

Winter 2023

Elevations



State of the Industry

Operational challenges and economic headwinds that have tested the aviation industry the last few years seem to be giving way to more stability as airlines make progress on a path to recovery. Network airlines, such as Delta and American are hiring pilots to bring more capacity to underserved markets. By this summer, most U.S. airlines plan to have their networks restored to 2019 capacity, with many forecasting growth.

Following recent operational challenges, airlines are implementing new practices and investing in new technology to enable resiliency during irregular operational periods brought on by events such as poor weather or power/ IT outages.

SLC Airport Update

SLC continues to experience high passenger demand thanks largely to a robust ski season. Early in February, the airport experienced its busiest day on record, when more than 32,000 passengers passed through the security checkpoint. A couple weeks later, this record was again broken on Presidents' Day, when more than 35,000 passengers returned home from ski trips and the NBA All-Star Game.

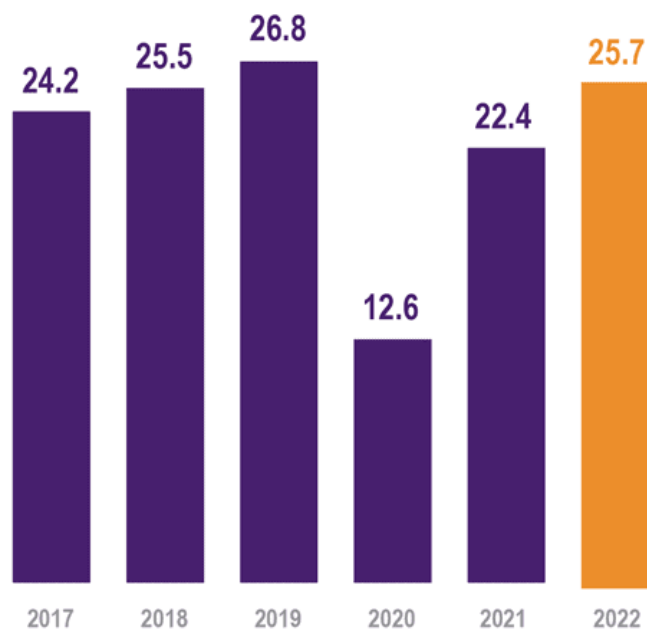


Air Service Update

New air service is on the way! In the last couple of months, SLC has welcomed two new carriers to the market—Spirit and Air Canada. Spirit will begin daily flights to Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Orlando this May, while Air Canada will resume thrice weekly flights to Toronto in June, after a five-year absence. The Air Canada flight will connect SLC with the airline’s global hub, providing not only nonstop access to Canada’s largest city, but robust one-stop access to other Canadian markets, Europe, Middle East, Africa and Asia. Also resuming this spring/summer, is Delta’s nonstop flights to Paris and London-Heathrow, which have not operated at SLC since the pandemic began, along with KLM’s flight to Amsterdam.

- KLM’s seasonal Amsterdam flight resumes March 26
- Eurowings Discover’s seasonal Frankfurt flight resumes May 25
- Air Canada’s Toronto flight resumes May 27

2022 Full-Year Passengers



SLC Total Annual Passengers in Millions

Airport News & Notes



First Gates on Concourse A-east Opening in May

The countdown is on to open Phase 2! On May 16, 2023, SLC will open the first five gates on Concourse A-east. The remaining 17 gates of Phase 2 are scheduled to open in late October for a total of 22 new Delta gates on Concourse A-east.



Taxi Lanes Open Between A & B Concourses

At first glance, what may look ordinary—a plane taxiing at the airport—is actually quite extraordinary. As part of The New SLC, construction crews worked for 18 months to prepare and pave a new taxi lane between A and B concourses. This new taxi lane created a shorter path to the east runways, allowing aircraft to get in the air – and on the way to their next destination – faster.

Passenger Boarding Bridges Installed on Concourse A-east

Crews have been hard at work installing passenger boarding bridges on the south side of Concourse A-east. By the end of 2023, Delta planes will be taxiing from the 22 additional gates built out for Phase 2. [Learn more about The New SLC construction phases.](#)

SLC and Delta Sign Long-term Agreement

Delta Air Lines and Salt Lake City Department of Airports have signed an airline use agreement through 2044, with an option to extend the contract an additional 10 years. This unprecedented agreement shows Delta's commitment to maintaining SLC as a key western hub. Learn more about the landmark deal in [Airways Magazine.](#)



SLC Wins Airports Going Green Award

Congratulations to SLC's sustainability team for winning an Airports Going Green award! The award recognizes SLC for its sustainable infrastructure development, including light rail connections, a 96% reuse or recycle rate of construction waste, daylight-optimizing designs and energysaving modes used for baggage and walkway systems. [Learn more](#) about the Airports Going Green Awards and what other airports were recognized.

SLC Ranks #1 in North America for On-time Performance

SLC Airport ranked first in North America and third worldwide for on-time performance in Cirium's 2022 review. Shout out to the SLC Airport team who work around the clock – and in all types of weather – to keep flights safe and running on time. [Learn more](#) about the ranking and see how SLC compares to other airports.