

I am 17 years old and switched from an iPhone 5C to the Nokia Lumina 635 in August, attracted to its low price after breaking, and spending hundreds of dollars on repairing, two iPhone 5cs over a three-month period. Although it lacks some of the user-friendliness of Apple products, the Nokia Lumina 635 functions comparably to the iPhone on nearly all fronts that I have encountered over the past two months, and I am extremely happy with my decision to make the switch.

Pros:

1. I love that the Lumina 635 has two separate volume controls—for Media and Apps, and for Ringer and Notifications. I like to listen to music quietly on my phone to fall asleep, and then use its alarm to wake up in the morning and with the Lumina 635's separate volume function this is finally possible! With the iPhone, it was a constant balancing act to make sure my volume was loud enough to have the alarm wake me up in the morning, and the volume quiet enough to fall asleep to music.
2. The customizability of the dashboard on the Lumina 635 is great—not only are you able to choose which widgets you want on the home screen, you can customize their size and location to fit your needs exactly.
3. The Microsoft OneNote app is extremely useful and is certainly a superior substitute for the Apple Notes that I had on the iPhone. It is much more versatile.
4. It includes an AM/FM radio that uses inserted headphones as an antenna.
5. I have dropped my phone multiple times already, and have not shattered nor badly scratched my phone (the screen is made of scratch-resistant Gorilla Glass 3).

Cons:

1. I am not sure whose fault this is, it is likely not the fault of the Nokia Lumina 635, but I think it is worth mentioning anyway. I consistently do not receive text messages from iPhone users because their phones are still sending to me as an iMessage (even though I have now switched away from iPhone). If you are an iPhone user who receives important information through text message, I would highly recommend getting this figured out before you make the switch. [RPM: See <http://www.imore.com/imessage-bug-time-easy-fix>]
2. A majority of the apps do not allow you to return to what you were doing if you navigate away from the app—for example, if you are using the YouTube app and then check your maps, when you return to the YouTube app, you will be directed to the home screen; you cannot resume watching the video. The same applies for looking at a website; you cannot return to what you were looking at if you navigate out of the app, you will have to re-search once you return. [RPM: Press and hold left arrow to bring up apps in current state]
3. The camera has a very slow shutter speed and takes relatively low quality pictures. It also has no forward facing camera.
4. I am not big on gaming and use major apps (Facebook, Instagram, Netflix, Spotify, etc.) almost exclusively, so the limited number of apps available in the Windows store doesn't bother me, but the selection truly is quite limited so it is certainly something to take into consideration.