Textile Barometers

	Latest	Previous	Year
US Textile Indicators:	Month+	Month++	Ago
Textile mill employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	166.6	166.8	187.5
Mill product employment (BLS, thousands)	151.4	152.2	159.2
Textile mill weekly earnings (BLS)	\$513.02	\$537.34	\$516.65
Mill product weekly earnings (BLS)	\$464.52	\$477.12	\$464.13
Textile mill weekly hours worked (BLS)	40.1	40.4	40.6
Mill product weekly hours worked (BLS)	39.6	40.1	39.2
Textile production index (Federal Reserve Board, 2002=100)	83.6	84.0	91.3
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	72.8	73.0	78.3
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	126.3	126.3	125.0
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	114.5	4.4	115.1
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	118.0	117.7	114.9
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	121.6	120.8	119.2
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	128.6	128.8	127.0
Home furnishings (1982=100)	125.2	125.2	123.2
Carpet (1982=100)	157.0	155.6	157.5
Import price index, textile & fabrics (BLS, Dec. 2005=100)	108.4	107.3	102.7
Import price index, textile mill products (BLS, Dec. 2005=100)	99.9	99.9	100.6
*Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$2,877	\$2,874	\$3,061
**Manufacturers' textile product sales (DOC, millions)	\$2,720	\$2,788	\$3,016
Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions)	\$3,831	\$3,826	\$4,200
Manufacturers' textile product inventories (DOC, millions)	\$3,485	\$3,477	\$3,715
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.33	1.33	1.39
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products	1.23	1.25	1.23
Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$19,031	\$19,012	\$18,233
Stock price index (Standard & Poor's, 1994=100)	232.7	249.9	216.8
Imports (DOC, millions, September year-to-date total)	\$72,946	\$64,049	\$69,983
Exports (DOC, millions, September year-to-date total)	\$12,088	\$10,746	\$12,731
US Economic Indicators:			
Employment (BLS, thousands)	146,007	146,257	146,140
Unemployment rate (BLS)	4.7	4.7	4.4
Industrial production index (FRB, 1997=100)	114.4	114.3	112.3
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	208.5	207.9	202.9
Producer price index (BLS, 1982=100)	173.5	172.4	165.4
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$11,784.4	\$11,619.2	\$11,030.9
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$10,284.2	\$10,133.6	\$9,675.8
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$33,940	\$33,525	\$32,231
Housing starts (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	1,192	1,327	1,721
Operating rates — all industries (FRB)	82.1	82.1	82.0
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*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.