**Textile Barometers** 

U.S. Textile Indicators:	Latest	Previous	Year
	Month+	Month++	Ago
<b>Textile mill employment</b> (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	177.6	179.6	202.9
Mill product employment (BLS, thousands)	156.5	157.3	162.7
Textile mill weekly earnings (BLS)	\$517.65	\$522.12	\$503.44
Mill product weekly earnings (BLS)	\$482.79	\$471.99	\$469.24
Textile mill weekly hours worked (BLS)	40.4	40.8	40.3
Mill product weekly hours worked (BLS)	39.7	39.5	40.3
<b>Textile production index</b> (Federal Reserve Board, 2002=100)	87.3	87.0	95.8
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	74.8	74.4	79.7
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	125.2	125.0	124.2
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	113.0	3.7	4.8
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	115.3	115.4	3.0
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	119.2	119.6	119.9
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	128.2	27.	126.3
Home furnishings (1982=100)	124.3	124.4	122.8
Carpet (1982=100)	155.1	156.5	154.8
Import price index, textile & fabrics (BLS, Dec. 2005=100)	104.7	104.3	100.0
Import price index, textile mill products (BLS, Dec. 2005=100)	100.7	100.7	100.1
*Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$2,743	\$2,791	\$2,821
<b>**Manufacturers' textile product sales</b> (DOC, millions)	\$2,688	\$2,740	\$2,929
Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions)	\$3,253	\$3,391	\$3,57I
Manufacturers' textile product inventories (DOC, millions)	\$2,990	\$3,019	\$3,086
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.19	1.21	1.27
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products	1.1	1.10	1.05
<b>Clothing &amp; accessories retail sales</b> (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)		\$18,445	\$17,488
Stock price index (Standard & Poor's, 1994=100)	242.5	263.0	208.5
Imports (DOC, millions, February year-to-date total)	\$15,188	\$7,950	\$13,900
<b>Exports</b> (DOC, millions, February year-to-date total)	\$2,522	\$1,253	\$2,632
U.S. Economic Indicators:			
Employment (BLS, thousands)	146,254	145,919	143,880
Unemployment rate (BLS)	4.4	4.5	4.7
Industrial production index (FRB, 1997=100)	3.	2.	109.4
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	203.4	202.4	198.7
Producer price index (BLS, 1982=100)	167.3	164.2	161.9
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$11,065.5	\$10,939.4	\$10,483.7
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$9,679.0	\$9,577.0	\$9,236.1
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$32,174	\$31,916	\$30,995
Housing starts (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	I,525	1,399	2,132
Operating rates — all industries (FRB)	82.0	81.4	81.1

+ 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.