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What are the best and worst airports and airlines for on-time performance?

Nearly 25% of domestic flights in the second quarter of 2025 did not arrive on-time — the tardiest performance since 2014.



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As of late September 2025, an average of more than 2.4 million people on average were clearing security in American airports every day. That figure is about 9% higher than the number of passengers in September 2019, the last comparison before the pandemic.

Two million commercial domestic ¹ flights were scheduled from April to June of 2025, about 3.5% lower than the same period in 2019.

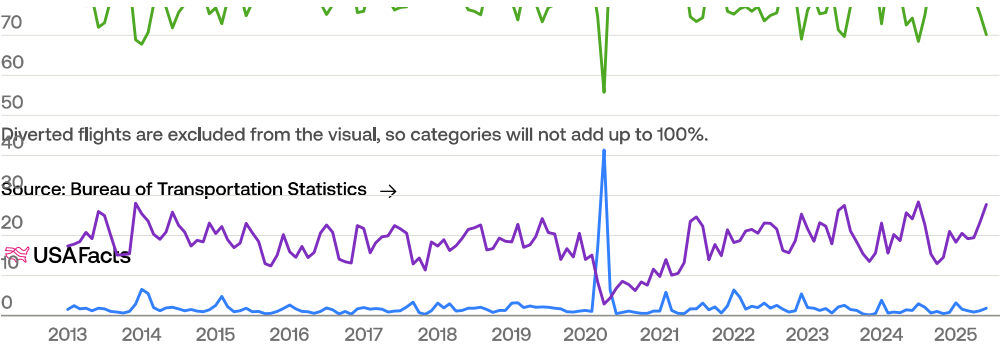
In spring 2025, nearly a quarter of flights did not arrive on time. That's the tardiest second quarter for commercial air travel since 2014.

The Bureau of Transportation Statistics defines a flight as on time if it arrives within 15 minutes of the originally scheduled time.

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Flights by status

— On time — Delayed — Canceled



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What airlines are the best for on-time performance?

Nearly half of the commercial airlines in the US had fewer flights in the first half of 2025 compared with the same period in 2019. Twelve airlines — or 57% — had worse on-time performances in 2025 than in 2019.

83% of Hawaiian Airlines flights arrived within 15 minutes of scheduled arrival.

Airlines ranked best to worst in on-time arrivals in first six months of 2025

	Airline	On-time percentage
1	Hawaiian	83.1%
2	Horizon	81.3%
3	Southwest	78.9%
4	United	78.6%
5	Spirit	78.3%
6	Delta	78.3%
7	SkyWest	77.8%
8	Republic	77.8%
9	Mesa	77.3%
10	Alaska	76.7%
11	CommuteAir	76.5%
12	Piedmont	76.3%
13	Envoy	76.3%



16	JetBlue	74.5%
17	American	73.6%
18	United Express	72.5%
19	Air Wisconsin	71.3%
20	Frontier	70.0%
21	PSA	65.7%

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics →



Which airports have the least flight delays?

Among the nation’s 30 busiest airports, Salt Lake City, (SLC) had the fewest flight delays in the first six months of 2025.

The top five were:

1. Salt Lake City (SLC) - 84.4% of flights arrived within 15 minutes of scheduled arrival
2. Los Angeles (LAX) - 81.7%
3. Phoenix (PHX) - 81.2%
4. Minneapolis (MSP) – 80.8%
5. Detroit (DTW) -79.6%

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Washington, DC (DCA) has had the fewest on-time arrivals in 2025.

1. Washington, DC (DCA) – 67.2%
2. Newark (EWR) – 70.8%
3. Dallas-Ft. Worth (DFW) - 71.5%

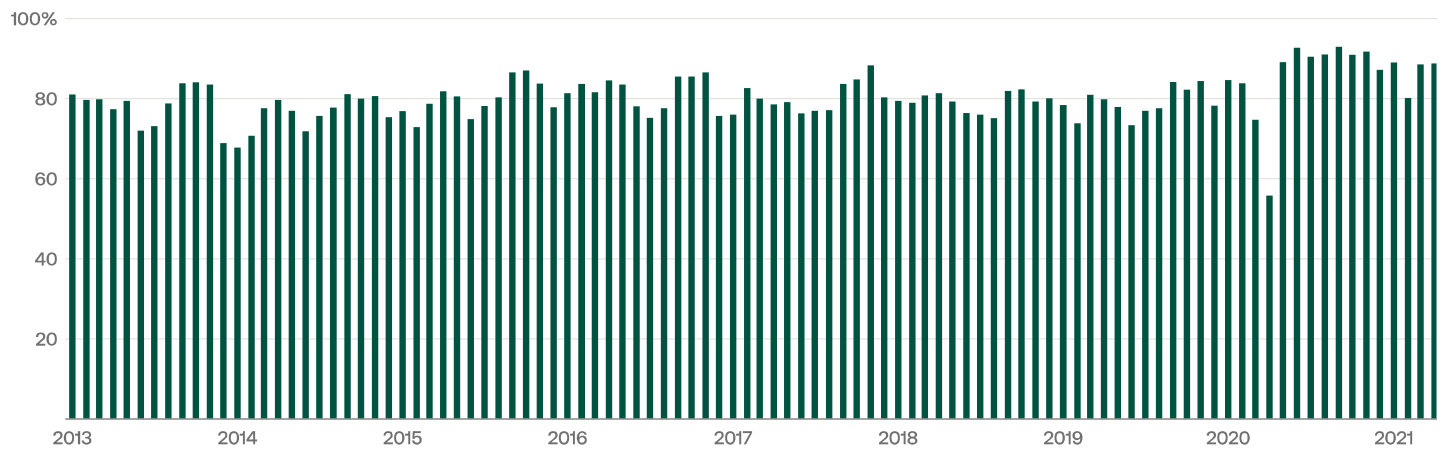


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Percent of monthly flights arriving on-time (within 15 minutes of schedule)

Monthly flights arriving on-time (within 15 minutes of schedule)

All Airports



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