

Summer 2026

Business travel survival guide.

Are you ready for another hot, hot summer of business travel?

Based on last summer, you'd better be ready! Remember Newark, thunderstorms? How could you forget!

AmTrav is ready to help. We're sharing key travel insights from our analysis of two million summer 2025 flights.

Ready? Let's go!



The numbers don't lie: summer travel is hard. 27% of summer 2025 flights in the U.S. were delayed or canceled, including 10% delayed more than an hour or canceled. And 2025 wasn't atypical, 28% of summer 2024 flights were disrupted too due to hot weather, frequent storms and crowded skies.

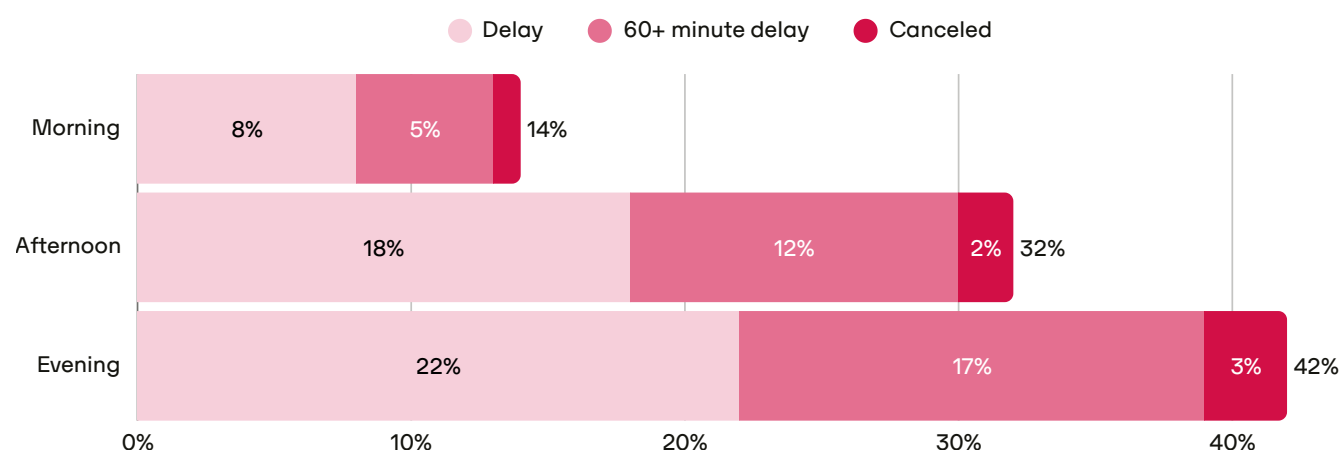
But not all flights, airlines and airports are affected equally. Diving into the data, we'll share useful advice to help you and your team get there.

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Go earlier.

Want to get to your destination or back home with the minimum chance of disruption? Travel earlier in the day. Just 14% of flights departing before noon were disrupted, versus 32% of afternoon flights and a massive 42% of flights departing after 6 PM. This is particularly important for connecting flights, as an itinerary with two (or more) flights is even more likely to be disrupted.



About the data: This report is based on two million flights operated by major U.S. airlines within the U.S. in June, July and August 2025. This data is provided by the U.S. DOT.

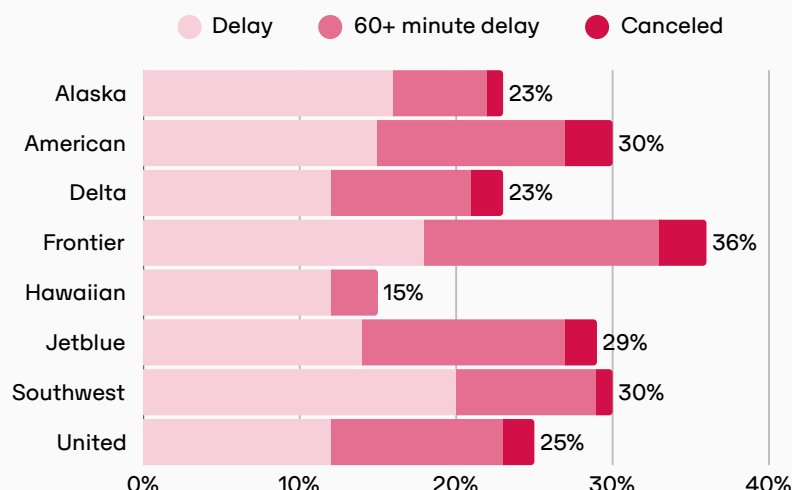
Who helps your team when summer disruptions strike?

AmTrav's all-U.S.-employee Travel Advisors are ready to help 24x7.



Airline scorecard

When it comes to airline reliability, the numbers don't lie. Choosing the right airline makes a difference for a smooth trip. Good-weather Hawaiian led the pack followed by Alaska, Delta then United. JetBlue, American and Frontier lagged behind. Combine this data with the city data above to make even better flight choices.



Chicago O'Hare.



Last summer Newark made news for having more flights than it could handle. This summer it may be Chicago O'Hare with American and United adding lots of flights. If you're connecting, you might consider another airport to connect through.

Choose your connections carefully.

Some cities are better for summer travel than others—your choice of connections matters. Minimize risk by choosing reliable hubs or booking nonstop flights. That said, the difference between the most-reliable city (Minneapolis, 78%) and least (Dallas, 67%) was only 11%.

	Delay	60+ min.	Canceled
Minneapolis	13%	8%	1%
Los Angeles	13%	8%	1%
San Francisco	14%	8%	1%
Detroit	12%	9%	1%
Phoenix	15%	8%	1%
Seattle	17%	6%	1%
Las Vegas	17%	8%	1%
Atlanta	15%	10%	2%
Boston	14%	11%	2%
Houston	14%	11%	2%

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Charlotte	14%	11%	2%
Chicago	15%	11%	2%
Washington	13%	12%	4%
Miami	16%	12%	2%
NYC	13%	12%	5%
Philadelphia	14%	12%	3%
Newark	13%	14%	4%
Orlando	16%	13%	1%
Denver	17%	13%	1%
Dallas	18%	12%	3%

Other factors

Reliability varies slightly between days of week, with Tuesday and Wednesday running more on-time than other days, but it's a small difference compared to airline and time of day differences.



Next Step:
Communicate

In addition to using this data to pick the best suppliers for your program you can share this insight with your bookers & travelers. Encourage your team to book and travel smart this summer.