



# ECONOMIC UPDATE



**3.5%**

## UNEMPLOYMENT

Utah's unemployment stands at **3.5%**, and remains in the top half of U.S. state unemployment percentage in the country.

Source: [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics \(BLS\)](#)



**100!**

## DESTINATIONS SERVED

**Avelo Airlines launched service to Santa Rosa – Sonoma County, California.** This new destination brings SLC's total served to 100! This is SLC's 14<sup>th</sup> carrier, and 5<sup>th</sup> new carrier in \_\_\_\_\_

Source: [SLC Airport](#)



**\$1.9B**

## NATIONAL PARKS VISITATION SPEND

In September, a report by the National Park Service estimated that in 2023, visitors spent a record \$1.9 billion on tourism related to visitation to Utah's National Parks and Monuments. Additionally, this increase in travel supported over 26,000 jobs. In 2013, visitor spend was estimated at \$596 million (\$806 million in 2023 dollars), representing a 136% increase in a decade.

Source: [National Park Service](#)



**3rd**

## CONTINENT CONNECTED

**Delta Airlines announced service to Seoul-Incheon, South Korea (ICN), starting June 12, 2025.** This will be SLC's first scheduled service to Asia since 2011, signifying Utah's capital city as an international gateway

Source: [US News & World Report](#)



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## BEST LARGE AIRPORT IN U.S.

In October, USAToday released their annual Reader's Choice 2024 rankings for the top 10 airports in the United States as voted on by an expert panel and travelers. **SLC ranked #6 based on number of destinations served, amenities, and concessions.**

Source: [USAToday](#)



**2.31M** Passengers

## BUSIEST SEPTEMBER IN HISTORY

**SLC's continued its record year of growth into the fall. This September, SLC say 2.31M passengers.** This represents a 4% increase over September 2023. New domestic service was announced by Delta, including Grand Junction (GJT) starting December 3, and Fayetteville/Northwest Arkansas (XNA) starting February 23, 2025. United also announced daily Washington-Dulles (IAD) service starting December 19.

Source: [SLC Airport](#)

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