

## U.S. Textile Indicators:

	Latest Month+	Previous Month++	Year Ago
<b>Textile mill employment</b> (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	185.6	187.5	209.0
<b>Mill product employment</b> (BLS, thousands)	166.5	166.6	173.9
<b>Textile mill production workers</b> (BLS, thousands)	143.3	145.4	165.3
<b>Mill product production workers</b> (BLS, thousands)	134.0	134.1	143.0
<b>Textile mill weekly earnings</b> (BLS)	\$522.49	\$522.34	\$515.43
<b>Mill product weekly earnings</b> (BLS)	\$476.41	\$485.55	\$483.92
<b>Textile mill weekly hours worked</b> (BLS)	41.0	40.9	41.0
<b>Mill product weekly hours worked</b> (BLS)	39.1	40.3	40.0
<b>Textile production index</b> (Federal Reserve Board, 1997=100)	90.9	90.7	96.6
<b>Textile capacity utilization</b> (FRB)	77.4	77.0	79.8
<b>Producer price index, textiles &amp; apparel</b> (BLS, 1982=100)	125.0	125.0	122.4
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	115.0	114.6	114.7
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	114.8	115.4	112.8
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	120.0	120.0	116.4
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	128.5	128.1	125.5
Home furnishings (1982=100)	123.4	123.5	122.3
Carpet (1982=100)	155.0	154.9	152.1
<b>*Manufacturers' textile mill sales</b> (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$2,783	\$2,831	\$2,822
<b>**Manufacturers' textile product sales</b> (DOC, millions)	\$2,702	\$2,754	\$2,962
<b>Manufacturers' textile mill inventories</b> (DOC, millions)	\$3,499	\$3,538	\$3,596
<b>Manufacturers' textile product inventories</b> (DOC, millions)	\$3,081	\$3,118	\$3,003
<b>Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills</b>	1.26	1.25	1.27
<b>Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products</b>	1.14	1.13	1.01
<b>Clothing &amp; accessories retail sales</b> (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$18,114	\$18,300	\$17,175
<b>Stock price index</b> (Standard & Poor's, 1994=100)	247.3	214.0	201.6
<b>Imports</b> (DOC, millions, November year-to-date total)	\$86,275	\$78,762	\$82,723
<b>Exports</b> (DOC, millions, November year-to-date total)	\$15,538	\$14,731	\$15,411

## U.S. Economic Indicators:

<b>Employment</b> (BLS, thousands)	145,928	145,623	142,782
<b>Unemployment rate</b> (BLS)	4.5	4.5	4.9
<b>Industrial production index</b> (FRB, 1997=100)	112.3	112.1	108.2
<b>Consumer price index</b> (BLS, 1982-84=100)	201.5	201.8	197.6
<b>Producer price index</b> (BLS, 1982=100)	165.1	162.0	163.6
<b>Personal income</b> (DOC, billions)	\$10,964.5	\$10,807.3	\$10,262.7
<b>Disposable personal income</b> (DOC, billions)	\$9,598.3	\$9,446.2	\$9,047.7
<b>Disposable personal income per capita</b> (DOC)	\$32,025	\$31,595	\$30,461
<b>Housing starts</b> (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	1,588	1,488	2,131
<b>Operating rates — all industries</b> (FRB)	81.8	81.8	80.7

+ Preliminary    ++ Revised

\*Textile mill numbers include yarns, spinning, texturing, throwing and twisting, and all types of fabrics and finishing.

\*\*Textile products numbers include carpet and rugs, curtains, draperies, other home textiles, canvas, tire cord, and fabric and textile bags.