

Fall 2021

Elevations



State of the Industry

Passenger recovery continues to take shape across the U.S., with summer traffic averaging 77% of 2019 levels. The majority of those flying did so for leisure purposes, but domestic business traffic is steadily returning. The rise in COVID-19 cases due the delta variant negatively impacted bookings from the end of August and into the fall, though airlines are reporting strong bookings for the upcoming holiday season.

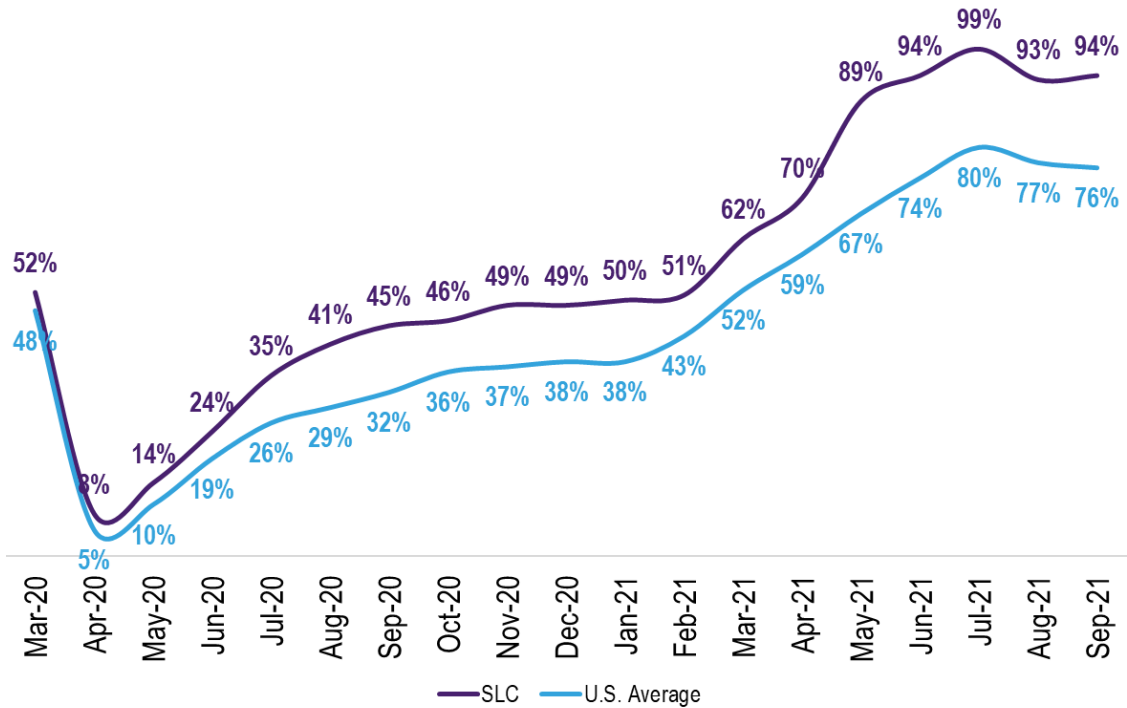
International traffic remains slow but has been showing encouraging signs of recovery as more and more border restrictions are relaxed. The U.S. will officially open its borders to vaccinated passengers on November 8, which has already led to a surge in bookings, as reported by several international carriers.

As more people return to the skies, some airlines have suffered from a variety of operational or staffing challenges in response to the ramp up. Airlines such as Delta, Southwest and others have announced staffing shortages, which have forced them to make schedule reductions throughout their networks, including at SLC.



SLC Total Monthly Passengers

Compared to 2019



SLC Airport Update

SLC continues to be a shining star among U.S. airports, with passenger traffic averaging 95% of 2019 levels June through August. Recently, the airport has experienced some of its busiest days since the pandemic began, especially during the week of fall break. Looking ahead, SLC is optimistic about a strong holiday and ski season, which historically have been among the busiest periods at the airport.



Air Service Update

Over the last few months, SLC welcomed back service on Aeromexico, with daily flights to Guadalajara (GDL). Aeromexico suspended service to SLC during the pandemic, but flights to GDL were served by Delta. As of October 11, flights to Canada resumed with daily service to Calgary via Delta. The airline's flights to Vancouver and Toronto are planned to return spring of 2022.

Coming Soon...

- Southwest begins weekly service to Ontario on November 23
- American Airlines resumes seasonal service to Miami on December 16
- Delta tentatively resumes daily Paris service on March 7
- KLM tentatively resumes seasonal Amsterdam service on March 27
- EW Discover launches new seasonal Frankfurt service on May 23

Airport News & Notes

SLC Participates in World Routes

In October, SLC air service development staff attended the annual World Routes global route development conference and exhibition. Each year, hundreds of airlines, airports, tourism entities and aviation industry vendors come together, in what is touted as the largest event of its kind, to promote route development at respective companies and markets. SLC met one-on-one with over 20 airlines and airports from around the world to discuss prospective route opportunities.



The New SLC-Phase 2

Phase 2 of the Airport Redevelopment Program is quickly moving along on schedule. On October 13, construction crews installed one of the last steel beams for Concourse A-east in a Topping Out ceremony to celebrate the milestone. Four gates are planned to open in spring 2023, with the remaining 18 gates to be completed in fall 2023 followed by the Central Tunnel in fall 2024.



Airport Receives LEED Gold

The Salt Lake City International Airport celebrated its one-year anniversary by announcing LEED Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). The New SLC achieved LEED Gold certification for both the Terminal Redevelopment Program and Concourse B-west. Read more [here](#).





TRAX Resumes Service to Terminal

In late October, UTA TRAX began service to The New SLC following 20 months of construction. The new line provides convenient access for passengers and employees to the airport via the Green Line. The station is steps away from level one east entrance of the Terminal. Also, the airport has opened additional check-in counters for Delta Air Lines for passengers to check their bags and ski equipment when checking in on level one.

RFP for Phase 2 Concessions Released

The public procurement process to select concessions for The New SLC Phase 2 is now underway, which includes the 22 gate extension of Concourse A to the east. Phase 2 has been designed for 19 retail and restaurant spaces totaling 23,873 sq. ft., including 12 food and beverage locations.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) is available on Salt Lake City's purchasing webpage at www.slcgov.com/purchasing. Interested businesses must be registered on the webpage in order to download documents and submit a proposal. The deadline for proposals is January 21, 2022 at 2 p.m.