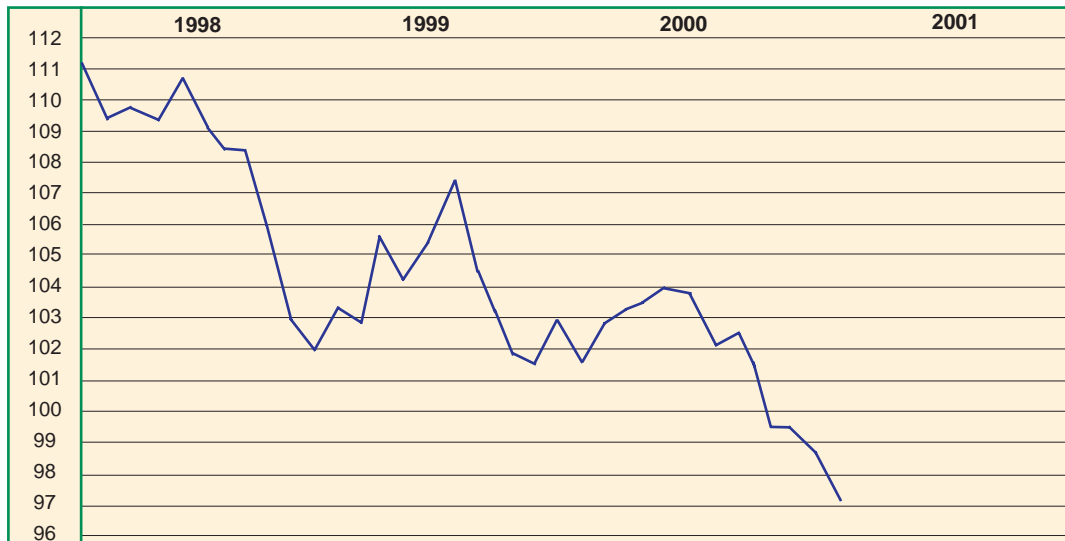


Index Of Textile Production (1992 = 100)



U.S. TEXTILE/APPAREL MARKET INDICATORS:	Latest month	Previous month	Year ago
Employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)#	532.0	535.9	552.4
Production workers (BLS, thousands)#	449.5	453.5	466.8
Average hourly earnings (BLS)#	\$11.04	\$11.02	\$10.80
Weekly hours worked (BLS)#	41.0	41.1	41.6
Unemployment rate, textile mill workers (BLS)#	3.3	3.2	5.8
Textile production index (Fed. Reserve Board, 1992=100)	97.3	98.9	101.7
Knit goods production index (FRB, 1992=100)*	94.6	96.0	96.8
Man-made fibers output index (FRB, 1992=100)*	101.1	99.0	101.1
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	79.2	80.4	81.5
Consumer price index, apparel ex footwear (BLS, 1982-84=100)		126.3	127.0
128.2			
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)#	121.9	121.5	120.6
Man-made fibers (1982=100)#	110.5	108.3	103.4
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)#	108.1	107.8	107.8
Greige fabrics (1982=100)#	114.8	113.1	112.4
Finished fabrics (1982=100)#	122.7	123.0	121.9
Home furnishings (1982=100)#	121.3	121.1	122.3
Carpet (1982=100)#	126.0	125.3	122.9
Apparel retail sales (Dept. of Commerce, billions)	\$12.211	\$12.116	\$11.240
Textile manufacturers' sales (DOC, billions)*	\$6.286	\$6.276	\$6.638
Inventories (DOC, billions)*	\$10.497	\$10.495	\$10.071
Inventory-sales ratio*	1.670	1.672	1.517
Imports (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)#	\$67,618	\$60,120	\$58,803
Exports (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)#	\$15,784	\$14,131	\$14,536

U.S. ECONOMIC INDICATORS:

Employment (BLS, millions)	135.373	135.422	134.098
Unemployment rate (BLS)	4.0%	3.9%	4.1%
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions, annual rates)	N/A	\$7,070.3	\$6,781.6
Real disposable personal income per capita (1996\$, a.r.)*	\$23,675	\$23,833	\$23,390
Consumption outlays, clothing (DOC, billions, a.r.)	N/A	\$290.411	\$267.038
Industrial production index (FRB, 1992=100)	148.6	148.9	141.9
Housing starts (DOC, millions, a.r.)	1.562	1.528	1.663
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	174.2	173.9	168.4
Foreign exchange value of dollar (FRB, March 1973=100)	103.18	102.35	92.87