



Kansas City Financial Stress Index

The KCFSI suggests financial stress decreased slightly in March

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The Kansas City Financial Stress Index (KCFSI) decreased slightly from -0.52 in February to -0.55 in March, remaining below its historical average.

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About KCFSI

The Kansas City Financial Stress Index (KCFSI) is a monthly measure of stress in the U.S. financial system based on 11 financial market variables.

A positive value indicates that financial stress is above the long-run average, while a negative value signifies that financial stress is below the long-run average. Another useful way to assess the current level of financial stress is to compare the index to its value during past, widely recognized episodes of financial stress.

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- [Financial Stress: What Is It, How Can It Be Measured, and Why Does It Matter?](#)
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