

Reading this chart

The chart on the following page shows rates, fees and the total monthly cost for five 20-minute calls to various cities in Mexico using different prepaid calling cards or prepaid online services, as well as landline (Pioneer) and Voice Over Internet Protocol (Skype) offers.

Please Note:

- 1) Rates assume the user gained access to the calling card's services with a toll-free number, not a local access number. Using a toll-free number can be 1¢-1.5¢ per-minute higher than the local-access rate.
- 2) The total cost of calls to certain cities doesn't include the significantly higher rates for calls to cell phones, but those rates are listed. Avoid, if you can, using these cards to call cell phones.
- 3) The total cost doesn't include fees for purchases under a certain amount, but CUB listed those fees when we found them.
- 4) Some offers only charge extra fees beginning on the second call. In those cases, it may be best to buy cards in smaller denominations to use up in one call. However, that can be difficult if a card requires a certain minimum purchase.

Cost of five 20-minute calls

Estimated total monthly cost of
five 20-minute calls to each city

Card	Where buy/ Get Info	Rate/min Range	Rate/ min to Cell	Fees	Minimum Purchase	Mexico City	Guadalajara	Monterrey	Other Cities	Small towns
Car-Tel	Local Stores	0.7¢-9¢	16¢	None	\$2	70¢	70¢	70¢	\$2	\$9
US Cuauhtemina	Union telecard alliance (uniontelecard.com)	3.2¢-9.7¢	17.1¢	None	\$5	\$3.20	\$3.20	\$3.20	\$3.90	\$9.70
Boss Revolution or Talk Revolt	BossRevolution.com, TalkRevolt.com, Local Stores	3.4¢-8.25¢	12.6¢	None	\$5 online, \$1 in stores	\$3.40	\$3.40	\$3.40	\$3.87	\$8.25
Emerald Plan	EnjoyPrepaid.com	3.5¢-5¢	14¢	None, but see next column	\$20 (\$2 fee for orders under \$40)	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$5	\$5
I Second Mexico City (Note: For calls to landlines.)	NobelCom.com	3.5¢	X	None	\$20 (\$2 fee for orders under \$40)	\$3.50	X	X	X	X
Talk International	Local Stores	2.5¢-6.5¢	11.5¢	69¢ 2nd day and then every 14 days	\$2	\$3.88	\$3.88	\$3.88	\$4.30	\$7.88
Ninel Conde	SpeedyPin.com	0.6¢-5¢	8.3¢	69¢ weekly fee, "carrier service fee" up to 20%, see next column	\$3 (must buy at least 5 cards, \$1 fee for orders under \$20)	\$4.03	\$4.03	\$4.03	\$4.75 (Tijuana)	\$9.31
La Leyenda	Union telecard alliance (uniontelecard.com)	2.7¢-8.2¢	14¢	79¢ 2nd day and then every 14 days	\$5	\$4.28	\$4.28	\$4.28	\$4.98	\$9.78
ZapTel Study Abroad	Zaptel.com	4.4¢-9.8¢	20.5¢	None, but see next column	\$5 (\$1 ser- vice fee for the \$5 card)	\$4.80	\$4.80	\$4.40	\$5.80	\$9.80
Clear Connections	SpeedyPin.com	5¢-8.1¢	12.6¢	None, but see next column	\$2 (\$1 handling fee for orders under \$20)	\$5	\$5.10	\$5.10	\$5.20- \$5.80	\$8.10
PennyTalk	PennyTalk.com	2¢	16¢	49¢ connection, 99¢ monthly	\$25	\$5.44	\$5.44	\$5.44	\$5.44	\$5.44

*Prices as of July 2010