

Summer 2021

Elevations



Travel Rebounds

After being cooped up in their homes for over a year, Americans are taking to the skies this summer and heading to vacation markets all across the country. Popular destinations include, beach markets in Florida and Hawaii, outdoor and mountainous markets near national parks, such as Bozeman, Alaska and Salt Lake City, as well as other leisure markets like Las Vegas and Orlando.

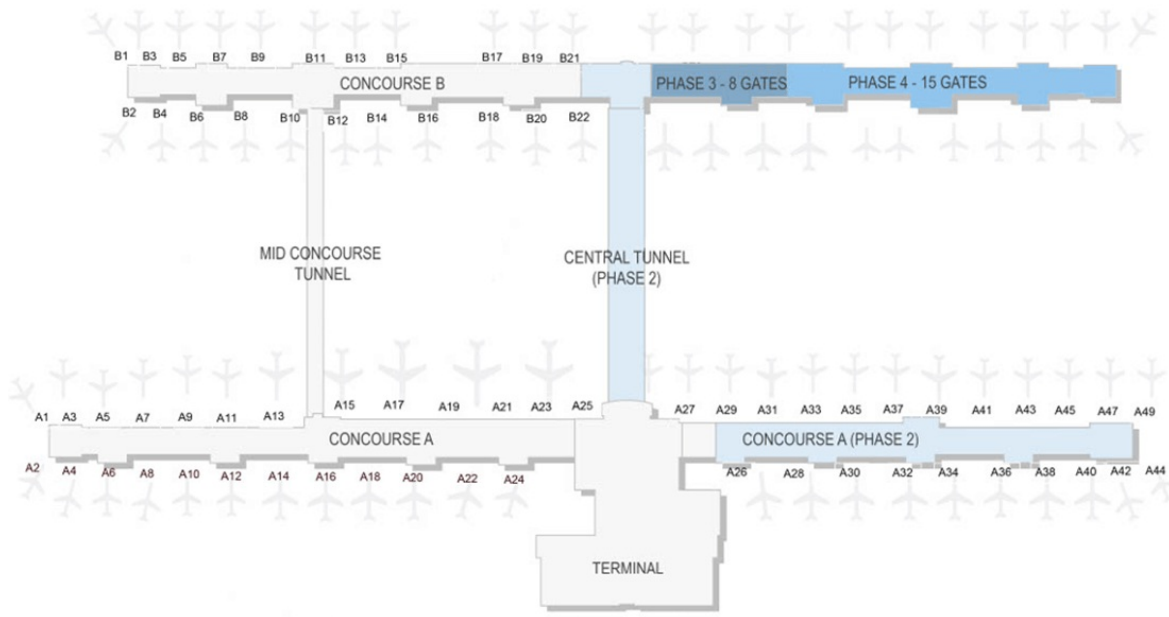
In the U.S., average domestic seat capacity this summer is scheduled to be 84% of 2019 levels, with SLC leading the country with 5% more seats offered in the market June through August than during the same period two years ago. Airlines continue to reallocate their aircraft from business and international markets where demand is slower to recover, to domestic markets where people are currently traveling. This trend is expected to reverse somewhat as business demand picks up and the surge in leisure travel stabilizes.

On the international side, more and more countries across the globe are opening their borders to foreign travelers. Member countries of the European Union are again welcoming vaccinated Americans, while some countries still have extensive travel restrictions in place. By summer 2022, international travel is anticipated to resume substantially.

SLC Airport Update

SLC experienced a surge in passenger traffic beginning in May, following Delta Air Lines' decision to open up their middle seats. For the first time since the pandemic began, the airport experienced its busiest day on June 27, when nearly 27,000 passengers checked through the security screening checkpoint.

Utah's resilient economy and SLC's status as a core hub for Delta Air Lines remain key contributors to SLC's leading position. This will allow the airport to capitalize on its recovery and return to growth mode more quickly than its large-hub competitors.



The New SLC – Phase 2

Phase 2 of the Airport Redevelopment Program is well underway and will encompass the build out of Concourse A-east and construction of a Central Tunnel. Concourse A-east will open in phases with the first set of gates scheduled to open in May 2023.

