

AlphaFlash® Chicago Business Barometer

Delivering the ‘Chicago PMI’ in machine-readable format

AlphaFlash Chicago Business Barometer delivers the ‘Chicago PMI’ (officially the Composite Chicago Business Barometer), an important US economic indicator, directly to algo applications. The dissemination of the seasonally adjusted number takes place in machine-readable format via the high speed AlphaFlash network three minutes before media release.

The Chicago PMI is typically made available to the media at 8:45 a.m. Central Time on the last working day of each month. Via AlphaFlash, the number is sent to customers at 8:42 a.m. CT.

The Chicago PMI is based on a panel drawn from the membership of the Institute for Supply Management Chicago (ISM-Chicago) and reports the extent of expanding or contracting economic activity. The survey includes data from global business activities of the responding companies.

Traders and analysts closely track the Chicago PMI for clues to the national ISM index numbers which follow it by a day and with which the Chicago PMI has been shown to be highly correlated.

Key benefits

- Provides access to the key US economic indicator Chicago PMI three minutes before media release
- Designed for easy direct integration into trading algorithms
- Available in data centers across the globe

Overview of AlphaFlash data packages

AlphaFlash provides machine-readable news to algo traders, analysts, asset managers, hedge funds and risk managers operating in an automated, low latency trading environment. The information is made available in machine-readable format via multicast and TCP. AlphaFlash subscribers can choose between several data packages:

- USA Feed
- European Feed
- Canadian Feed
- US Treasury Feed
- Chicago Business Barometer (‘Chicago PMI’)
- ISM Feed
- Fitch Ratings Feed
- Risk Signal Feed

Global connectivity options

Direct connectivity is available in data centers in Chicago, Secaucus (New Jersey), Washington DC, London and Frankfurt. AlphaFlash can also be accessed on CFN’s Alpha Platform™ as well as TMX Atrium’s network.

30-day free trial

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