23 to double your storage. Get a Samsung Watch and Tablet for \$0.99/month each. Purchase on installment plans, activate postpaid unlimited service and trade in an eligible smartphone within 30 days. Credits start within three bills and apply over the term. Credits end if service is canceled. Refurbished devices are excluded.
AT&T	Get Google Pixel 9 Starting at \$10.99/Month for 36 Months.	Buy a Google Pixel 9 on a 0% APR plan, with taxes and a \$35 activation fee upfront. Requires activation of an eligible unlimited plan (min. \$60.99/mo.). Get up to \$454.36 in bill credits on the 128GB model or \$374.36 on the 256GB model over 36 months. Credits start within three bills; the remaining balance is due if the service is canceled. Terms apply.
Costco	Get Up to \$400 with AT&T: \$300 in Bill Credits + \$100 Costco Shop Card	Switch to AT&T and get \$400, including \$300 in bill credits and a \$100 Costco Shop Card. Buy a new smartphone on a 36-month plan and choose a qualifying wireless plan. Credits start within three bills over 36 months and end if service is canceled. The \$100 Costco Shop Card is mailed within 60 days. Offers are subject to change. Visit a participating store for details.
Bestbuy	Save up to \$1,000 on Samsung Galaxy S24+ and Galaxy S24 Series	Trade-in phones, activate an eligible AT&T unlimited plan (min. \$75/mo. before discounts), and submit a trade-in request with a promo code. New-line customers save an additional \$100.
Sam's Club	Ported new line: \$250 + waived activation fee (\$35 value) New line: \$100 Upgrade: \$50 Combine with AT&T national trade-in offer, up to \$1,000.	Bring your number to AT&T with an eligible unlimited plan. Activate a new smartphone with a new number on AT&T. Upgrade your existing line and activate a new smartphone on AT&T. Activate an eligible smartphone and trade-in phone (must meet AT&T requirements).

# Verizon:

#### Verizon Phone Deals (with trade-in) as of August 26th,2024

Company	Deals	Terms & Conditions
Verizon	NFL Sunday Ticket from YouTube On Us	Get NFL Sunday Ticket free with an eligible phone purchase and new line on Unlimited Plus or Ultimate. Redeem within 60 days of purchase via My Verizon, or by 12.10.24. Up to \$449 value for 2024 season. Requires Google account and current payment method. Cannot combine with existing subscription. Optional YouTube TV base plan not included. One offer per Verizon account. Terms apply.
Verizon	Get \$800 Off Samsung Galaxy S24 with Trade-In	Trade in any condition phone and add a new line to get \$800 off the Samsung Galaxy S24. The offer requires a select Unlimited plan and trade-in within 30 days. Promo credit is applied over 36 months. The offer is available online only for new lines, with up to \$799.99 in savings. Excludes phones with activation locks or on the Lost/Stolen list. Taxes and fees may apply. Credits appear on your Verizon Wireless bill.
Verizon	Save \$619.99 on Google Pixel 9	Get \$619.99 off when you buy the Google Pixel 9 with a new line on the Unlimited Ultimate plan. \$799.99 device purchase required, with promo credit applied over 36 months. Credits end if eligibility requirements are not met. 0% APR. Taxes and fees may apply. Credits appear on your Verizon Wireless bill. Offer cannot be combined with other promotions.
Bestbuy	Samsung Galaxy S24 Series - Save up to \$800	Trade-in phone, activate on Verizon unlimited plan, submit trade-in request with code. New line customers save additional \$100. Ends if service cancelled.

General Notes:

- Deals and terms may change anytime. Please visit the respective company websites for the latest information and complete details.
- These are just an election of current deals. Many other offers may be available.
- Be sure to read the terms and conditions of any deal before committing.

# T-Mobile:

#### T-Mobile Samsung Galaxy Offers as of August 26th,2024

Company	Deals	Terms & Conditions
T-Mobile	Get the New Galaxy Z Flip6 On Us	Get the Galaxy Z Flip6 free with qualifying credit, service, and new line or trade-in (e.g., Save \$1,100 with Galaxy S9, \$550 with Galaxy S6). Up to \$1,100 in bill credits over 36 months. Tax on pre-credit price due at sale. \$35 connection charge applies. Credits end if device is paid off early or service is canceled. Limited-time offer; subject to change. Max 4 devices per account. Terms apply.
Costco	Up to \$300 off with Go5G Plus plan, Up to \$150 Costco Shop Card, Up to \$150 via virtual prepaid Visa card	Limited-time offers are subject to change. Taxes on the pre-credit price are due at sale, and promotions may not combine with other discounts. Lines must remain active and in good standing for Virtual Card processing, which takes up to eight weeks. To receive up to \$150 Costco Shop Card, register online within 30 days of purchase. A \$50 rebate per line (up to four) is available for new activations with port-ins from select carriers, requiring 90 days of active service.

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#### <u>Glossary</u>

- 1. **Priority Data Allocation**: The mechanism by which data traffic is preferentially treated, ensuring superior transmission speeds for designated data volumes under network congestion scenarios.
- Ultra-High Definition (UHD) Streaming Capability: The ability of a service plan to support streaming of video content at resolutions of 3840×2160 pixels, necessitating high data throughput rates.
- 5G/4G LTE Connectivity: Reference to wireless broadband communication standards, with 5G denoting the fifth-generation technology standard for cellular networks, offering increased speed and capacity, and 4G LTE (Long-Term Evolution) representing the fourth generation, providing reliable data transmission at peak download rates.
- 4. **Data Entitlement**: The specified volume of data—measured in gigabytes (GB)—allocated to a subscriber within a billing cycle can be transmitted over 5G/4G LTE networks.
- 5. **Annual Mobile Device Upgrade Program**: A feature within certain service plans allows subscribers to exchange their mobile device for a new model annually, subject to specific terms and conditions.
- Unrestricted Priority Data Usage: A service feature that guarantees uninterrupted data speeds for subscribers without any speed throttling, regardless of the volume of data consumed or prevailing network traffic conditions.
- 7. **Mobile Hotspot Allocation**: The provision within a service plan that designates a certain amount of data specifically for tethering other devices to the subscriber's mobile internet connection, facilitating shared connectivity.
- 8. **Bundled Streaming Service Subscriptions**: The inclusion of subscriptions to streaming platforms such as Netflix<sup>™</sup> (Standard plan with advertisements) and Hulu (with ad-supported access) as part of a mobile service plan, offering a range of on-demand content as an added benefit.
- Standard Definition (SD) Video Streaming Quality: A service specification limiting streamed video content's resolution to 480p, optimizing data usage while providing a satisfactory viewing experience.
- 10. **Dedicated 50GB High-Priority Data**: A specific data provision within a service plan that ensures data transmission at optimal speeds for the first 50 gigabytes of data usage, aimed at maintaining performance during periods of network congestion.

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