Airport News & Notes

Air Service Update

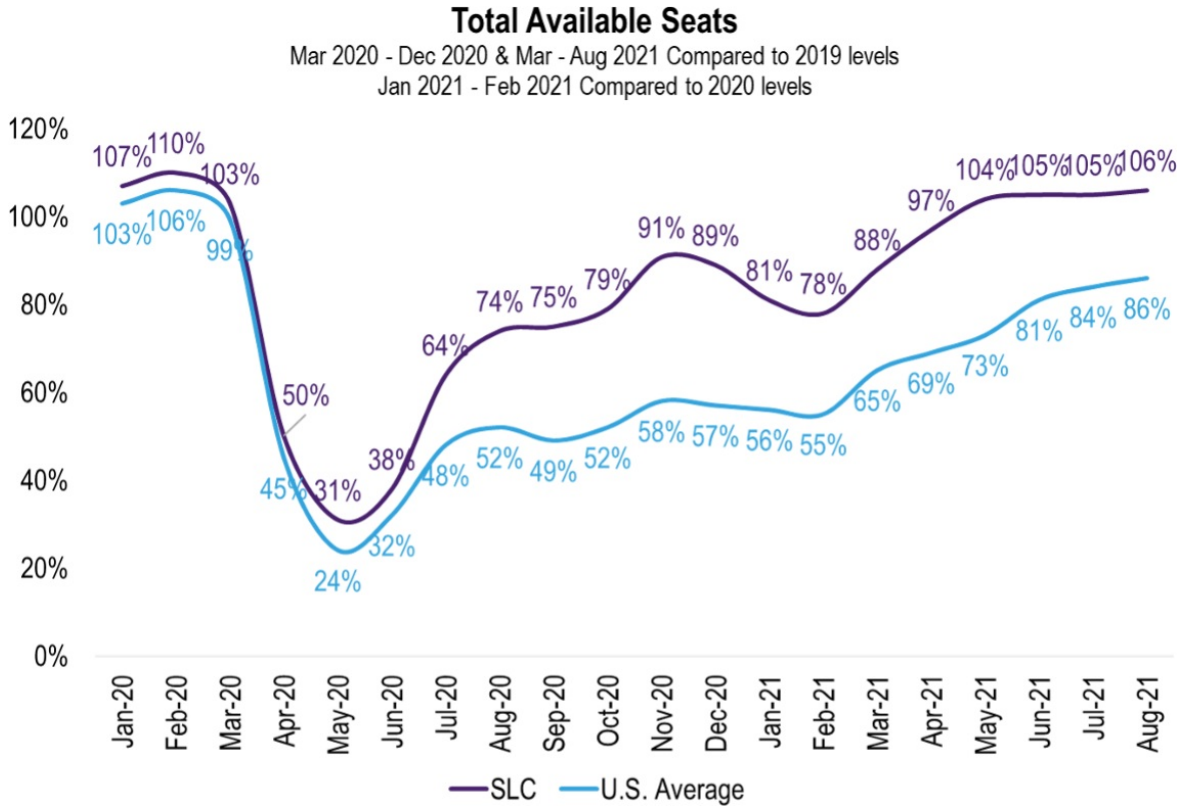
Since May, SLC has welcomed back the following new and returning routes: Delta's service to Des Moines, Durango, Fairbanks, Milwaukee and Moab; Frontier's service to Atlanta, Chicago O'Hare, Dallas/Ft. Worth; and Southwest's service to Austin, Burbank, Nashville, Sacramento, San José and Tampa.

Coming soon...

- Aeromexico resumes service to Guadalajara on Sept. 1
- American Airlines resumes service to Miami on Dec. 16
- Delta resumes service to Calgary on Oct. 1
- Delta resumes service to Madison on Oct. 6
- Delta resumes service to Toronto on Nov. 8
- Southwest begins weekly service to Ontario on Nov. 23

Passenger Projections

SLC continues to monitor the rate of recovery at the airport and has revised passenger projections for 2021. Since initial passenger projections were created in January, passenger recovery has outpaced the airport's high-case scenario. It is now estimated that full-year traffic at the airport in 2021, will be 86% of 2019 levels, with traffic during the summer months to peak at or near 100%.



Business Travel Survey

SLC conducted a business travel survey in the spring to understand the local business community's plan for returning to air travel. Results showed that 56% of respondents expect domestic travel to resume by at least 40% by December 2021, with 30% of respondents expecting international travel to resume by 40%.



European Service Returns

Before the busy Memorial Day weekend, SLC celebrated Delta's resumed service to Amsterdam. The flight was the first from SLC to Europe since the pandemic began and signaled a turning point for international travel at the airport.

Also, in May, Lufthansa subsidiary, EW Discover announced new weekly service to Frankfurt, Germany beginning May 2022. The seasonal flight will be fully integrated into Lufthansa's expansive Frankfurt hub, providing access to more than 160 destinations in Europe, Middle East, Africa and Asia. With significant visitation between the two markets every year, the flight is sure to be a popular addition to SLC's growing European network.



Southwest Celebrates 50 Years

Congratulations to SLC's second largest carrier, Southwest Airlines, on their 50th Anniversary! SLC staff celebrated on June 18 with balloons, cake and cookies along with the flight crew and 175 passengers traveling to Houston. Best wishes to Southwest on the next 50 years.



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