About This Data Folder

This folder contains a curated set of financial market indices and firm-level stock data relevant to analyzing the 2008 Global Financial Crisis. These indicators capture broad market performance, financial sector conditions, systemic risk, and investor sentiment. You may use any subset of the provided datasets.

In addition to the provided datasets, you may also use any publicly available data. All sources must be cited.

Category	**Ticker**	**Full Name**	**What It Captures**
Broad Market Indicator	^GSPC	S&P 500 Index (Standard & Poor's 500 Index)	Aggregate stock performance of 500 large U.S. firms
	^DJI	Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA)	Performance of 30 large U.S. industrial firms
Volatility, Liquidity, and Market Stress Indicators	^VIX	CBOE Volatility Index (VIX)	Expected stock market volatility; proxy for investor fear
	TEDRATE	TED Spread (LIBOR – 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Rate)	Measures banking system stress and counterparty risk
	WGS3MO	3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Secondary Market Rate	Safe-haven interest rate
Financial Sector (Individual Bank Stocks)	AIG	American International Group (AIG)	Insurance & Financial Services
	C	Citigroup Inc.	Global Commercial Bank
	JPM	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	Global Commercial Bank